

Process

Conference Secretariat
International Organizing Committee
International Programme Committee
Local Organizing Committee
Consensus and Strategy Drafting Committee

Conference Programme Format

Plenary Keynote Presentations
Plenary Guest Lectures
Poster Session

Two Parallel Sessions covering:

- Regional reviews of aquaculture status and trends
- Global synthesis of aquaculture development and prospects
- Thematic Reviews

Introductory plenary keynote presentations will provide a scenario of the state and prospects of aquaculture and requirements for its development.

Plenary guest lectures will address salient issues on aquaculture, its relevance in the context of globalization and other developments.

Two parallel sessions will present thematic reviews followed by a panel of expert discussion, develop conclusions and recommendations.

Concluding plenary session will present a draft consensus and strategy document for discussion and adoption, in principle.



Call for support

Interested parties/individuals are encouraged to support this global conference through sponsorships; participation through self-funding or institutional-funding mechanisms, particularly funding by donors and development agencies for promoting participation from developing countries; through individual expert and/or corporate contribution to the preparation of aquaculture status and prospect reviews and thematic reviews; and through other appropriate funding support.



Further information

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010

9-12 June 2010
Bangkok, Thailand



*the emerging
and the fastest growing
food producing sector*

Background

Aquaculture provides nearly 50 percent of fish consumed globally; creates more than five million livelihood opportunities worldwide; and increasingly contributes to global food fish supplies and to alleviation of malnutrition, hunger and poverty, especially in developing countries.

To maintain the current global per capita fish consumption of 16.7 kg/year, aquaculture will be required to produce more than 78 million tonnes by 2030, i.e., 20 years from now, aquaculture will need to produce 27 million tonnes of more fish than the current annual production.

The sector needs to continue its fast growth to sustain the projected demand for aquatic food, whilst ensuring environmental integrity and social responsibility. Emerging issues and other challenges will need to be addressed in a timely manner along the development paths as well in order for the industry to fully utilize its potential and contribute to the Millennium Development Goals.

In 1976, FAO organized the first ever global conference on aquaculture in Kyoto, Japan. The **1976 Kyoto Conference** explored a variety of opportunities for aquaculture development, including technology, science, networking, and manpower and institutional strengthening. It triggered the recognition of aquaculture into higher prominence.

Almost 25 years later, in 2000, the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA) and FAO along with the Thailand Department of Fisheries organized the "Conference on Aquaculture in the Third Millennium", in Bangkok, Thailand. The **2000 Bangkok Millennium Conference** reflected on the 25 years of aquaculture development



globally, and examined the role of aquaculture and its likely role in the overall development context. The Conference resulted in a global consensus, "**The Bangkok Declaration and Strategy for Aquaculture Development**" (Bangkok Declaration), which provided the much needed technical and political vision and guidance for sustainable development of the sector.

A decade after the Bangkok Millennium Conference, it is now timely to evaluate where the sector stands today, how far it had travelled since 2000, and what challenges and opportunities are encountered by the various stakeholders and to consider collectively the common quest for its continued sustainable development.

Cognizant of the guidance from the 1995 FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the 1996 FAO World Food Summit and the above in mind, FAO, NACA and the Thailand Department of Fisheries endeavour to hold the "**Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010**". The Conference will be held from 9 to 12 June 2010 and back-to-back with the 5th Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries, Sub-Committee on Aquaculture. The latter, which will also be hosted by the Royal Thai Government, will be held just after the Conference, from 14 to 18 June 2010. This



arrangement will enable a wider participation of key policy decision makers in aquaculture development and management.



With a broad-based participation and a wide-ranging involvement of stakeholders that this conference and the events leading up to it have provided in its development, a final outcome of the conference - the Consensus and Strategy document - will provide critical guidance for all with an interest in aquaculture – planners, investors, donors, technical assistance agencies, producers, civic organizations, community advocacy groups, and consumers – in their common efforts to attain the envisioned state of sustainable aquaculture development.

Purpose

- review the present status and trends in aquaculture development including an evaluation of the successes and limitations in implementing the Bangkok Declaration and Strategy;
- identify and address emerging issues in aquaculture development;
- assess opportunities and challenges for future aquaculture development; and
- build consensus on the way forward to advance the agenda of aquaculture as a global, sustainable and a competitive sector.

Participation

Stakeholders interested in aquaculture development and management including the public sector, private industry, academia, development partners, civil society, etc. are cordially invited to participate in this important global conference.