

2013

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUPS



*World Forum of Fish
Harvesters and Fish
Workers (WFF)*

1. WORLD FORUM OF FISH HARVESTERS AND FISH WORKERS (WFF) BRIEF

BACKGROUND.

The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish workers (WFF) is an international organization that brings together small-scale fisher organizations with the objective to empower small scale fisheries organizations to influence both national and international policies that affect their rights of access, use and control and sustainability of the fisheries resources for improved livelihoods. The network currently brings together 38 organizations from 34 countries from all over the world.

2. ABOUT WFF WORKING GROUPS

During the WFF General Assembly and International training in November 2012, Working Groups were identified as one of the possible strategies for WFF to enhance members capacity to engage in policy discussions at various levels, consolidate members' ideas and positions that are to be used by WFF for advocating in the various international processes as well as issues that may be identified as key to the fisher communities.

The Working Groups will be the focal points of WFF to promote specific issues or address concerns identified in the various policies or international processes especially to protect the interests of fisher communities.

The Working Groups are task-oriented set up to follow up, discuss, give input and report back to the secretariat and the WFF Executive about a particular issue.

3. OBJECTIVES.

- 3.1. To strengthen and promote collaboration between WFF members and with national, regional and international institutions related to fisheries.
- 3.2. To contribute to the development and implementation of sector policies, strategies, standards and guidelines.

4. **THE WORKING GROUPS.**

The following are the WFF working groups that were set up during the General Assembly.

- 4.1. **Working group 1.** WG on International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small- Scale Fisheries (IG SSF)
- 4.2. **Working group 2.** WG on Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of national food security (VGTT)
- 4.3. **Working group 3.** WG on the Civil Society Mechanism of the Committee on World Food Security (CSM / CFS)
- 4.4. **Working group 4.** WG on women in fisheries
- 4.5. **Working group 5.** WG on the WFF Constitution

5. **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORKING GROUPS.**

The Working Groups will perform the following roles and responsibilities:

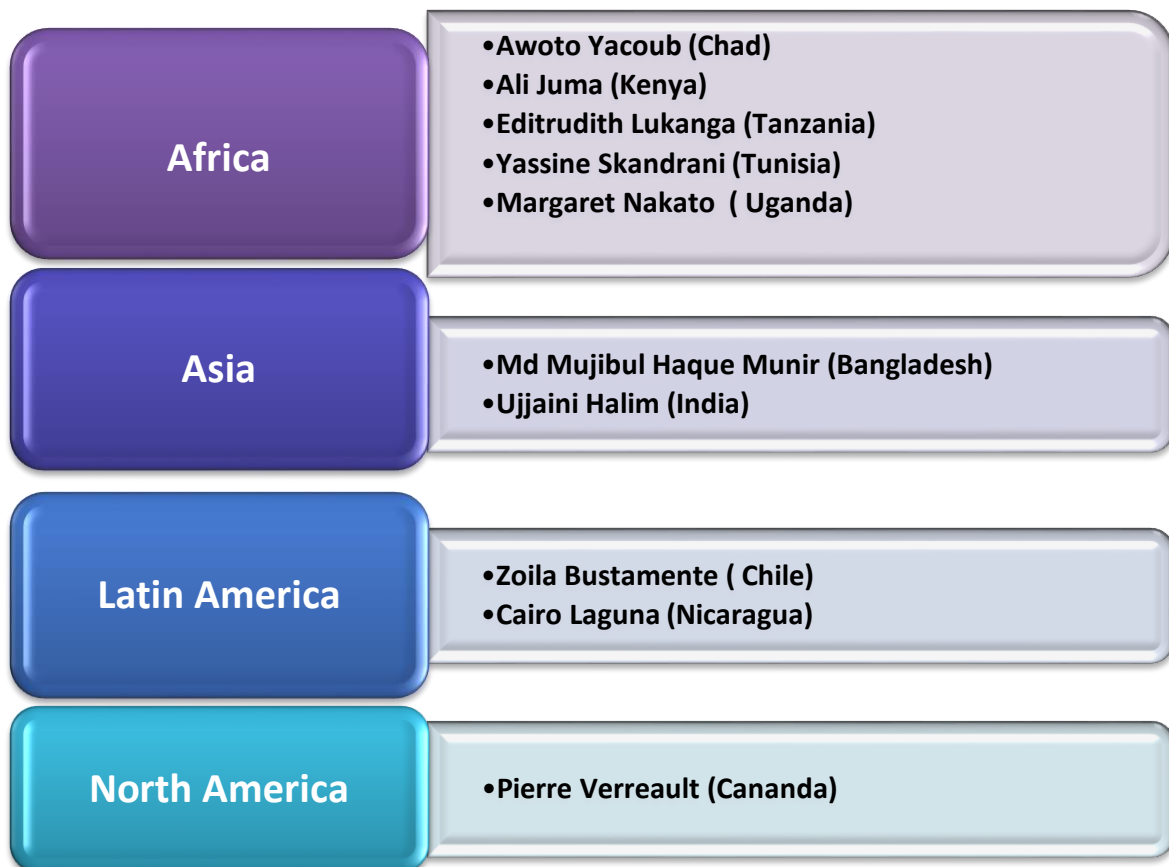
- 5.1. Follow up on all ongoing discussions, consultations or negotiations in the identified themes and ensure proper involvement and input of the fisher folk in all these processes.
- 5.2. Ensure that the fisher folk meaningfully give their input into these processes and that their interests are catered for in the final outcomes or products of these processes.
- 5.3. Facilitate any research / case studies and implementation plans in their specific areas among the fisher folk constituencies and other areas at the national and regional levels.
- 5.4. Devise strategies on how to most effectively communicate the key messages from their various policies that they are following up on.
- 5.5. Come up with ways and ideas on how to build the capacity of fisher organizations so as to meaningfully participate in on going debates and discussions and to make their voices heard at all levels.
- 5.6. Take a lead and advise the WFF secretariat on how best to implement or follow up on the implementation of policies made at the international level .
- 5.7. Fundraising to enable WFF's participation in international discussions and events.

6. WORKING METHODOLOGY

The WGs are expected to work over email, Skype and teleconference and may use other opportunities such as WFF general meetings to meet physically. The working groups are to come up with the specific tasks to be performed as these differ from group to group depending on the focus of the particular working group.

7. WORKING GROUPS

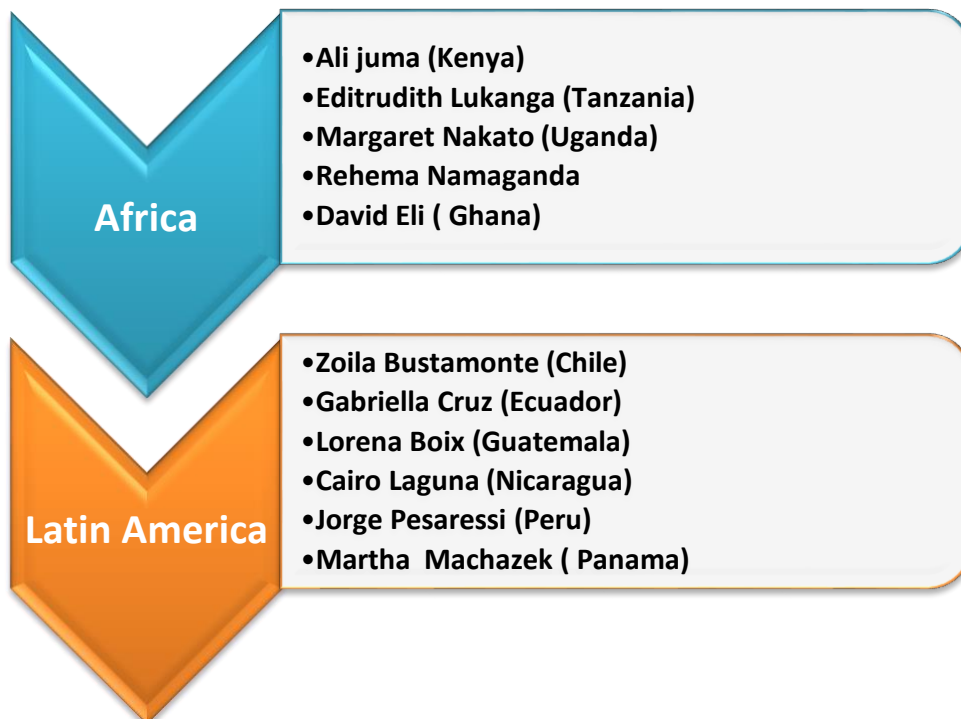
7.1. INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SECURING SUSTAINABLE SMALL- SCALE FISHERIES (IG SSF)



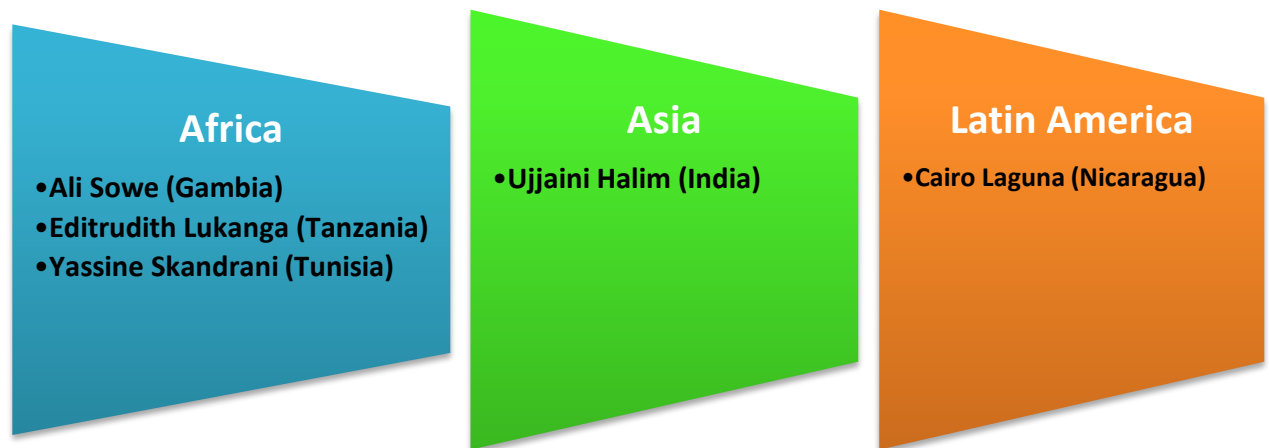
7.2 VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF TENURE OF LAND, FISHERIES AND FORESTS IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY(VGGT)

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7.3 WORKING GROUP ON CIVIL SOCIETY MECHANISM (CSM) OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (CFS)



7.4 WORKING GROUP ON THE WFF CONSTITUTION



7.5 WOMEN IN FISHERIES



8 GENERAL OBJECTIVES FOR WORKING GROUPS

- 8.1. To foster cooperation and sharing of information and experiences among WFF members from the various regions.
- 8.2. To initiate discussions on policies and strategies on various thematic areas.
- 8.3. To advise the secretariat in all aspects of the working group respective areas.
- 8.4. To assist the secretariat in organizing trainings for WFF members in their respective thematic areas.