

AGENDA
23rd meeting of LDAC Working Group 5
HORIZONTAL ISSUES

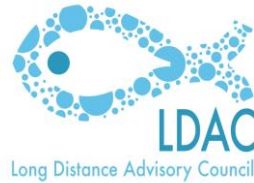
Wednesday 24 October 2018, 09:00 – 16:30h
Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont - Boulevard Charlemagne 11-19. Brussels

MORNING SESSION (09:00 – 13:00 h)

1. **Welcome and opening by the Chair.**
2. **Adoption of the minutes of the last WG5 meeting - Brussels, 8 March 2018.**
3. **Adoption of the agenda.**

4. **Report from European Commission on Trade Agreements between the EU and third countries: fisheries-related aspects of interest for fleets & processing industry**
 - 4.1. State of play of Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) between the EU and third countries: Interim EPA with ACP countries; and negotiations on full EPAs.
 - 4.2. EU negotiations with third countries (Indonesia, Japan...) and organisations (Mercosur...) and modernisation of existing agreements (Mexico, Chile)
 - 4.3. Annual report on implementation of Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP+) with Philippines and other countries.

5. **Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.**
 - 5.1. EC update on IUU “yellow” and “red” carding process.
 - 5.2. Ideas for a LDAC follow up advice on implementation of IUU Regulation linked to Review of the EU Fisheries Control Systems. Way forward.



6. Review of EU fisheries control systems and application of the EU Regulation on Sustainable Management of External Fishing Fleet (SMEFF)

6.1. Analysis of the Commission's proposal of Regulation - feedback from LDAC

6.2. Implementation aspects of the SMEFF Regulation.

LUNCH BREAK (13:00-14:00 h)

AFTERNOON SESSION (14:00 – 16:30 h)

7. International Ocean Governance and Blue Growth.

7.1 Presentation and debate on deep-sea mining in international waters.

7.2 WTO discussions on prohibition of harmful subsidies to fishing activities.

7.3 Draft LDAC position paper on promoting an effective implementation of the CFP External Dimension.

8. Update on Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FITI)

9. Reports by Secretary on work progress:

9.1 H2020 FARFISH Project.

9.2 STECF Annual Economic Report for 2018: EU distant water fleet

10. Report of the UN First Session of the Intergovernmental Conference for an International Treaty that regulates Biodiversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction (BBNJ – New York, 4-17 September 2018).

11. Date and venue for next WG5 meeting.