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## Join us for the aquaculture event of the decade

In 1976, FAO held the first ever global conference on aquaculture, the Kyoto Conference, which triggered the recognition of aquaculture as a significant food production sector and explored opportunities for aquaculture development. In 2000, the Global Conference on Aquaculture in the Third Millennium explored the sector's progress and trajectory as it continued to emerge amid the stagnation of wild capture fisheries.

Today, **aquaculture contributes around 50% of global food fish supplies** and is poised to become our main source of fisheries products. The 'future of fishing' has arrived, bringing a whole new world of opportunities and challenges with it.

FAO in partnership with NACA and the Thai Department of Fisheries, are organising the next conference in this series, the *Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010*, to evaluate where the sector stands today and prepare for the challenges ahead. The objectives of the conference are to:

- Review the present status and trends in aquaculture development.
- Evaluate the progress made in the implementation of the 2000 Bangkok Declaration and Strategy.
- Address emerging issues in aquaculture development.
- Assess opportunities and challenges for future aquaculture development.
- Build consensus on advancing aquaculture as a global, sustainable and competitive food production sector.
- Provide a global forum to build consensus to advance sustainable aquaculture development and contribute to the Millennium Development Goals.

The conference will consist of plenary lectures together with six regional reviews and one global synthesis, which will set the scene for six thematic sessions and associated expert panel discussions on key aspects of aquaculture development in the coming decades. For details of the programme, registration and accommodation, please visit the conference website at the link below:

<http://www.aqua-conference2010.org>

The conference will be held from 22-25 September at the Movenpick Resort and Spa, Karon Beach, Phuket, a truly beautiful location. Join us and have your say on the future of aquaculture development. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Simon Wilkinson*