

**Report of
The 5th Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries
1 December 2014
Istanbul - Turkey**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey hosted the Fifth Working Group Meeting on Marine Affairs and Fisheries on 1 December 2014 in Istanbul. The meeting was attended by the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the Republic of Turkey. List of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

1. Opening

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Ramazan CELEBI, Head of Department, General Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture on behalf of the host country. (Speech attached as **Annex II**).

2. Election of the Chairman and Appointment of the Rapporteur

The Meeting elected Mr. Ramazan ÇELEBİ from Turkey as Chairman of the Working Group. The Chairman opened the meeting by giving members the opportunity to elect the rapporteurs.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Malaysia proposed to present their proposal under the agenda item 7. Discussion of the Project Proposal after Turkey presented its proposal. After the amendment of the agenda with proposal of Malaysian Delegation on “*Technical Cooperation For Development and Management of Genetically Improved Tilapia Broodstock*” was adopted.

4. Review on the Work Programme and Development based on the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries (WGMAF).

Secretariat ad Interim of WGMAF, presented the highlights, views of the work programme, and progress report based on the Fourth D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries Meeting held on 1 December 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria. This Report is hereby attached as **Annex III**.

The Meeting responded to the Report presentation with the following comments:

- Chairman encouraged that Member States should update list of Focal Points from each of the Members.
- Members proposed that Focal points from each of the Member States may be more than one person in order to coordinate and accelerate implementation of the work program.

- Chairman emphasized the importance of "D-8 2013 Work Plan" and called the Member States to action. List of up to date progress D-8 WGMAF Work program matrices is listed **Annex IV**.

5. Presentation of Country Reports

Delegates that represented member countries presented Country Reports. The Country Reports was delivered in alphabetical order starting with Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey. The Country reports are listed on **Annex V**.

6. Discussions on Fisheries Sector Needs Analysis

Some Member States requested technical assistance in the following areas:

- For advanced technology and others suggested that there should be a mechanism among D-8 to cooperate on aquaculture,
- Exchange experts to share knowledge, information, and provide technical assistance,
- Fish health and diseases.

Meeting suggested that all member countries should focus more on developing aquaculture and enhance aquaculture sectors.

7. Discussion of the Project Proposal

Turkey presented proposal "**Organization of Training for Trainers on Marine Aquaculture.**" The meeting appreciated Turkey for the proposal and incorporated responses as well as feedbacks from Members regarding the Turkey's proposal. The Turkey's proposal deliberation is listed on **Annex VI**.

Malaysia proposed a proposal entitled "**Technical Cooperation for Development and Management of Genetically Improved and Disease Free Tilapia Stock.**" The meeting appreciated Malaysia for the proposal and incorporated responses as well as feedbacks from Members regarding the Malaysia's proposal. The Malaysia's proposal is attached as **Annex VII**.

Some countries suggested Training and course within D-8 with focus on aquaculture. The meeting agreed upon creation of "Project Basket" with project proposals coming from member countries.

Costs borne might be shared by D-8 countries or donors.

D-8 Secretariat informed the meeting that they could not fund the projects due to budget constraints. The activities should be funded by cost sharing within D-8 Member Countries or seek financial supports from the International Financial Institutions like ADB, IDB, WB etc. D-8 Secretariat will be signing a MoU with IDB; in this regard IDB might fund the proposal of activities/projects from D-8 Member Countries.

The suggestions were as follows:

- Members might collectively submit all proposals to “project basket” which will include training course (curriculum), cost sharing, qualification for trainers and participants.
- Experts and participants who joined in the training/course should be nominated by each Member Countries considering their qualifications, experiences, and expertise.
- Each country could prepare a proposal in accordance to submit basket proposal which included detail program, budget allocation, beneficiary stakeholders with involved Public Private Partnership (PPP).

8. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Working Group will be held as back-to-back with the Sixth D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.

9. Any Other Business

Iranian delegation pointed out that they have been waiting a response to the document "Projects Proposal for marine aquaculture development with D-8 Countries and Assistance" since last meeting held in Nigeria.

Due to environmental and species differences of member states it is considered that significant projects dedicated could be initiated due to bilateral relations and target country shall circulate their proposal through D-8 Working Group on MAF Secretariat and directly to the relevant country.

In order to improve efficiency of Working Group on Marine and Fisheries three proposals brought to agenda of the meeting which are:

- Increasing participation of private sector,
- Improving common cooperation,
- Enhancing D-8 Secretariat to realize their responsibility more effectively.

These will leads to increase of trade among D-8 Member States.

10. Adoption of Report

The meeting adopted the report of the 5th Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries to be endorsed by the Senior Official Meeting.

11. Closing

The delegation expressed their appreciation to the Government of Turkey for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and the warm hospitality extended to them during their stay in İstanbul, Turkey.

The chairperson thanked Members for their cooperation during the session and declared the Meeting adjourned. The Chairperson officially closed the meeting and wished the delegation safe journey back to their respective countries.