

SUMMARY

The event ‘*Exploring the application of CFS instruments to address gender, youth, inequality and data systems in small-scale fisheries*’ discussed the mutually reinforcing nature of the [Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication](#) (SSF Guidelines) and four related CFS instruments: the [Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security \(RtF\)](#); the [Voluntary Guidelines for Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries, and Forest in the Context of National Food Security](#); the [Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems](#); and the [Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises](#).

Through the use of practical examples framed under these instruments, the panelists discussed how a synergistic implementation could benefit gender equality, youth inclusion, addressing inequality and the design, use and availability of data systems for the ultimate purpose of enhancing the contribution of small-scale fisheries to global food security and nutrition. Also, common challenges were identified, as in the case of lack of appropriate data to allow for informed decisions and an effective implementation. Along these lines, Molly Ahern expressed that “existing fisheries data systems often do not extend to the smallest fisheries [...] Similarly, food composition databases often lack data on nutritional value of the broad range of aquatic food products [...] The RtF and the SSF Guidelines work synergistically, emphasizing the importance of intersectoral and multi-stakeholder design, implementation and management of data systems”.

With regards to further linking these instruments, John Kurien stated that the “Collaboration between the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) and CFS must be renewed and steadfastly strengthened into the future. The ‘authorization’ for such affirmative action is found both in the SSF Guidelines and the 2014 HLPE Report and should be the starting point for stronger integration of COFI and CFS linkages”.

Panelists and participants discussed ways in which CFS could engage in the celebrations of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture ([IYAFA](#)) 2022 to highlight the role of small-scale fisheries as provider of highly nutritious food for healthy diets for all.

Links

Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4356en.pdf>

Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-y7937e.pdf>

Voluntary Guidelines for Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries, and Forest in the Context of National Food Security: <http://www.fao.org/3/i2801e/i2801e.pdf>

Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems: <http://www.fao.org/3/au866e.pdf>

Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bc852e.pdf>

Making a difference for food security and nutrition: FAO and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) instruments for sustainable small-scale fisheries food systems:

<http://www.fao.org/voluntary-guidelines-small-scale-fisheries/resources/detail/en/c/1298052/>

Linkages between the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries and the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food:

<http://www.fao.org/voluntary-guidelines-small-scale-fisheries/resources/detail/en/c/1315901/>

Linkages between the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries and the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests:

<http://www.fao.org/voluntary-guidelines-small-scale-fisheries/resources/detail/en/c/1307447/>

Linkages between the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries and the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems:

<http://www.fao.org/voluntary-guidelines-small-scale-fisheries/resources/detail/en/c/1308532/>

Linkages between the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries and the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises:

<http://www.fao.org/voluntary-guidelines-small-scale-fisheries/resources/detail/en/c/1306080/>

International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA): <http://www.fao.org/artisanal-fisheries-aquaculture-2022/en/>



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a presentation slide with the title "Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and small-scale fisheries (SSF)". The slide features five publications from the CFS/SSF process:

- FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN PROTRACTED CRISIS** (with a globe icon)
- PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS** (with a wheat stalk icon)
- VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR THE RIGHT TO FOOD** (with a "RIGHT TO FOOD" logo)
- Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure** (with a landscape icon)
- Voluntary Guidelines on Farming Systems and Food Security** (with a mountain and water icon)

Below the publications, the text "Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and small-scale fisheries (SSF)" is displayed. The bottom of the slide includes the CFS/SSF logo and the text "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ARTISANAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE 2022".

On the right side of the Zoom window, a vertical list of participants is visible:

- FAO - Nicole F.
- FAO - Ruben ...
- Jessica Land
- OveráRagnhild
- JOHN KUREN

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