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## **2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event**

*[EAF-Nansen Programme: a long-term partnership for sustainable use of the Ocean]*

[29 June 2022, 18:30 Lisbon Time, [PT Meeting Centre](#)]

Organized by:

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Institute of Marine Research (IMR), NorwayMozambique Oceanographic Institute (InOM),

Mozambique National Institute for Fisheries and Marine Research (INIPM), Angola

Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR), Namibia

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### **Background on the event (one paragraph)**

This side event highlighted the contribution and support of the EAF-Nansen Programme to its partner countries and regional organizations in Africa towards achieving sustainable management of fisheries, (a goal directly related to SDG target 14.4), including through improved knowledge of the ocean. The event also offered an opportunity to discuss the objectives and areas of work for the next phase of the Programme (2023-2028) and to highlight opportunities for potential partnerships, including through the UN Ocean Decade as a collaborative platform.

### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

The agenda of the event was comprised of presentations, during which the programme partner countries showcased examples of implementing the ecosystem approach to fisheries in Northwest Africa and the Gulf of Guinea, and through strengthening regional collaboration in the Benguela Current region. The event included also a panel discussion on the subject of knowledge generation and capacity development

for improved fisheries and ocean management. A brief introduction to the next phase of the programme (2023-2028) was also made, with emphasis on continuous partnership for the sustainable use of the ocean.

### **Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

The EAF-Nansen Programme represents a long-standing partnership between FAO and Norway, continuously adapting to the changing needs for fisheries and ocean management by the programme partner countries. In the coming years, the programme will reinforce its focus on the objective of promoting and supporting the sustainable contribution of fisheries for food and nutrition security in partner countries, and strengthen its support to actions that lead to a sustainable use of the oceans. In the next phase, the programme will also make greater efforts towards contributing to global processes dealing with the management of the uses of the Ocean for sustaining its productivity and stability, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda. Finally, the programme will continue working on the three core areas of work (science and scientific advice/fisheries management/ capacity building), putting emphasis on gender equality aspect and taking into consideration impacts of human activities (i.e. pollution, climate change etc.).

### **Voluntary Commitments (one paragraph)**

Non-applicable