



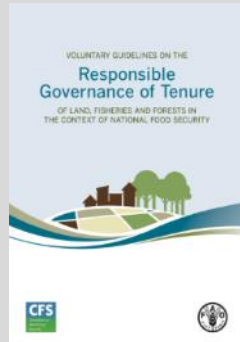
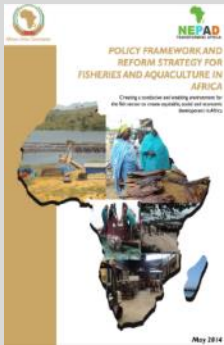
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Driving change in fisheries trade through transparency: Opportunities of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

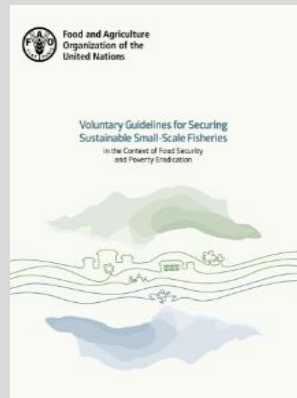
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The necessity of transparency in fisheries

International efforts (Examples):



European Union



Lack of transparency (Examples):

- **Undermines quality and credibility of public decision-making**
- **Diminishes effective oversight and accountability**
- **Marginalizes certain fisheries sub-sectors or actors**
- **Increases uncertainty for investors and consumers**

About the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

Increase transparency and participation in fisheries governance for the benefit of a more sustainable management of marine fisheries.



Global, voluntary initiative

Country-centered initiative

Not owned or operated by one organization, nor representing a single interest group

Part of global good governance agenda (e.g. EITI, CoST)

Supports implementation of SDG 14 and SDG 17



Scope of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)



The FiTI is ...

- ... focussing on marine fisheries
- ... focussing on a country's marine jurisdictional waters
- ... demanding information in the public domain to manage marine fisheries sustainably
- ... including both large-scale and small-scale fisheries



The FiTI is not ...

- ... focussing on inland fisheries
- ... focussing on aquaculture
- ... a technology-driven MCS initiative
- ... a seafood traceability initiative

2-year conceptual phase: Laying the groundwork for the FiTI



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The FiTI Standard

27 April 2017

Key objectives & activities

Objectives:

Demand information to manage marine fisheries sustainably

Enhance quality and credibility of information in the public domain

Promote dialog and trust among relevant actors

Establish global “level playing field of transparency”

Activities:

Assessment of information in the public domain

Inclusive stakeholder participation through National Multi-Stakeholder Groups

Regular reviews of a country’s implementation against the FiTI Standard

Assessment of information in the public domain

→ Transparency requirements

FiTI Transparency requirements (FiTI Standard, section B.1):

1. Public registry of national fisheries laws, regulations and official policy documents
2. Summary of laws and decrees on fisheries tenure arrangements
3. Publication of all foreign fishing access agreements
4. Publication of existing national reports on the state of fish stocks
5. Public online registry of authorised large-scale vessels, as well as information on their payments and recorded catches
6. Information on the small-scale sector, including the numbers of fishers, their catches and financial transfers to the state
7. Information on the post-harvest sector and fish trade
8. Information on law enforcement efforts, including a description of efforts to ensure compliance by fishers and a record of offences in the sector
9. Information on labour standards in the fisheries sector
10. Information on government transfers and fisheries subsidies
11. Information on official development assistance regarding public sector projects related to fisheries and marine conservation
12. Information on the country's status regarding beneficial ownership transparency

Assessment of information in the public domain

→ Progressive improvement of transparency in the public domain

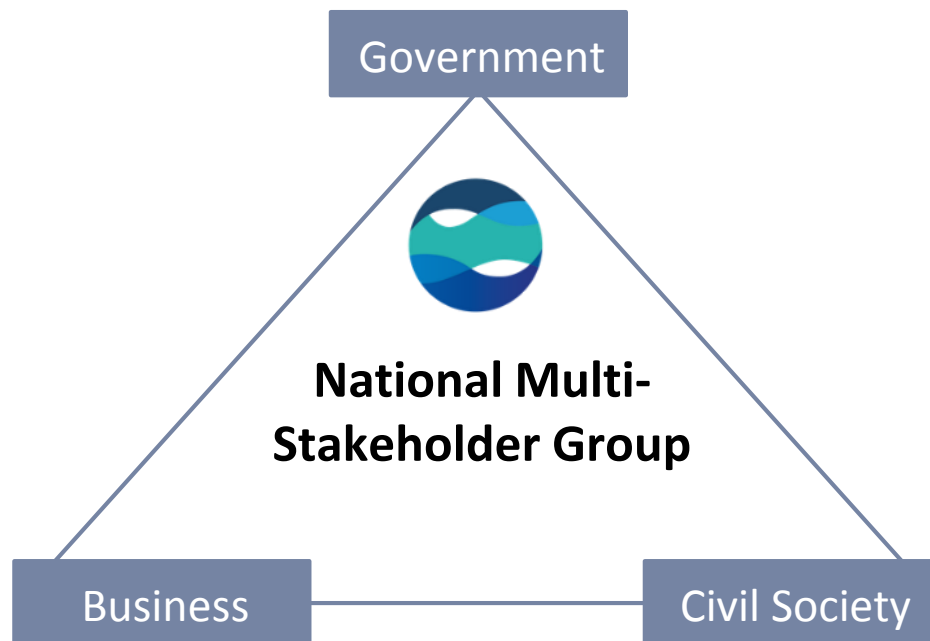
- **Countries do not need to have complete data for every transparency requirement from the beginning.**
- **Public authorities must disclose the information they have, and where important gaps exist, demonstrate improvements over time.**
- **Complying with the FiTI is not intended to be a burdensome and costly research activity.**
- **FiTI is particularly beneficial to support national authorities in their efforts to organise and present information.**

- ➔ **Is information available at all?**
- ➔ **Is information provided in the public domain (i.e. online)?**
- ➔ **Is information in the public domain accessible?**
- ➔ **Is information in the public domain complete?**

Inclusive stakeholder participation

→ National Multi-Stakeholder Group

Countries intending to implement the FiTI must establish a National Multi-Stakeholder Group (National MSG).



- **Oversee the implementation of the FiTI in the country**
- **Determine the country's FiTI work plan**
- **Produce annual FiTI Reports by jointly providing, agreeing and publishing information**
- **Make recommendations for progressive improvement**
- **Disseminate information to contribute to the public debate**

Benefits of the FiTI

The FiTI provides governments, large-scale and small-scale fishers, and civil society with a comprehensive and credible way to achieve and maintain high levels of transparency on the management of the marine fisheries sector and the activities of fishers and fishing companies.

Enables meaningful participation in fisheries decision-making

Establishes trust among key stakeholders

Improves cooperation in trade and regional fisheries management

Supports the fight against IUU fishing as well as corruption

Enhances a country's investment climate

2nd International Conference, 27 April 2017, Bali



The 2nd
**INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES
TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (FiTI)**
Conference 2017
Launching A New Era of Transparency in Fisheries
April 27, 2017 | Padma Puri, Legian, Bali Indonesia

REGISTER

Co-organized with:
Fisheries Transparency Initiative
15th Anniversary of the Bali Action Plan

Web site of the Conference: <http://2ndfiticonference.kkp.go.id/>

Marked the official transition
from the conceptual phase to
ongoing implementation phase

Key
outcomes

- Established global FiTI Standard
- Launched 1st FiTI International Board
- Presented status of FiTI pilot countries

Outlook: The FiTI in the next three years

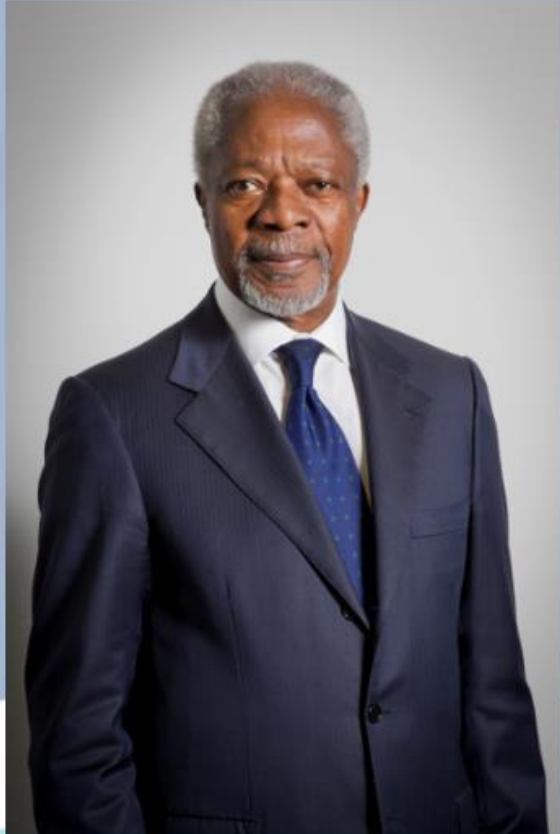


- ➔ **Obtain first FiTI Reports (starting in 2018)**
- ➔ **Engage 20+ countries in the FiTI process**
- ➔ **Establish international governance structure**
- ➔ **Transition FiTI International Secretariat to Seychelles**

Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) – Summary

- 1. Sets transparency requirements for marine fisheries**
- 2. Permits progressive improvement of transparency in the public domain**
- 3. Enhances credibility through multi-stakeholder participation**
- 4. Stimulates public debates on fisheries governance**
- 5. Yields benefits for all stakeholders**

Thank you for your attention!



“In Africa and around the world, fisheries play a crucial role in supporting livelihoods, providing employment and driving social economic development. However, the future of the world’s fisheries is seriously threatened and this global challenge is far greater than any country can handle on its own.

The Fisheries Transparency Initiative, with transparency and participation as its cornerstones, makes an invaluable contribution to safeguard what is amongst the most vital resources on the planet.”

Kofi Annan

Chair of the Africa Progress Panel, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



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