



Forum / Symposium: Fisheries, Fishers Rights & Climate Change

Objective

Advocate among civil society organizations, NGOs and the international community fisheries issues aggravated by climate change through mutual sharing of experiences, information and understanding towards policy formulation.

Rationale

An ADB review identifies a number of factors that explain why the Southeast Asian region is vulnerable. Southeast Asia's 563 million people are concentrated along coastlines leaving them exposed to rising sea levels. At the same time, the region's heavy reliance on agriculture and fisheries for livelihoods make it vulnerable to droughts, floods, and tropical cyclones.

ADB data states that poverty in most countries in Southeast Asia is significant. Percent of population living on less than \$ 1.25 a day ranges from 21 percent (e.g. Indonesia) to as high as 52 percent (e.g. Timor-Leste). Based on the World Factbook, as of December 2007, total external debt (public + private debt) ranges from a low of 3.1 billion US\$ for Lao PDR to as high as 140 billion US\$ for Indonesia. The Philippines total external debt is 61 billion US\$.

Artisanal-small scale fisherfolk in Southeast Asia are among the most vulnerable segments of society affected by disasters brought about by global warming. Fishers should be involved in building community resilience to Climate Change and this has to be based on local knowledge and capacity. The clear and present danger to fishers and their resources are the human induced activities that degrade coastal resources and endanger food security and human security. Addressing these concerns contributes to adaptation. Of prime importance is access to information and dialogue with like minded CSOs, NGOs, political supporters and negotiators. Thus, Tambuyog is organizing this forum, symposium for the benefit of small scale fishers.

Expected result

Statement which would be agreed upon during the symposium would feed into the Declaration being organized by KlimaForum09 (Annex A).

Forum / Symposium: **December 11**

Time: 1300 – 1730 H

Venue: Nyborggade 4, DK2100 Kobenhavn 0



Press Conference: **December 11** to be confirmed
 Time: 1000 – 1200
 Venue: DGI-BYEN (KlimaForum09)

Programme

Time	Topic	Speaker Organization	email / web
1300 – 1320	Registration / Opening Remarks	Dinna Umengan Deputy Executive Director <i>Tambuyog Development Center</i>	dinna@tambuyog.org
SCIENCE SESSION			
1320 – 1350	Climate Change: Challenges Facing Fisheries and Aquaculture	Dr. Marie-Caroline Badjeck Post-Doctoral Fellow - Fisheries and Climate Change <i>WorldFish Centre</i>	M.Badjeck@cgiar.org www.worldfishcentre.org
1350 – 1420	Effect of Climate Change on the Probability of Conservation	Urs Steiner Brandt Associate Professor, <i>Dept. of Environmental & Business Economic, University of Southern Denmark</i>	usb@sam.sdu.dk http://www.sdu.dk/ansat/usb.a_spx
1420 – 1440	Open Forum		
1440 – 1500	Snacks / Coffee / Tea Break		
SEAFish for Justice Network Session			
1500 – 1520	Climate Debt	Milo Tanchuling <i>Freedom from Debt Coalition (Philippines)</i>	mntanchuling@yahoo.com
1520 – 1540	Coastal Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Agenda	Pablo Rosales / Ruperto Aleroza <i>Kilusang Mangingisda (Philippines)</i>	pangisdapilipinas@yahoo.com
1540 – 1600	Indonesian Adaptation Strategies	Riza Damanik <i>KIARA (Indonesia)</i>	mriza_damanik@yahoo.com
1600 – 1620	Vietnam Adaptation Strategies	Ho Thi Yen Thu <i>MCD (Vietnam)</i>	thu@mcdvietnam.org
1620 – 1640	Statement Formulation “Symposium on Fisheries, Fishers Rights & Climate Change”	Ephraim Patrick Batungbacal <i>Tambuyog Development Center</i>	sonny@tambuyog.org www.tambuyog.org
1640 – 1700	Open Forum / Closing		

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Annex A. *Proposal for structure of the declaration – 2nd edition*

Preliminary title: System change – not climate change

1: People are rising to the threat of climate change

In this introductory paragraph examples will be given of environmental- and climate struggles that are unfolding worldwide.

2: The problems of climate change

A short status on the climate change problems and its connection to various other environmental problems (depletion of water resources and other resources; pollution; rise in sea level; deforestation; loss of habitats; decrease in bio diversity etc.)

3: The causes of climate change

In this chapter a nuanced criticism of the systemic causes behind the climate crisis and the broader ecological crisis will be presented. This includes the mastery of nature paradigm and its connection with the growth paradigm; globalization; the motive of profit and the accumulation of capital. This also includes the North-South problematic, the ecological debt and climate Justice issue. Furthermore this chapter will criticize false solutions, including the quota-trading regime. Finally the COP15 agenda will be addressed.

4: Sustainable transition

An argumentation of the necessity of a fundamental paradigm shift should be presented through a description of sustainable transition. A characterization of production and consumption within the ecological scope; focusing on local life circles, decentralization, de-growth, reorganization of agriculture, fishery, transport and industry to sustainable systems based on renewable energy, fewer working hours, changed habits of consumption and real democracy.

5: The roads to transition

Examples of how to accomplish this transition immediately should be given. This includes characterization of reform processes of the political system.

6: Building a global movement of movements

Concluding the declaration with a call for mobilization describing how different movements, networks and organizations together can create a global movement of movements that is able to trigger the necessary changes of agendas and enforce real changes.