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Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)

**The role of aquaculture farmers' organizations in the GFCM area
Pre-meeting to the GFCM Aquaculture Multi-stakeholder Platform
(AMShP) event**

Izmir, Turkey, 11 December 2013

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2013

Morning, 09:00–13:00 hours

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Opening and presentation of the meeting
- Introduction of farmers' organizations and participants
- Background information on the forthcoming GFCM Aquaculture Multi-Stakeholder Platform (AMShP)
- Adoption of the agenda and nomination of chairpersons

2. Current state of aquaculture farmers' organizations in the GFCM area

- Preliminary results of the survey on aquaculture farmers' organizations and assessment of the current situation of farmers' organizations in GFCM member countries
- Presentation of farmers' organizations/unions
- Challenges/opportunities: local level farmers' organizations
- Challenges/opportunities: input supply; market supply; collective actions

Discussion

3. Enhancing dialogue among aquaculture farmers' organizations

- Empowering aquaculture farmers' organizations in the GFCM area: a call for dialogue
- Discussion and identification of tools to enhance and facilitate dialogue among aquaculture farmers' organizations in the Mediterranean and Black Sea

Discussion

LUNCH
Afternoon, 14:30–18:00 hours

4. An enabling environment for functional aquaculture farmers' organizations

- Enabling institutional environment/well-designed legislation
- Support by the public sector
- Funding/financial sustainability to fulfill the foreseen functions
- Promoting membership, commitment and involvement
- Management and collective actions
- Cooperation between farmers and free competition safeguard

Discussion

5. Establishment of the GFCM Aquaculture Multi-Stakeholder Platform

- Possible roles, functions and cooperation of aquaculture farmers' organizations with and within the GFCM Aquaculture Multi-Stakeholder Platform

Discussion

6. Conclusions

7. Closure of the meeting