

THE WORLD FORUM OF FISH HARVESTERS & FISH WORKERS (WFF)

FORUM MONDIAL DES PECHEURS ET TRAVAILLEURS DE LA PECHE

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1. INTRODUCTION

Dear members and all readers, 2011 has been an overly busy year for the WFF members and the secretariat, as we increasingly get involved in global issues of food governance that adversely affect fisher folk in particular small – scale fisher. WFF is getting stronger in its roles and overall impact in the sector.

Vision

A world, in which the rights of small-scale fishers are recognized, respected, and guaranteed.

Mission

To empower small scale fishers to sustainably manage fisheries resources for improved fisher livelihoods

2. Rationale for the existence of the WFF

Small-scale fisheries contribute close to ½ of global marine and inland fish catches and in developing countries this share is estimated at 54%; when the catches that are destined for direct human consumption are included the share contributed by small-scale fisheries increases to two thirds (2/3). Small scale fisheries employ over 90% of the worlds more than 35 million capture fishers and support another estimated 85 million people who are employed in associated jobs in particular fish processing, distribution and marketing.

Small-scale fisheries generate income, provide food for local markets and make important contributions to nutrition. They also represent a diversity and cultural richness that is of global significance.

Despite the overly importance of the small scale fishing in securing rural food security, employment, rural livelihood and their contribution to conservation; fishing communities for a long time have not been involved in decisions about global fishery that directly impacts on their livelihoods.

The WFF thus aim to improve this situation by organizing fisher organizations, representatives of the small-scale fisher and fishing communities to gain a hand in the decision-making and the management of the resources upon which their livelihoods depend.

The member organizations of WFF come from the 5 regions of the world including Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America.

To date the network brings together 31 Small scale fisher organizations; 12 from Latin America, 10 from Africa, 2 from Asia, 6 and 2 from Europe and North America respectively.



STRUCUTRE OF THE WFF

The general assembly that is representative of all member organisations is the supreme organ; two representatives from the continents one male and one female make up the coordination committee from which 4 executive committee members are elected.

The Executive Committee comprise of two Co-Presidents one male and one female, a Treasurer and a General Secretary all from different continents.

3. WFF STRATEGIES

WFF strategies to address small-scale fisheries issues include among others;

- ✓ **Institutional capacity building.** Strengthening the secretariat of WFF in Uganda to coordinate the work and members of WFF in all the 5 continents
- ✓ **Contribution to the sector.** Contributing to the development of the fishing sector guidelines and policies.
- ✓ **Lobbying and advocacy.** Advocate and lobby for the rights of small-scale fishers.
- ✓ **Networking.** Promote networking and strengthen collaboration between WFF members and other small-scale fisher groups, with their respective national governments, regional and international organizations.

4. ACTIVITIES IN 2011.

A number of activities have been implemented during the year 2011, inline with the above strategies, and these include among others;

4.1. Strengthening the secretariat of WFF in Uganda to coordinate the work and members of WFF in all the 5 continents.

Progress has been made towards strengthening the coordinating secretariat which helps to coordinate all events of WFF, facilitate communication to and from the members, manage the website of WFF, represent and mobilize members to engage in various events and to participate in global and regional meetings as well as fundraising and reporting for all WFF programs and activities. In particular, the secretariat of WFF has successfully carried out the following activities during the year 2011;

4.1.1. Re-establishing contacts with WFF Members.

In an attempt to improve communication to and from the members, the secretariat has re established communication with about 50% of the members, and these are mobilized to participate in global and regional meetings. A database of members is kept and updated regularly.

4.1.2 Recruitment of new members.

The WFF is recruiting more members to join the network so as to make a strong voice of the fisher organizations. 3 members joined WFF in 2010 from Tanzania, Gambia and Mauritania, one new member from Tunisia (ATDEPA) joined the network in 2011, while the application is under review for AFALU in Uganda. In addition, WFF is strengthening ties with other organizations supporting fisher communities.

- 4.1.3 To increase sharing and dissemination of information Emailing lists have been created a web site is updated regularly about the work of the WFF and WFF is on social networks for popularizing small-scale fisheries issues.

Join us on face book to learn and join the struggles of the WFF members at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/World-Forum-of-Fish-Harvesters-Fish-Workers/205434759510446?ref=ts>



4.1.4. Newsletter.

The *WFF members' update* is produced on a quarterly basis, translated in 3 languages and available on our website www.worldfisherforum.org informs members on current issues in fisheries sector and guides them on the possible courses of action.

from the secretariat and Ujjaini from India have been engaged in negotiations of the guidelines to ensure that interests of the small-scale fisher are incorporated.

4.2 Contributing to the development of the fishing sector guidelines and policies

WFF members have been mobilized to engage in the development of the following sector guidelines and policies that have an impact on the fisheries.

4.2.1. Voluntary guidelines for responsible tenure of land fisheries and forests. WFF representatives; Rehema



4.2.2 Voluntary Guidelines for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries.

WFF together with World Forum of Fisher people (WFFP), International Collective in Support of Fisher work (ICSF), International Planning Committee on Food Sovereignty (IPC) have worked together to ensure that small-scale fisher interests are included

in the development of the international guidelines a process led by Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). WFF members have been mobilized and facilitated to hold national civil society consultations. Visit

<<https://sites.google.com/site/smallscalefisheries/>> for national consultation reports.



Uganda National Civil society consultations on the voluntary guidelines for securing small scale-fisheries.

4.2.3 Global Strategic Framework (GSF):

WFF is creating awareness among members on the development of the Global Strategic Framework, by the Committee of World Food Security (CFS), as the overall central framework that will guide governments and other actors in decisions, policies, programs and actions related to food security at all levels.



4.2.4 WFF Participation in other international and regional foras including:

- i. 29th session of the Committee on Fisheries of FAO in Jan- Feb 2011 in Rome Italy.
- ii. First Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the Civil Society Mechanism and Policy Seminar. Córdoba, Spain, May 30 – June 1, 2011.
- iii. Second stake holder meeting of the program in support of the implementation of FAO strategy for fisheries and aquaculture in Africa July 2011.
- iv. Farmers / Fishers meeting in August 2011 Nante France.
- v. Civil society consultative meeting on the Global strategic framework; August 2011 Rome Italy.
- vi. Participated and attended the 37th Session of the Committee of World Food Security (CFS) representing fisher constituency in October 2011 Rome Italy.
- vii. Participated in the Policies against hunger; November 2011 Berlin Germany.
- viii. WFF members from Africa, Latin America and Asia were mobilized and participated in FAO-Led regional consultations on the development of the voluntary guidelines on securing small-scale fisheries 2011
- ix. WFF Co – President from Iceland attended and participated in the Slow fish Forum in July 2011 in Genoa Italy.
- x. A WFF member from Gambia attended the seminar “Transparency in Maritime Fisheries Sector and celebration to mark the world fisheries day on 21st November 2011 in Mbour Senegal.
- xi. WFF member from Costa Rica participated in the rural youth conference to help young rural people pursue better livelihoods through improved access to remunerative farming as well as other activities linked to agriculture on November 2011 in Peru.
- xii. WFF from Uganda; Katosi Women Development trust attended a 2 day seminar on small scale fisheries and thereafter attended COP 17 December in Durban South

WFF Co- President Ms. Margaret Nakato represents the fisher constituency on the Coordination Committee of the Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) to facilitate the participation of the fisher constituency in the decision making at the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

More information on the civil society mechanism, <http://cso4cfs.org/civil-society-mechanism/>

A member of the coordination committee Ms. Margaret Nakato was elected to represent the civil society mechanism to the advisory group of the CFS.

WFF member Dr. Ms. Ujjaini Halim is the representative of the Asian region to the coordination committee of the civil society mechanism

4.3 Advocate and lobby for the rights of small-scale fishers

The WFF utilizes any platform to share and promote the interests of the small-scale fishing and lobby for better policies at regional, national and international levels.

- 4.3.1. The WFF secretariat, empowers, organizes and mobilizes member organizations to speak and lobby for improved policies and programs for small-scale fishers.

4.4 Strengthen collaboration between WFF members and their respective governments and international organizations .

- 4.4.1. WFF works with other bodies in the sector to ensure interests of the small-scale fisher are put at the forefront;
- International Planning Committee on food sovereignty (ICSF) ensures that food sovereignty guides all policy formulation.
 - More and Better (MoB) ensures that all Agricultural development focuses on small scale food producers.
 - Responsible Fishing Alliance (RFA) to promote responsible fishing.
 - WFF makes use of the Nyeleni newsletter to advocate for small scale fisher.

Participation in all the above processes raises the profile of small scale fisheries, enhance integration of fisheries in various international instruments especially related to food security, enhances follow up at national level, promotes interaction between small-scale fisher organizations,

communities with governmental and inter-governmental institutions and increase their participation in decision making at all levels.

More so this creates awareness among the members, of the various existing rights for small scale fisheries, as a step in securing sustainable small – scale fisheries

THE FUTURE.

General Assembly. WFF is planning a general assembly in 2012 to bring members together and to have interface discussion on the WFF key issues of interests.

The WFF will continuously support her members to engage in the various international processes such as;

- Implementation of the voluntary guidelines for the responsible management of land, fisheries and forests.
- FAO regional conferences
- Voluntary Guidelines for securing small scale fisheries (VG4 SSF)
- Global strategic framework
- WFF is undergoing registration in Uganda after shifting the office from Canada where the organizational secretariat was based and registered.
- Lobby and advocate for the interests of small scale fishers.

We appreciate the contribution of the following organizations.

1. Foundation Charles Leopold Mayer
2. Comité Catholique Contre la faim et pour le développement
3. The Waterloo Foundation

FINANCE

	2011	2010
Sources of funding	€	€
Balance carried forward	60,844	
Fondation Charles Leopald Mayer		70,000
The Waterloo Foundation	11,579	
Comite Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Development	4,900	
Grand Total Income	77,323	70,000
Total Expenditure		
Personnel	13,395	3,761
Office rent and utilities	1,053	526
computer and computer accessories	613	702
office supplies & expenses	1,497	362
website construction & maintenance	2,457	2,250
communication	1,146	226
office furniture	478	1,249
Travel and conference participation	1,466	
Translation	1,810	
Audit fees	500	
bank charges	49	80
Total	24,464	9,155

The WFF SECRETARIATE

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WFF EXECUTIVE

1. Arthur Bogason - Co president
2. Margaret Nakato - Co President
3. Francois Pouline - Secretary General
4. Ujjaini Halim - Treasurer

WFF MEMBERS

Africa

Ghana National Canoe Fishermen Council	Ghana	No website
Union Nationale des Pêcheurs Artisans de Guinée (UNPAG)	Guinea	No website
Fédération Nationale de Pêche	Mauritania	No website
Katosi Women Development Trust	Uganda	www.katosi.org
Environment Management and Economic Development Organization	Tanzania	No website
National Coordinating Organization for Farmer Association (NACOFAG)	Gambia	No website
Kenya National Fisher folk Association (KENAF)	Kenya	No website
Tunisian Association for the Development of Artisanal Fisheries	Tunisia	No website

Asia

School of Administration of Jiangsu	China	No website
East Coast Fish Workers' Union	India	No website

Europe

Meginfelag Útrodrarmanna	Faroe Islands	No website
Branche Française du Forum Mondial	France	No website
Collectif Peche & Developpement	France	www.peche-dev.org
Kalaallit Nunaanni Aalisartut Piniartullu Kattuffiat (KNAPK)	Greenland	No website
National Association of Small Boat Owners (NASBO)	Iceland	www.smabatar.is
Norges Kystfiskariag (The Norwegian Coastal Fishermen's Union)	Norway	No website
Federação dos Sindicatos do Sector da Pesca	Portugal	No website
Sindicato Livre dos Pescadores e Profissionais Afins	Portugal	No website

Latin America

Sociedad Nacional de Pescadores/Cooperativa Lanchas Amarillas	Argentina	No website
Movimento Nacional dos Pescadores (MONAPE)	Brazil	No website
Confederación Nacional de Pescadores Artesanales de Chile (CONAPACH)	Chile	No website
Confederación de Cooperativas Pesqueras de Costa Rica (COOPETARCOLES)	Costa Rica	www.coopertacoles.org
Federación Nacional de Cooperativas Pesqueras del Ecuador (FENACOPEC)	Ecuador	No website
Federación de Asociaciones Cooperativas Pesqueras Artesanales de El Salvador (FACOPADES)	El Salvador	No website
Federación Nacional de Pescadores Artesanales de Guatemala (FENAPESCA)	Guatemala	No website
Federación Nacional de Pescadores de Honduras (FENAPESCAH)	Honduras	No website
Federación Nicaragüense de Pescadores Artesanales (FENICPESCA)	Nicaragua	No website
Federación Nacional de Organizaciones de Pescadores Artesanales de la Republica de Panama (FENAPESCA)	Panama	No website
Federación de Integración y Unificación de los Pescadores Artesanales del Perú (FIUPAP)	Peru	No website
Federación Venezolana de Pescadores y Trabajadores de la Industria Pesquera (FETRAPESCA)	Venezuela	No website

North America

Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters (CCPFH)	Canada	No website
Frente Estatal de Pescadores, A.C	Mexico	No website
Louisiana Shrimp Association	USA	No website