

Interactive Dialogue 7:

Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

3-minute Statement from the floor to be delivered by DDG Semedo [number 6 on list]

Thursday 30 June, 15.00-18.00 / Tejo Hall

1. Dear Co-Chairs, Excellencies
2. FAO is deeply committed to its role as neutral convenor of intergovernmental fora, including FAO's Committee on Fisheries, devoted to discuss fisheries and aquaculture-related issues.
3. After the adoption of UNCLOS, FAO's support has been integral to the negotiation and implementation of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement, and is also implementing the FAO Compliance Agreement and the Port State Measures Agreement.
4. FAO also monitors the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, and its related voluntary instruments.
5. FAO is a co-custodian of SDG14.c, with the United Nations Division of Oceans and the Law of the Sea.
6. To track advances on target 14.c, FAO has expanded its tools to monitor the implementation of the Code of Conduct with the agreement of UN Members, to include analysis of the implementation by States of the agreements I have previously mentioned.
7. Information and results from this analyses is being used by the UN and its Members to determine the level of progress in the implementation of the Law of the Sea Convention.
8. FAO's knowledge, experience and expertise informs global processes, including the recently adopted WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, and the negotiations for a new agreement on the conservation and use of biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).
9. FAO will continue to prioritize support for Members in the implementation of UNCLOS and related global instruments. This support is a critical component of the transformation towards sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for global food security and nutrition.
10. Thank you.