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The FAO Guidance on Social Responsibility in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains

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FAO Mandate

2016
OECD-FAO
Guidance

2016
COFI:FT
Agadir

2017
COFI:FT
Busan

2018
COFI
Rome

2019
COFI:FT
Vigo

2022
COFI:FT

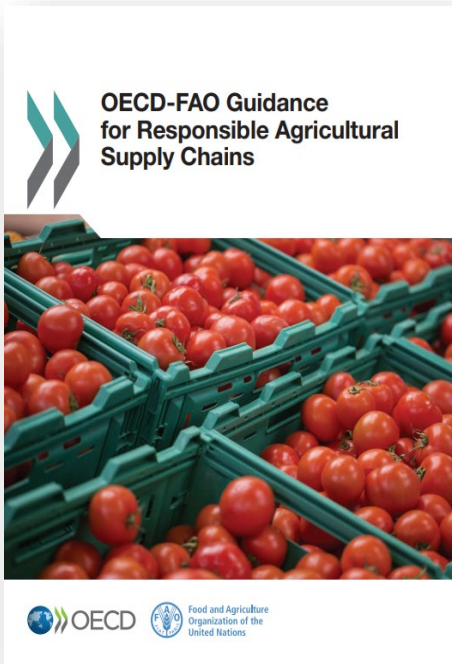
Side event
“Decent work
in fisheries”

Inclusion of social
sustainability in
the agenda;
Importance of
human and labour
rights in fish value
chains

Future guidance
be developed in
cooperation with
relevant
stakeholders,
including industry
and fish workers
associations

Requested to
provide a scoping
paper to provide
more clarity

Scoping
paper and
roadmap



2021 COFI Declaration for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

Languages:

EN, AR, ES, FR, RU, ZH

January 2021

COFI/2020/2.3



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COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Thirty-fourth Session

1–5 February 2021

**2021 COFI DECLARATION FOR SUSTAINABLE
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE**

Suggested action by the Committee

The Committee is invited to:

- Endorse the declaration on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF).

Process of the development of the FAO Guidance (1/2)

→ 2019 – Multi stakeholder consultations

- Dialogues

More than 155 participants and attendees

Agadir, Brussels, Rome and Shanghai Dialogues

- Online consultation

Online public platform: more than 1 000 people invited

more than 750 comments received

Emails with feedback and inputs

- Participation in other events

Process of the development of the FAO Guidance (1/2)

→ 2021 June/August: FAO informal regional consultations with Members

- 8 regional consultations worldwide
 - (1) Europe, (2) Central Asia, (3) Africa, (4) Near East and North Africa, (5) South America, (6) Caribbean, Brazil, USA and Canada, (7) Mesoamerica, y (8) Asia/Oceania
- 6 official UN languages, as well as all the documents shared with participants were translated.
- 66 countries
- 148 experts and representatives nominated by countries
- Other UN Agencies: ILO, UNCTAD, IMO

Things to be taken into consideration when drafting the FAO Guidance:



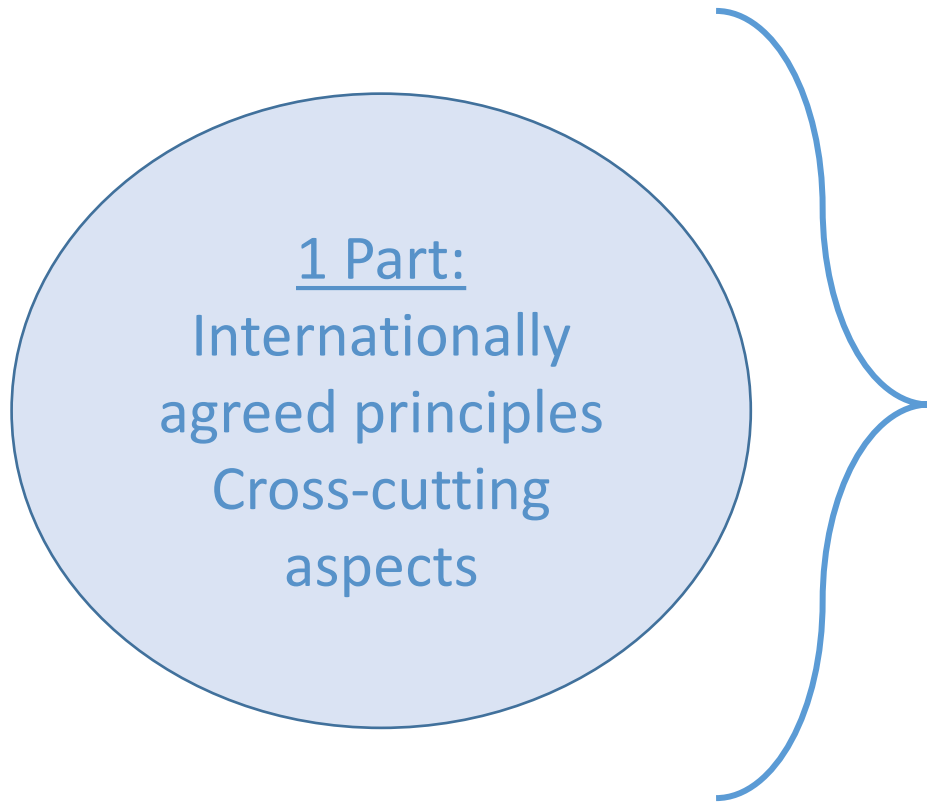
- Take into account national realities and capacities – developing countries, SSF
- Target audience: private sector
- Also, valuable reference instrument: policy makers, RFMOs and civil society

- Voluntary
- Non-binding
- Practical
- Complementary

- Simple language
- Supportive and based on the existing international conventions, agreements and standards



FAO Guidance



- Industrial Fishing
- Small-Scale Fishing
- Aquaculture Production
- Processing
- Distribution
- Retailing



- Consultation with technical working group and international organizations
- Open public consultation
- Revised version – 19 COFI:FT
- Consultation with FAO Members



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Collaboration with other UN agencies:



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MARITIME
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Thank you for your attention

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