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Time	02.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. (CEST)
Venue	Conference Call
Hosted by	-
Inputs	- Preparatory Paper for 2nd International Board (EN/FR) [ID: FiTI_BM_02_PP]

Outcomes of meeting

1. Welcome and Administration

The Chair of the FiTI International Board, Peter EIGEN, opened the meeting by welcoming the Board Members to the second meeting of the Board.

Apologies were noted from Mas Achmad SANTOSA and Alfred SCHUMM as well as from Barthélémy BATIENO (Alternate) and Claire DELPEUCH (Observer).

The Chair expressed his condolences to Eduardo ROLÓN from Mexico for the enormous damages caused by an earthquake and conveyed the solidarity of the FiTI International Board and of the FiTI International Secretariat.

The Chair identified that a Quorum was reached¹ according to the Terms of Reference of the FiTI International Board. The Chair therefore confirmed that the FiTI International Board was able to make decisions during the meeting.

The Board agreed the Agenda.

The Chair presented the status of action tasks identified at the previous meeting:

1. **Contact Transparencia Mexicana regarding promoting FiTI in Mexico [BM-01_2017_AI-01]:** The Chair reported that he reached out to the Mexican Chapter of TI, but a meeting has not been arranged yet. The Chair indicated that he is also planning to use the upcoming TI Annual Members Meeting in Berlin to discuss this matter with TI Mexico.
2. **Confirm Alfred SCHUMM as member of the Working Group for selection of new FiTI Chair [BM-01_2017_AI-02]:** The Chair confirmed that Alfred SCHUMM accepted to participate in this Working Group. This action item was therefore closed.
3. **Fix date of 2nd FiTI International Board meeting [BM-01_2017_AI-03]:** The Chair confirmed the completion of this task. This action item was therefore closed.
4. **Propose date and location and identify funding options for the 3rd FiTI International Board meeting:** The Chair indicated that this would be one of the decisions that the Board would have to make during the meeting.

¹ "At least two-thirds of the total number of Board Members, with at least two Board Members from each constituency, establish a quorum. "Terms of Reference of the FiTI International Board, para. 3

2. Report from the FiTI International Secretariat

The Chair invited Sven BIERMANN, Director of the FiTI International Secretariat, to provide an update on the concluded and planned key activities of the Secretariat.

a) Update on short-term funding situation (next 12 months)

As stated during the last Board meeting in June, Sven recalled that the Government of the Seychelles submitted a funding request to the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), which includes not only funding for preparatory activities for the Seychelles, but also support for the FiTI International Secretariat for 12 months. This support would cover primarily personnel costs for the current staff (Sven, Sebastian WEGNER, Andréa DURIGHELLO) and its Technical Advisor (André STANDING), as well as a limited number of outreach activities, but would not cover expenses for on-site FiTI International Board meetings.

Sven informed the Board that the FiTI International Secretariat learnt in late August that this request did actually not reach the BADEA on time to be discussed before the summer break. The FiTI International Secretariat is currently assuming that the request will be discussed at the next BADEA Board of Directors' meeting. The date of the next meeting of the BADEA Board is currently unknown, but the Secretariat expects that it will take place over the course of October. Sven informed the FiTI International Board that the Government of the Seychelles is in contact with the BADEA to provide any further clarifications needed, a statement which was confirmed by Philippe MICHAUD who said that the Government of the Seychelles has been following-up with BADEA and is currently waiting for final approval.

Sven informed the Board that as a consequence of this delay, the FiTI International Secretariat has been operating without funding since July, as the funding for the conceptual phase ended in June. Sven said that however, the FiTI International Secretariat did not cease or reduce its activities in order to keep the momentum high. This implies that the costs of the International Secretariat have been primarily borne either by the organisation hosting the Secretariat in Berlin, the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform² – a significant burden for this very small not-for-profit organisation – or by colleagues who have been working on a pro-bono basis for the FiTI International Secretariat. Sven emphasised that it is therefore of crucial importance that funding for the FiTI International Secretariat starts in October again, even if such funding is made retrospectively.

Sven nevertheless re-emphasised that even with that expected funding, the FiTI International Secretariat is challenged with an increased work load on three major fronts:

- supporting the FiTI pilot countries in the sign-up step process (where needed),
- continuing outreach (to get more countries and other stakeholders interested); and

² Peter Eigen and Sven Biermann are co-founders of the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform.

- establishing the international governance for the FiTI (which includes also the Board meetings).

Sven therefore apologised for the partial delay in the work of the FiTI International Secretariat – for instance operational support for the Working Group of finding a new Chair has not started yet. Sven clarified that this situation would continue most likely until the FiTI International Secretariat transitions to the Seychelles, where it will eventually be hosted. Sven re-affirmed however that the FiTI International Secretariat remains very much committed to deliver the best work under the given circumstances.

b) Outreach activities³

Sven summarised the major outreach activities of the FiTI International Secretariat since the 1st meeting of the FiTI International Board:

Past and ongoing activities

Sven explained that in general, outreach activities were a little slow in July and August, mainly due to summer vacation. However, over the course of the last 3 weeks the FiTI International Secretariat participated in the following two major meetings / conferences:

- 4-8 September 2017: 16th session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade in Busan/Korea; and
- 18-22 September 2017: 5th Meeting of the ACP Ministers in charge of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Nassau/The Bahamas

Regarding the **COFI-FT meeting**, in which the FiTI International Secretariat participated as part of the Swedish delegation (as the FiTI does not have an accreditation yet with the COFI), Sven assessed that it was positive to see that various participants emphasised the need for good governance (and in particular transparency, participation and accountability) in relation to favourable trade conditions. Sven also reported that various participants welcomed the fact that the FiTI Standard touches on various important aspects, not only on foreign access agreements, but also on information regarding small-scale fisheries, general trade information, as well as information on labour standards and subsidies (to mentioned two prominent examples).

The FiTI International Secretariat conducted a side event on the FiTI at the meeting, with input from the FAO and Indonesia. The meeting was attended by approx. 30 delegates and the

³ Outreach activities of the FiTI International Secretariat are regularly updated at <http://fisheriestransparency.org/events-and-news/fiti-on-the-road>

Secretariat perceived it as useful to further increase awareness and understanding on the FiTI and on how it can support the current topics discussed during this sub-committee.

Regarding the **ACP meeting**, Sven recalled that the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) is an organisation that is composed of 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific States. He also recalled that all of the current pilot countries of the FiTI, except Indonesia, are members of the ACP. The FiTI International Secretariat also conducted a side event at the ACP meeting, which was very well attended by over 80 delegates. A FAO representative provided an input at this side-event, in which she outlined the role of the FAO in the FiTI and explained how the FiTI relates to some of the FAO's key instruments, such as the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. The African Confederation of Artisanal Fishing Professionals (CAOPA) also provided an excellent input on the importance of transparency and participation for small-scale fisheries.

Sven reported that at this event, the FiTI received again a lot of positive feedback and interest from countries to consider implementing the FiTI and he informed the Board that the FiTI International Secretariat will follow-up on this over the next weeks.

Sven indicated that the ACP meeting raised the challenge of promoting the FiTI amongst Small Island Developing States (SIDS), as these SIDS cover large ocean space, but have very limited resources and even actual stakeholders. He concluded that a key aspect to work on in the future will be to reflect on how the FiTI can be beneficial and also operationally implemented in those SIDS.

Sven also informed the Board that the FiTI International Secretariat is in contact with the European Union. Sven indicated that, based on a letter of the FiTI Chair to Commissioner Vella on 24 February 2017, asking the Commissioner for a political endorsement of the FiTI at the upcoming Our Ocean conference in Malta, the FiTI International Secretariat received an official response letter from Stefaan Depypere (Director at DG Mare) in early July, stating – among other things that

- the services of the EU are at the moment studying the FiTI standard which, at first glance, raises for them a number of questions, and that
- before taking any decision on public endorsement further to what the Commissioner and the Commission have already done, [it] must be assured that the FiTI Standard is not contradictory with EU law.

It was agreed that this letter will be shared with the FiTI International Board and to await their guidance on how to proceed further.

Sven reported that the FiTI International Secretariat is continuing its outreach to other countries and their relevant stakeholders. This includes countries like Côte d'Ivoire, Peru or São Tomé and Príncipe.

Upcoming activities

- Sven informed the Board that the FiTI International Secretariat is currently in discussion with the Long Distance Advisory Council (LDAC) to be included in one of their upcoming meetings to update their members on the current status of the FiTI.
- Furthermore, Sven indicated that the FiTI International Secretariat is working with members of the EU Parliament to conduct a follow-up activity on the past presentation that the Secretariat gave in June 2017 to the PECH Committee of the European Parliament.
- Sven reemphasised the fact that the FiTI International Secretariat would not participate in the upcoming 4th “Our Oceans” conference in Malta on the 5th and 6th of October, hosted by the European Union. He therefore encouraged all Board Members who will participate in this conference to promote the FiTI there. Sven also reiterated that the International Secretariat stands ready to provide any supporting material (such as flyers) and invited the Board Members attending the Conference to contact the Secretariat.

Philippe MICHAUD affirmed that a delegation from the Seychelles would be attending the Conference and that he would provide them with the necessary information so as to promote the FiTI there.

c) New Guidance Note (#1) “Sign-up steps for countries intending to implement the FiTI”

Sven explained that the FiTI International Secretariat has worked over the last several months to provide its first guidance note for countries. The purpose of this note is to provide practical guidance to countries intending to implement the FiTI on how to complete the requirements set out in Part I, Section A of the FiTI Standard (the sign-up steps). Sven further explained that this Guidance Note reflects input and recommendations of fisheries and governance experts from governments, business and civil society – and in particular the learnings from the country missions of the FiTI International Secretariat. Furthermore, good practices from other multi-stakeholder transparency initiatives – most notably the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) – have been integrated. The Guidance Note also incorporates recommendations and lessons learned from studies which have analysed the functioning of multi-stakeholder transparency initiatives and identified issues that merit improvement.

This Guidance note does not only include some practical support on the six sign-up steps, but also provides a template Terms of Reference for the National Multi-Stakeholder Group, as outlined in the FiTI Standard under requirement A.4. Sven conveyed that the FiTI International Secretariat is currently in the final steps of this Guidance note, which will be provided in English and French and which the Secretariat expects to be released latest by mid of October.

d) Regional funding approach by BADEA

As a final item, Sven highlighted a positive development which derived from the Western Indian Regional Workshop on the Fisheries Transparency Initiative, which the FiTI International Secretariat co-organised in June this year together with the African Development Bank, the Government of the Seychelles and the Indian Ocean Commission in the Seychelles.

Sven recalled that a key outcome of the workshop was that in order to further support the interest of countries in the region, the current lack of financial resources and technical expertise has to be addressed. For this, the FiTI International Secretariat reached out to the BADEA to explore the possibility of a regional support approach. Sven reported that the FiTI International Secretariat has now been invited to submit such a request to the BADEA and that the Secretariat is working with the Indian Ocean Commission to define the scope of such a request.

Jean-Louis KROMER suggested to use the mailing list of the Seychelles workshop to inform participants of the workshop about this potential opportunity for regional funding to foster their interest and stimulate discussions with their national authorities. The FiTI International Secretariat will liaise with Jean-Louis to ensure that all workshop participants are reached out to.

Philippe MICHAUD also stated that the Seychelles are currently following-up with the Indian Ocean Commission on this opportunity.

Sven informed that the Secretariat is currently exploring such a regional support approach also for other regions, such as West Africa.

3. Updates on pilot countries' status

Sven explained that in order to better support the current FiTI pilot countries in fulfilling the sign-up steps before submitting a Candidate Application to the FiTI International Board, each country has been assigned a country manager from within the FiTI International Secretariat.

GUINEA (*Country Manager: Andréa*)

Andréa reported that, since the beginning of the FiTI process in Guinea, the FiTI International Secretariat has been communicating with two main interlocutors:

- the Ministry of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Maritime Economy; and
- the Programme Régional pour la Conservation de la zone Côtière et Marine en Afrique de l'Ouest (PRCM), which the Guinean Government asked to support FiTI Implementation in Guinea.

The FiTI focal points – Nabi Souleymane Bangoura (Fisheries Ministry) and Barthélémy Batiéno (PRCM) – have remained the same since the beginning of the FiTI process, which helped ensuring a continuous progress in establishing solid grounds to the FiTI in the country.

Status of implementation

According to Andréa, the first of the 6 sign-up steps (Public Commitment) has been established, including various official declarations from the President and the former Fisheries Minister André Loua.

However, the rest of the sign-up steps has not yet been completed, as a presidential decree – aimed at giving a legal base to the FiTI in Guinea – has been drafted but not yet been signed by the President. The decree was prepared by the FiTI focal point with the support of the PRCM and the FiTI International Secretariat, in consultation with the relevant stakeholder groups. This decree was finalised at the latest country visit of the FiTI International Secretariat and of the PRCM in Guinea.

Activities since last Board meeting

Due to a change of Minister at the end of August (Minister André Loua was replaced by Minister Frédéric Loua), Andréa reported that the FiTI focal point is currently supporting the transition process by providing information to the new Minister on the FiTI and on the current implementation in Guinea.

The Chair of the FiTI International Board also sent a letter to the new Minister to welcome him in his functions and remind him of the key aspects of the FiTI process in Guinea, in particular the importance to support the signature of the Presidential Decree.

Activities planned in upcoming 3-6 months

Even though a number of activities are currently pending the signature of the decree, Andréa reported that there is a strong engagement of the FiTI focal point to maintain a high momentum on the FiTI. It is currently planned to organise an information workshop on the Northern and Southern Coast of Guinea by the end of the year (date to be confirmed) in order to further sensitise the relevant stakeholders on the FiTI.

MAURITANIA (Country Manager: Andréa)

Andréa reported that there are two ministries involved in the FiTI process:

- The Ministry of Economy and Finance (Appointed FiTI Lead Ministry); and

- The Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy.

During a meeting on 15 March 2017 in Nouakchott, the FiTI National Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) approved that the Ministry of Fisheries would be in charge of appointing a FiTI National Secretariat. Although the National Secretariat still needs to be formally institutionalised, Andréa reported that the cross-ministerial cooperation FiTI Lead / FiTI National is working well and that there is a clear understanding regarding the division of activities and responsibilities.

Within each Ministry, the focal points are:

- Mr. Abass SYLLA, Director of Public Investments and Economic Cooperation at the Ministry of Economy and Finance (FiTI National Lead); and
- Mr. Lamine CAMARA, Director of Resource Planning and Studies at the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy and Head of the yet-to-be formalised FiTI National Secretariat

Status of implementation

Andréa indicated that Mauritania is already well advanced in the sign-up steps. She said that there is progress in the first 4 steps, although some adjustments still need to be performed, e.g. ensuring that all documents concerning the process of nomination of MSG Members are made public and elaborating the ToRs for the MSG.

Andréa added that the remaining key activities include:

- the institutionalisation and physical establishment of the FiTI National Secretariat (Step 5); and
- the elaboration of Workplan (Step 6).

Activities since last Board meeting

Andréa reported on the latest country visit of the FiTI International Secretariat which took place in the week of 11-15 September. In particular, this visit allowed to:

- discuss the implementation status of the sign-up steps, as described above;
- clarify the allocation of responsibilities between both Ministries and agree on communication channels between both Ministries and the FiTI International Secretariat; and
- meet the MSG, redefine their roles and mission, present the FiTI Standard in more details and define together what the next steps should be.

Activities planned in upcoming 3-6 months

Andréa reported that the FiTI National Lead, the FiTI National Secretariat and the FiTI National MSG agreed to concentrate on priority actions until the end of 2017 and to seek support from external partners. These priority actions are:

- establishing an appropriately staffed and resourced FiTI National Secretariat that will support the FiTI National MSG
- strengthening the operational framework of the MSG (including adopting Terms of Reference, appointing Alternates, establishing ad-hoc groups dedicated to specific topics)
- preparing the Workplan and the budget for 2018

Andréa also reported that the current objective of the FiTI National Lead, the FiTI National Secretariat and the FiTI National MSG is to submit Candidate Application to the FiTI International Board by the end of the year.

SENEGAL (*Country Manager: Andréa*)

Andréa reported that the FiTI International Secretariat has been communicating with various stakeholders in Senegal, including with a representative from the Direction des Pêches at the COFI-FT meeting that took place in South Korea. However, she indicated that as of the 2nd FiTI International Board meeting, no focal point has yet been appointed by the Government.

Status of implementation

Andréa recalled that, with the public commitment of the President of Senegal H.E. Macky SALL to start the multi-stakeholder process of the FiTI in Senegal (Nouakchott Declaration, 03.02.2016⁴), Step 1 of the sign-up step has been partially fulfilled.

Yet, she indicated that the other steps have not yet been fulfilled due to the lack of solid base of the FiTI in Senegal within the Government.

Activities since last Board meeting

Andréa explained that a « Comité de suivi de la transparence » is currently being set up. This committee is coordinated by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and composed of parliamentarians, business and civil society representatives. She explained that the goal of this Committee is to recall the presidential commitment to implement the FiTI and to support the FiTI process. Andréa reported that the Committee is

⁴ Nouakchott Declaration on the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (3.02.2016), available for download (English/French) at <http://fisheriestransparency.org/events-and-news/1st-international-conference>

currently finalising a Road Map gathering the main activities to conduct to fulfil the sign-up steps in Senegal.

Activities planned in upcoming 3-6 months

Andréa indicated that the next steps of the Comité de la Transparence will be to finalise their roadmap and to offer support to the Fisheries Ministry in fulfilling the sign-up step, for instance by organising FiTI meetings with the Government.

INDONESIA (Country Manager: Sebastian)

Sebastian highlighted that the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries is leading the FiTI implementation – with Mas Achmad SANTOSA, Coordinator of Special Advisors of Presidential Task Force to Combat Illegal Fishing and Minister's Advisor on Fisheries Law as senior public official responsible for the implementation. The day-to-day activities are coordinated by the focal point to the FiTI International Secretariat, Mr. Aryo Hanggono, Expert Staff of Ecology and Marine Resources of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Republic of Indonesia.

Status of implementation

Based on several preparatory multi-stakeholder meetings in 2016 and in the beginning of 2017 as well as the Bali Conference, Indonesia is currently working on establishing the legal framework for the FiTI. The Ministerial Statement on the FiTI Implementation has been prepared and will be published once the legal framework is established.

Next to dealing with administrative tasks of setting up a formal FiTI process, the DG Capture Fisheries is currently undertaking a review of the FiTI Transparency Requirements. This includes a review of how current disclosure policies are in line with the FiTI Standard (incl. Law 14/2008 Art. 17, Ministerial Decree No. 81/2014); Vessel's Logbook data – Fisheries Law Art. 46.A; data collected by observers – Fishery Law Art. 46A as well as company data related to fisheries licenses – Fishery Law Art. 46A). In parallel, supporting reforms are underway, such as improvement of vessel registration system, fishery license governance, strengthening capacities of port state control as well as improvements of catch and trade reporting/documentation.

Activities since last Board meeting

Sebastian explained that Mr. HANGGONO met with representatives of DG Capture Fisheries to discuss the current status of the internal review of the FiTI Transparency Requirements.

The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries is also cooperating with the OECD on reviewing the current status of their fisheries governance. Results can also be used in the FiTI process.

Activities planned in upcoming 3-6 months

Sebastian highlighted that the FiTI International Secretariat will send additional material (such as Guidance Note 01 *The sign-up steps for countries intending to implement the FiTI*).

Sebastian added that the DG Capture Fisheries is going to proceed the reform on capture fisheries, such as re-measure all Indonesian Fishing vessels >30 GT, improvement on on-line system of issuance of fishing license, strengthening fishing port control function.

SEYCHELLES (Country Manager: Sven)

Sven recalled that the Cabinet of the Seychelles endorsed the FiTI following a presentation made by the FiTI Chair, Peter EIGEN, in April 2017.

Status of implementation

Sven highlighted that currently the activities of the FiTI in the Seychelles are primarily coordinated by Philippe MICHAUD out of the Blue Economy department of the Vice-President's office. An official FiTI Lead Ministry as well as an official FiTI Lead have not been appointed yet.

Sven also stated that discussions are ongoing with the new chapter of Transparency International in the Seychelles in order to include them in the process, inter alia, of mobilising civil society for the FiTI.

Activities since last Board meeting

Sven reported that a mission of the World Bank was conducted in the Seychelles with the objective to support the preparation of the FiTI sign-up steps in the Seychelles, for instance by proposing a Lead Ministry or offering information regarding multi-stakeholder setup.

The Seychelles are also currently funding opportunities for their national FiTI implementation process (e.g. BADEA, see above) as well as long-term financing options for the FiTI International Secretariat.

Activities planned in upcoming 3-6 months

Sven emphasised again that it is important that the Seychelles appoint an FiTI Lead Ministry as well as an official FiTI Lead to start with the remaining sign-up steps, most notably the establishment of the FiTI National Multi-Stakeholder Group in the Seychelles. Sven mentioned that the Guidance Note, which will be released by the FiTI International Secretariat, will be beneficial for the next steps.

Sven also added that a call for consultancy is currently advertised in the Seychelles for defining in-depth study of information source in accordance with the FiTI Standard

transparency requirements. It is planned that this study will be conducted over the next months.

4. Report from Working Group “Additional Board members”

At the 1st meeting of the FiTI International Board, a Working Group composed of one representative from each stakeholder group was established to define potential candidates to fill the vacant seats of the Board. Alexander BIRYUKOV, Gunilla GREIG and Francisco MARI were confirmed as members of this Working Group.⁵ The FiTI International Secretariat is providing operational support to the Working Group.

Gunilla GREIG explained that the Working Group had agreed to identify and informally approach potential candidates and that they would afterwards convey the names of the candidates to the FiTI International Secretariat for further outreach. Gunilla explained that the Group is using two tools:

- a list of questions regarding aspects that the Board should know when deciding on a new Member’s potential membership. The Working Group has started putting together initial questions. Gunilla explained that this is meant to support decisions of the Board; and
- a list of potential candidates which all Working Group Members feed into. Gunilla explained that this list is for now only a basis for reflexion and that there is currently no concrete proposal. She offered, however, to share the list with the rest of the Board at the next Board meeting.

Gunilla added that the Working Group is currently trying to find candidates which cover broader geographical areas.

Alexander BIRYUKOV also informed the Board that he has been in contact with the fishing company THAI UNION, which has shown interest in the FiTI and said that he would continue his efforts to reach out to them. On this aspect, Sven BIERMANN indicated that the FiTI International Secretariat has also been in contact with THAI UNION and that an update call should take place at the end of September. The FiTI International Secretariat will inform the Working Group about any new development.

In addition, the Chair announced the proposal to welcome Mr. Ricardo BERNALES, Vice President of the Sociedad Nacional de Pesquería (SNP)³ of Peru and President of the Peruvian fishing company Pesquería Diamante as new Member of the FiTI International Board, representing the Business Stakeholder Group (Large-scale). Gunilla added that the Working Group supports this

⁵ See Decisions [BM-01_2017_D-02] and [BM-01_2017_D-02]

proposal based on the profile of Mr. BERNALES and on the fact that Mr. BERNALES allows better representation of the Latin American region.

The Chair proposed two options to the Board:

- either to organise a meeting with Mr. Bernales before making a decision; or
- decide immediately on his Membership.

Given that frequent contacts have already been made with Mr. BERNALES and with the SNP, Sven declared that the FiTI International Secretariat does not deem necessary to conduct further preliminary conversations with the Candidate. Sven also added that the participation of Mr. BERNALES in the Board would very much support the outreach that the FiTI International Secretariat has started conducting with the Peruvian Government.

As no objection was raised, the Chair declared that Mr. BERNALES's candidacy was accepted and that he would join the FiTI International Board as a representative of the Business Stakeholder Group (Large-scale).

Decision [BM-02 2017 D-01]:

The FiTI International Board accepted Mr. Ricardo BERNALES as new Member of the FiTI International Board representing the Business Stakeholder Group (Large-scale).

5. Date and location for 3rd Board meeting

Sven recalled that at the 1st meeting of the FiTI International Board, it was agreed to hold the 3rd Board meeting as an on-site meeting⁶. Initially, the FiTI International Secretariat had suggested to conduct it back-to-back with the celebrations of the World Fisheries Day on 21 November 2017, that the CAOPA planned to organise in Conakry/Guinea.

However, since the CAOPA confirmed that the celebrations would be moved to the Seychelles, Sven emphasised the need for the FiTI International Board to decide on the date and location of the 3rd Board meeting. Sven reiterated that the FiTI International Board must discuss a number of very important issues at the meeting, which are not suitable for conference calls, including, amongst others, the 2018 Work plan of the FiTI International Secretariat and the establishment of the FiTI Association and its relevant bylaws and implications for the future governance of the initiative.

⁶ [Decision BM_01_2017_D-05]

As a meeting in the Seychelles would result in significantly more travel time and costs for many International Board Members⁷, the Chair proposed to consider other options which would be less costly and required less time commitment for most Members. The Chair therefore proposed Berlin as an alternative.

On the other hand, Sven argued that organising the meeting in the Seychelles would support the momentum for the FiTI in the country and could open the possibility to organise parallel meetings with other important stakeholders.

As all Members of the Board recognised Berlin as a better option, the Chair declared that the 3rd meeting of the FiTI International Board would take place in Berlin. As a next step, the FiTI International Secretariat will circulate an online survey to check everyone's availabilities in November and shortly fix the date of the meeting based on the results of the survey.

Decision [BM-02 2017 D-02]:

The FiTI International Board agreed to organise the 3rd meeting of the FiTI International Board in November in Berlin. The meeting will take place in November and the date will be determined based on the availabilities of the Board Members.

6. Closing

The Chair thanked the Members of the Board for their participation in the 2nd meeting of the FiTI International Board and reiterated his enthusiasm on the progress achieved.

2nd International Board Meeting ended

⁷ As of the 2nd Board meeting, 5 of the 13 Board Members are located in Europe, together with the Chair and the International Secretariat, and 4 members are in West Africa, from where it is also easier to travel to Europe than to the Seychelles.

APPENDIX I: Action items

Pending actions		ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to Transparencia Mexicana regarding promoting FiTI in Mexico at upcoming Berlin meeting of Transparency International 	Peter EIGEN	BM-01_2017_AI-01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to participants to the Western Indian Ocean Regional Workshop to inform them about the possibility of regional funding from the BADEA 	FiTI International Secretariat with Jean-Louis KROMER	BM-02_2017_AI-01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the letter of the European Commission with the FiTI International Board Members 	FiTI International Secretariat	BM-02_2017_AI-02
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide guidance on how to promote the FiTI further with the European Commission and EU Member States 	FiTI International Board Members	BM-02_2017_AI-03

APPENDIX II: List of Participants

Chair

Peter EIGEN

Stakeholder Group of Countries

Gunilla TEGELSKÄR GREIG

Philippe MICHAUD

Abass SYLLA

Excused:

Mas Achmad SANTOSA

Stakeholder Group of Business

Alexander BIRYUKOV

Gaoussou GUEYE

Not excused:

Martin HADIWINATA

Stakeholder Group of Civil Society

Francisco MARI

Nedwa NECH

Eduardo ROLÓN

Sebastián LOSADA

Excused:

Alfred SCHUMM

Barthélémy Jean Auguste BATIENO (Alternate)

Not excused:

María José CORNAX

Observer

Jean-Louis KROMER

Excused: Claire DELPEUCH

FiTI International Secretariat

Sven BIERMANN

Andréa DURIGHELLO

Sebastian WEGNER

Haley RICE (Governance Advisor)

APPENDIX III: Initial Agenda

Agenda item	Type ⁸	Time (GMT)
1. Welcome and Administration	ⓘ / ☑	Noon – 12.10 p.m.
2. Report from the FiTI International Secretariat	ⓘ	12.10 – 12.30 p.m.
3. Update on pilot countries 'status	ⓘ	12.30 – 12.50 p.m.
4. Report from Working Group "Additional Board Members"	☑	12.50 – 13.10 p.m.
5. Date and location for 3 rd Board meeting	☑	13.10 – 13.25 p.m.
6. Closing	ⓘ	13.25 – 13.30 p.m.

⁸ ⓘ Agenda item is primarily for information; ☑ Agenda item requires decision