



Draft AGENDA (version: 18 SEPT)

**38th meeting of LDAC Working Group 4
Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) with 3rd countries**

Thursday 15 October 2026, 09:30-12:30h CET/GMT+1

**Venue: *Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont*
Bd Charlemagne 11/19, 1000 Bruxelles**

09:30h

- 1. Welcome and opening of the meeting by the Working Group 4 Chair (Ms. Gorez)**
- 2. Adoption of the minutes of the last WG4 meeting – Brussels, 10 March 2026.**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda.**

09:40 h

- 4. SFPAs: overview, state of play and future**
 - 4.1 Presentation by MARE on the recommendations linked to the new generation of SFPAs
 - 4.2 Update from MARE on current state of play of SFPAs in force and negotiations
 - 4.3. Discussion by WG4 members on EU Strategy on External Fisheries Action
 - 4.4. Update from Secretariat on the publication/report of the LDAC Conference on New Generation of SFPAs (Brussels, 8 April 2026)
 - 4.5. Future initiatives: possibility to collaborate with the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FITI) for a high-level event on transparency in current and future SFPAs.

11:00h

- 5. Governance, transparency, and regional coordination (SRFC, CECAF, ATLAFCO) - small pelagics fisheries in West Africa**
 - 5.1 Introduction from MARE on EU work progress on this field
 - 5.2 Presentation from PEW on work initiatives for West Africa small pelagics (TBC)
 - 5.3 Next steps: follow up of recommendations in LDAC Advice (September 2026)

HEALTH BREAK (11:30-11:45h)

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- 6. Regional Management of demersal Species in West Africa:**
 - 6.1. Presentation by Chair/Secretary of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the creation of a Focus Group on demersal species in West Africa.
 - 6.2. Discussion on topics of interest for inclusion in a potential draft advice.

12:05h

- 7. Networks and partnerships:**
 - 7.1. ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT
 - 7.2. AFRIFISH-Net

12:25h- AOB

CLOSING (12:30h)