

## Side Event 1

**Title:** Improving sustainability of seafood production and trade: opportunities and challenges

**Organizers:** GTZ and FAO

**Time and Venue:** 1800 – 2000 - 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Ballroom 1

Global seafood trade is increasing and expanding. The responsibility providing safe seafood produced in a sustainable and equitable manner to end consumer is a challenge to all involved. Stakeholders from developing and emerging economies are thus demanding practical instruments for fair, transparent and responsible farming practices. The Side Event 1 will bring producers, processors, traders and consumers together to discuss opportunities and challenges for improving sustainability, responsibility, equity and viability of seafood production and trade. The Event will also provide a forum for discussing the challenges, experiences and lessons learnt with regards to the development of standards for responsible aquaculture.

**Moderation:** Dr. Mark Prein (GTZ)

**1800 – 1815** (15 minutes)

Welcome remarks/ the ongoing process for developing guidelines on aquaculture certification:  
*Dr. Rohana Subasinghen (FAO)*

**1815 – 1830** (15 minutes)

Background presentation: Drivers of certification and their specific interest and incentives: *Dr. Mark Prein (GTZ)*

**1830 – 1845** (15 minutes)

Case study: Organic Aquaculture in Thailand: *Dr. Lila Ruangpan (GTZ Consultant)*

**1845 – 1900** (15 minutes)

The perspective of buyers/retailers and the consumer: Challenges and opportunities for small-scale farmers. *Dr. Dominique Gautier (Aqua Star)*

**1900– 1955** (55 minutes)

Plenary Discussion: How to develop a benchmarking framework for internationally accepted certification schemes for sustainable aquaculture

**1955 – 2000** (5 minutes)

Wrap-up and closing remarks (*FAO*)