**Ideas on future directions on action, research and development (Choo Poh Sze)**

1. Immediate action given to the collection of sex-disaggregated data in the fisheries sector. FAO can take the lead and discuss with member countries on how and what kind of data to collect. This can be a follow-up action to the Big Numbers Project which was a collaborative project participated by FAO, the World Bank and the WorldFish Center.
2. The enhancement of women’s equality should not focus primarily on improving income and work opportunities for women, who especially those in the lower income group, are already burdened with a heavy work load. A better understanding on the well-being of women taking into consideration their needs, aspirations and their perception of what will be an improved lifestyle should be given some research priority. We should try to answer questions like:
   * + what is more important to women – higher family income or greater happiness or better health;
     + more time for the intangible aspects in life, such as social relationships, creative, cultural and artistic expressions.
3. Identify opportunities and challenges to women in a patriarchal society in a globalized fisheries economy. For example what are the gendered effects of eco-labeling and product certification on small-scale fisheries producers.
4. Preparedness of women in fisheries communities in times of change and crisis situation.
5. Post-ante impact assessment studies to assess effectiveness of development programs aimed at addressing gender equality.