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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: FAO

- Draft Statement of Competence
- Invitation and agenda of the Technical Consultation on the Voluntary Guidelines on Transshipment

Delegations will find attached the draft Statement of Competence as well as the invitation and agenda for the FAO Technical Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines on Transshipment (Rome, 30 May-3 June 2022), as received from the European Commission services.

Draft Statement of competence

1. **Opening of the session**
2. **Election of Chairperson**
MS competence / MS vote
3. **Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Technical Consultation**
Shared competence / MS vote
4. **Election of Vice-Chairpersons and designation of Rapporteur**
MS competence / MS vote
5. **Consideration and review of the draft Voluntary Guidelines for the Regulation, Monitoring and Control of Transshipment**
EU competence / EU vote
6. **Any other matters**
Shared competence – EU vote *
7. **Adoption of the Report**
Shared competence – EU vote

* Without prejudice to further information.



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Technical Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment

Rome, 30 May – 3 June 2022

Reply requested by 6 May 2022

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has the honour to extend an invitation to attend the Technical Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment from 30 May to 3 June 2022. The Technical Consultation will be held in hybrid modality at the FAO headquarters in Rome with the possibility for delegations to participate virtually or in person.

The Technical Consultation is being convened in line with the recommendation of the 34th Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI), (February 2021), to develop the Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment, and with the support of financial contributions from the European Union and Germany.

The Consultation is open to all FAO Members, as well as to observers including intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance at the Consultation and travel of representatives and observers shall be borne by the governments or organizations concerned. Limited funding is available to support a delegate from ODA-eligible¹ countries on a first come first serve basis. Requests for support should be sent to FAO-Transshipment@fao.org by 29 April 2022.

The Consultation will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

... The Provisional Agenda and Timetable for the Meeting is enclosed. Further documents will be available and may be downloaded from the following website: [Transshipment | Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated \(IUU\) fishing | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(fao.org\)](#).

Participants are kindly requested to confirm to the Secretariat, as early as possible, their availability to attend the session in person or virtual modality.

In view of the highly technical nature of the Consultation, it would be appreciated if consideration could be given to the inclusion in government delegations of representatives conversant with the subject matter of the Technical Consultation.

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Her Excellency
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Ambassador
Permanent Representative to FAO
Delegation of the European Union to the Holy See,
Order of Malta, UN Agencies in Rome and to the Republic of San Marino
Rome

¹ <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2022-23-flows.pdf>

*This invitation is sent to addressees of invited FAO Members as prescribed in the official channels of communication of FAO.
This invitation is also being sent to Heads of international organizations and other observers*

The Director-General would appreciate receiving, by 6 May 2022, the names, official titles, addresses and email accounts of their delegates who will attend the Consultation. The online registration will be accessible through the password-protected area of the FAO Members Gateway at <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/home/en/>. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the website. Online registration requires the insertion of an email account in the form for accreditation. The link to access the meeting virtually will be made available upon receipt of the above information and the same email address will grant delegates access to the virtual meeting platform. Online registration requires the uploading of a recent passport-size digital photograph of each participant.

Participants from international organizations designated to attend the meeting as observers are requested to complete the registration form (Transshipment | Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (fao.org)) and forward it by email to FAO-Transshipment@fao.org together with a recent passport-size digital photograph. The link to access the meeting virtually will be made available upon receipt of the above information and the same email address will grant participants access to the virtual meeting platform.

Before travelling, participants should check with the competent Italian Consulate if they need a visa to enter Italy. Kindly note that visas can be requested in the country of origin (country in which the participant holds citizenship) or in the country of residence (country in which the participant resides at the time of visa application). Those participants who do not have an Italian Consulate in their countries, may apply at the correspondent Italian Consulate in a neighbouring country, or at any other Consulate which belongs to a Schengen or European country. Visa applications should be submitted to the Italian Consulate one month before arrival in Italy. It is the responsibility of participants to request their visa applications personally, arrange for an appointment and present all the necessary documentation to the Italian Consulate. Participants who do not need an entry visa to enter Italy should ensure that their passports are valid for at least six months after the intended date of departure from the Schengen area. In these cases, upon entering Italy, border authorities may require the participants to show evidence for the reason and the duration of their stay in Italy. Participants with non-direct flights to Rome should check whether a transit visa is necessary to enter the transit area of international airports.





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Technical Consultation on Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment

30 May to 3 June 2022

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Documents can be consulted at <https://www.fao.org/iuu-fishing/news-events/detail/en/c/1441967/>

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Note on the Statement of Competence and Voting Rights

The European Union shall exercise its rights on an alternative basis with its Member States allowed to participate in the session, as set out in Article II.8 and 9 of the FAO Constitution. It is invited to communicate the Statement of Competence and Voting Rights envisaged under Rule XI.II.2 of the General Rules of the Organization. At its hundred and second session (November 1992), the Council determined that the statement should be submitted to the Director-General sufficiently in advance to be translated, printed and distributed to the participating countries before the opening of the session.