

FAO-TURKEY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (FTPP II)



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Capacity Building for Sustainable Fisheries and
Aquaculture Management in Central Asia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey – FISHCap
(GCP/SEC/013/TUR)

Webinar on State of Fishery and Aquaculture Industry Briefing - Tajikistan

26 February 2021

PROSPECTUS

1. Introduction

The virtual state of fishery and aquaculture industry briefings are a series of web stakeholder briefings and discussions organized under the project “Capacity Building for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Management in Central Asia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey” (Phase I - aquaculture and food safety) (FISHCap). The project is implemented under the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP II) funded by the Government of the Republic of Turkey. Target countries of the project are Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The virtual seminars will be organized for each of the seven countries on a monthly basis, and in alphabetical order according to the English name of each country.

Effective participatory fisheries/aquaculture management, among other things, requires working in partnership with the private sector and other stakeholders, while strengthening inter-industry co-operation and stakeholder involvement in strategic decision-making. Improving the business environment is important for sustainable aquaculture and fisheries development. Diverse stakeholder groups from the above-mentioned countries have, on many occasions, underlined the need to strengthen both national and intra-regional collaboration and partnerships in fisheries and aquaculture, and enhance the involvement and visibility of private sector stakeholders (traders, investors, suppliers, etc.) who represent the key actors in the regional collaborative platforms.

The webinar series aim to create a briefing, discussion and networking forum for the representative of key stakeholders from the above-mentioned countries while providing a state of fisheries and aquaculture update for each country. The webinar thus offers a way to facilitate exchanges of the experiences, success stories, ideas, and challenges specific to the industries, including those from the COVID-19 pandemic, and trade and investment opportunities between stakeholders. Additionally, this initiative aims to update or prepare for the first time the National Aquaculture Sector Overview (NASO), a fact sheet collection comprising the reports submitted by the FAO Member States, which is available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/naso/search/en>.

2. Objectives:

The objectives of this industry briefing webinar study are to:

1. Promote the involvement of the private sector in regional priorities, initiatives and platforms;

2. Create a platform for sharing industry information, examples of good practice, challenges, and identify business investment opportunities to promote sector development;
3. Create a platform for discussing aquaculture and fisheries governance, private sector and government's roles in providing an enabling environment for sector development, and how good governance can be promoted;
4. Discuss the industry's vision for building and supporting sustainable aquaculture and fisheries sectors;
5. Share experiences in relation to the development of a new, more productive, sustainable and equitable agriculture sector; and
6. Prepare Tajikistan's National Aquaculture Sector Overview, as part of FAO's respective fact sheet collection.

The main expected outputs of the webinar are threefold: (i) update of FAO National Aquaculture Sector Overview; (ii) publication of a Review of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Tajikistan in EUROFISH magazine (<https://www.eurofishmagazine.com>); and (iii) a webinar summary.

3. FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP II)

The overarching objective of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme is to provide support to ensuring food security and rural poverty reduction in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The Programme, established in 2007, benefits from trust fund contributions totalling USD 20 million to date, financed by the Government of Turkey, and represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. During the first phase of FTPP (2009 and 2015), 28 projects were implemented in 16 countries .

In 2014, Turkey and FAO commenced the second phase of the FTPP. Under this phase, a range of projects are designed to address issues of food security and nutrition, agricultural and rural development, protection and management of natural resources, agricultural policies, and food safety. The programme will take into consideration different experiences of key stakeholders and actors including women and youth.

4. Process

The workshop will be conducted virtually. The participants will be provided with a webinar ID and password to attend the webinar. The one-day webinar will include comments, suggestions and discussions on the current situation of countries, problems and solutions. All background documents and reports (if the preparation is requested) will be shared with the participants. On the other hand, FAO will collaborate with the competent national authorities responsible for aquaculture to prepare Tajikistan's National Aquaculture Sector Overview (NASO).

5. Participants

The following countries will be invited to nominate up to 20 participants for their own brief webinar: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Should it be requested by the target country, additional participants may be invited from the country/ies (international trade, supply chains, etc.). FAO particularly welcomes the nomination of qualified women. The event targets key stakeholders of the fishery and aquaculture industries (i.e. researchers; fishers, fish farmers, representatives of fisher's association and companies, traders, investors, etc.).

6. Organization and partners

The Virtual Regional workshop is organized by the FAO-SEC Office, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan.

7. Webinar language

The workshop will be conducted in three languages: English, Russian and Turkish through simultaneous interpretation.

8. Webinar contact persons

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9. Webinar provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the regional webinar is given below.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**Please note that the time-schedule displays Ankara time (GMT+3)*

Moderator: Haydar Fersoy, Senior Fishery and Aquaculture Officer, FAO

10:00-10:15	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Oleg Guchgeldiyev, FAO Representative in Tajikistan- Haydar Fersoy, Senior Fishery and Aquaculture Officer- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey- Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan
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10:15-10:45	Session I. State of the industry <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Aquatic resources and their use- Capture fisheries and aquaculture production by main species groups- Fish production systems- Fishing fleet- Employment in the sector- Status of women and youth in the industry- Governance frameworks - roles and responsibilities- Strategic priorities, goals and targets- Research and development; and extension services- Industry organizations (producers, and farmers associations, trade unions, cooperatives, etc.)
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10.45-11:15	Session II. Industry performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of businesses- Market structure and product characteristics
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- Import/export status and potential – market integration within the Eurasian Economic Union
 - Competitive advantages of the industry
 - Success stories
 - Government-backed support and finance for domestic and international investment and enterprise development (conditions, methods and timeframes)
 - Governance systems and the development of an enabling environment for private sector development/investment
 - Investment/business opportunities and constraints
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11:15-11.50 **Session III. Panel discussion**

- How to improve industry sustainability and productivity and business transformation?
 - How to collaborate more with industry partners?
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11:50-12:00 **Closing remarks**
