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Online Event on the occasion of the  
International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture

## **Big catch for sustainable development? How small-scale fisheries contributes to the implementation of the SDGs**

26 April 2022, 4pm – 5.30pm (MEST)

**The United Nations have declared 2022 the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture. In cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), UNA Germany invites you to an online event to discuss the importance of small-scale fisheries for sustainable development.**

More than 60 million people work in small-scale fisheries worldwide, many of them in the Global South. These include fishermen and fisherwomen, who mostly catch fish close to shore from small boats and without industrial means, primarily to feed their own local communities, as well as workers in related sectors such as fish processing. Together, they make up a majority of the people working in the fisheries globally and produce about half of the world's fishery products.

Small-scale fishing not only makes a significant contribution to feeding the growing world population, but also to the sustainable economic development of local communities, especially in coastal and island regions. However, small-scale fishers face numerous challenges: pollution of the seas, climate change and the increasingly heedless activities of industrial fishing fleets endanger their food security, their livelihoods and consequently their development prospects as well as their traditions and cultures. Compared to small-scale fishing, industrial fisheries is responsible for many times the bycatch, fuel consumption and associated destruction of habitats and biodiversity.

Sustainable fisheries and support for small-scale fishers relate to many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including but not limited to Goal 14 ("Life below water") on the protection and sustainable use of the oceans, which includes several targets on fisheries. As the [\*Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication\*](#) of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) show, small-scale fisheries is not just about fish, but above all about people, their rights and development opportunities. This especially have to apply to women in small-scale fisheries, who often work in particularly poorly paid jobs e.g. in fish processing.



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So, under what conditions can fisheries contribute to the implementation of the SDGs? How can the United Nations support small-scale fishers? And what needs to change, here in Europe and globally, so that fisheries can become more sustainable overall? On the occasion of the International Year of Small-Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture, we invite you to our expert discussion about these and other questions.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Welcome**

- Isabelle Beaucamp, UNA Germany Board Member
- Audun Lem, Deputy Director at the Fisheries Division, FAO

### **Keynote: The International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture**

- Nicole Franz, FAO

### **Panel Discussion**

- Nicole Franz, FAO
- Margaret Nakato, Small-Scale Fisheries Association, Uganda
- Martin Hoppe, Head of Division for food and nutrition security, global food policy, fisheries at the Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Francisco Mari, Policy Advisor Global Nutrition, Agricultural Trade, Maritime Policy
- additional interventions (short inputs) by
  - Salanieta Kitolelei (School of Agriculture, Geography, Environment, Ocean and Natural Sciences, University of the South Pacific, Fiji) on indigenous fishing knowledge and small-scale fisheries in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (video message)
  - Hannah Schartmann (Member of the German Biodiversity Youth Delegation, Marine Biologist and PhD Student at Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries) on protection of marine ecosystems

**Moderation:** Oliver Hasenkamp, UNA Germany

The event takes place in German language with some contributions in English language. Simultaneous interpretation for German and English language will be available.

**REGISTRATION:** Please register online at: [www.dgvn.de/anmeldung/kleinfischerei](http://www.dgvn.de/anmeldung/kleinfischerei)