

FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR GENDER IN AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES ACTION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: A SPECIAL WORKSHOP

23-24 April, 2011

Shanghai Ocean University, Shanghai, China

Workshop Prospectus

Background

The fish sector (capture fisheries and aquaculture) is an important source of income and livelihoods for millions of people around the world. Employment in the sector grew substantially during the last three decades with 2008 estimates of 44.9 million people (an increase of 167 percent over the 1980 figure of 16.7 million) directly engaged, full time or more frequently, part time, in capture fisheries and aquaculture. This figure represented 3.5 percent of the 1.3 billion economically active people in the broad agriculture sector worldwide. The majority of fishers and aquaculturists are in developing countries, mainly in Asia which had shown the largest increases in recent decades, reflecting the rapid expansion of aquaculture sector. Indeed, 2008 data revealed that 85.5 percent of fishers and fish farmers were in Asia, followed by Africa (9.3 percent), Latin America (2.9 percent), Europe (1.4 percent), North America (0.7 percent) and Oceania (0.1 percent). In China alone, 13.3 million people were employed as fisheries and fish farmers, followed by India and Indonesia with significant number of fishers and fish farmers¹.

A number of recent developments all demonstrated the growing attention to and focus on gender issues. These include the following: (1) creation of the UN Women² on July 2010, by the UN General Assembly, merging four UN offices involved on gender issues; this new entity will focus on gender equality; (2) WIF Workshop³ – Recasting the Net: Defining a Gender Agenda for Sustaining Life and Livelihoods in Fishing Communities (July 2010, India); (3) The Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010 (Phuket, Thailand on October 2010) included a thematic review on human capacity development and gender⁴ as one of 20 important issues in aquaculture development (4) launch, during the International Women's Day (8 March 2011) of the FAO State of Food and Agriculture 2010-2011⁵: *Women in Agriculture – Closing the Gender Gap for Development* recognized the importance of addressing gender issues in aquaculture development; and (5) the Third Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (April 2011, Shanghai, China).

The premise behind mainstreaming gender issues in the fisheries and aquaculture sector is that doing so helps us in our efforts to create a world in which responsible and sustainable use of fisheries and aquaculture resources make an appreciable contribution to human well being, food security and poverty alleviation.

Purpose: A Special Workshop is being organized by FAO to generate strategic ideas and actions that could be used to develop a 'road map' for future directions on gender in aquaculture and fisheries.

¹ FAO. 2011. State of the World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2010. Rome, FAO. 2011. 197pp.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i1820e/i1820e.pdf>

² <http://www.unwomen.org/>

³ <http://aquaticcommons.org/4514/1/ALL-1.pdf>

⁴ http://audio.enaca.org/global_aquaculture_2010/kyoko_kusakabe.pdf

⁵ <http://www.fao.org/publications/sofa/en>

Participation: Taking advantage of key experts assembled for the Asian Fisheries Society 3rd Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF3)⁶, the Special Workshop will be attended by representatives from government, IGOs, NGOs and academe⁷ (see List of Invitees).

Process: The workshop will be convened on the afternoon of 23 April (immediately after GAF3) and the morning of 24 April, at the Shanghai Ocean University, the venue of the 9th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF9). Prior to the workshop, invitees will be requested to submit a short narrative on 3-5 critical areas/issues which need to be addressed concerning gender in aquaculture and fisheries. The responses will be collected by the Workshop Secretariat; a summary will be presented during the workshop. A set of key questions will be used as basis for the brainstorming session. Plenary presentations and facilitated working group discussions will be the format that will be used during the workshop. An annotated agenda will be circulated by mid-April 2011.

Product: The expected output of the special workshop will be a report containing the outcomes (highlights of issues, conclusions, recommendations and future actions for gender in aquaculture and fisheries) of the workshop including the collected responses on 3-5 critical areas/issues.

Further information about the workshop will be circulated as soon as available. Any specific inquiries can be done by writing to the Workshop Secretariat

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⁶ FAO supports the organization and implementation of the Asian Fisheries Society 3rd Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF3). The FAO Regional Fisheries Livelihoods Programme is also supporting GAF3.

⁷ AquaFish Collaborative Research Support Program (USA), Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand), ASEM Project, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Philippines), Cantho University (Viet Nam), CEDEM (France), CGIAR, Commonwealth Secretariat (Namibia), East Carolina University (USA), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (India), Memorial University (Canada), NACA (Thailand), Plan International (Bangladesh), Shanghai Ocean University (China), SPC, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (India), University of Ghent, Universiti Putra Malaysia,

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