

Invitation to lunch seminar

The EU fisheries agreements and Policy Coherence for Development – *Can EU fisheries agreements be fair and sustainable?*

**European Parliament, room ASP 5G3
12:30 – 15:00, February 29, 2012**

EU fisheries agreements with developing countries have long been criticised for environmental and developmental reasons. But some say that it would be worse for the environment and for local communities if the agreements were abandoned. A revision of the fisheries agreements is currently taking place as a part of the reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy.

At this seminar, leading experts from Europe and Africa, with different perspectives on the fisheries agreements, will present their views on the conditions which may render the agreements fair and sustainable. Organiser and moderator is MEP Isabella Lövin (Greens, Sweden), rapporteur in the Fisheries Committee of the so-called External Dimension of the CFP, which includes fisheries agreements.

12:30 Start of lunch buffet in front of the room

13:00 Welcome and introduction **Isabella Lövin**

13:10 European Commission proposal for new fisheries agreements **Stefaan Depypere**
Director of International Affairs and Markets, *EC Directorate for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*.

13:20 What makes fisheries agreements fair and sustainable? **Béatrice Gorez**
Coordinator of *Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements*, a network of development and environment NGOs supporting sustainable small scale fisheries in developing countries.

13:30 Transparency & accountability in agreements with Mauretania **Nedwa Moctar Nech**
Coordinator for *Mauretanie 2000*, an organisation for women in the fish processing industry in Mauretania, also active in the Mauritanian NGO "*Publish what you pay!*"

13:40 The EU fishing industry's interest in fisheries agreements **Julio Morón**
Managing Director of *OPAGAC*, a Spanish tuna fishers association.

Debate

Interpretation in EN, ES and FR. Lunch sandwiches will be provided.
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