



CONGRESS PROGRAM

5TH WORLD SSF CONGRESS

April 27-May 1, 2026
Dusit Thani Hua Hin, Thailand



SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES FOR ADVANCING...

JUST HARMONY

YOUNG FUTURES

REGENERATIVE WISDOM





DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

08:00 - 08:45

Registration

08:45 - 10:15

Welcome and opening

Opening & welcome

Congress overview

Ratana Chuenpagdee

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Plenary session 1: Regenerative Wisdom

Synopsis:

The plenary explores and grounds the concept of regenerative wisdom in the concrete experiences of researchers and practitioners working at the intersection of small-scale fisheries, food systems, and environmental governance. It aims to surface and examine the structural, institutional, and political barriers that currently prevent fishers and fish worker knowledge from being meaningfully integrated into governance frameworks at local, national, and international levels. In the spirit of the Congress, it aspires to be a source of hope and inspiration – drawing on real and inspiring examples of regenerative wisdom in action to motivate reflection and collective action among all the congress attendees. The panel is designed to be dialogic rather than presentational: a meaningful conversation across disciplines, sectors, and geographies that sets an ambitious and inclusive tone for the Congress as a whole.

Chairs:

Miguel Gonzalez & Derek Johnson

Panelists:

- William Cheung
- Editrudith Lukanga
- Amalendu Jyotishi

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (1)

Session 1.1: Governing for transformation towards sustainable small-scale fisheries

Room:

Organizer:

- Nicole Franz

Speakers:

- Fikret Berkes
- Prateep Nayak
- Merle Sowman
- Nicole Franz
- Anthony Charles
- Xavier Basurto

Session 1.2: Pathways towards urban blue justice

Room:

Organizer:

- Ruth Pinto

Speakers:

- Andrew Maki
- Rende Paul Kunnu
- Gabriela Leandro Pereira
- Ana Cristina Da Silva Caminha
- Ansumana Tarawally
- Kadiatu Kargbo

Session 1.3: The Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines are also for the Global North!: The role of Japan in the world

Room:

Organizers:

- Yinji Li & Kate Barclay

Speakers:

- Yinji Li
 - Hajime Oshima
 - Tamano Namikawa
 - Maya Takimoto
 - Masanori Kobayashi
 - Minoru Tamura
- Kate Barclay

Session 1.4: Ecosystem-based, adaptive and co-management

Room:

Chair:

- Alida Bundy

Speakers:

- Arlin Gabriela Ramos Rodriguez
- Richard Gregory
- Pavarot Noranarttragoon
- Ayiswarya S Varghese
- Thaung Htut
- Alida Bundy

Session 1.5: Trade, market and value chain

Room:

Chair:

- Thierry Razanakoto

Speakers:

- Liz Drury O'Neill
- Marta C. Calosso
- Felix Burgos
- Kofi Otumawu-Apreku
- Thea Marie Segurigan
- Tony Fang

Session 1.6: Fisheries assessment, community-based monitoring & other tools

Room:

Chair:

- Gazi Md. Nurul Islam

Speakers:

- Tyler Eddy
- Judith Morales
- Luisa Forbes
- Peyton Moore
- Chelsey Karbowski
- Marianna Cavallo

15:00 - 15:30

Break

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (2)

Session 2.1: National Plans of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries (NPOA-SSF) to support the implementation of SSF Guidelines

Room:

Chairs:

- Angela Lentisco & Rishi Sharma

Speakers:

- Lena Westlund
- Lubyayi Margaret Nakato
- Krishnan Pandian
- Gavina Tumbaga
- Hadija Malibiche
- Lilian Ibengwe
- Benjamin Bety Campion

Session 2.4: Women & gender in small-scale fisheries: Lessons from around the world

Room:

Chair:

- Jariya Sornkliang

Speakers:

- Ayojesutomi Abiodun-Solanke
- Marvee Anne Ramos
- Donna Valida
- Sui Phang
- Vanessa Jaiteh
- Laraswati Clarita Ola
- Dina Muthmainnah
- Jariya Sornkliang

Session 2.2: Fisheries sustainability: Multiple approaches & perspectives

Room:

Chair:

- Ruyel Miah

Speakers:

- Jeniffer Ojwang'
- Su Maung
- Nilmawati
- Widhya Nugroho Satrioajie
- Abdullah-Al Mamun
- Marcia Moreno-Baez
- Adriana Santos Martínez
- Worawit Wanchana

Session 2.5.1: A decade of collaboration to strengthen the small-scale fisheries organizations in Mexico [15:30-16:30]

Room:

Chair:

- Xavier Basurto

Speakers:

- Bibiana Ruiz
- Mateja Nenanovic
- José Luis Carrillo Galaz
- Amy Hudson Weaver

Session 2.5.2: Waves of change: Harnessing the power of youth in building sustainable futures for small-scale fisheries in the Global South [16:30-17:30]

Room:

Chair/Discussant:

- Haripriya E

Speakers:

- Tanmay Wagh
- Ebziba Buella
- Ahmad Furqon
- Kumar Sahayaraju

Session 2.3: A matter of justice: Rights, law & politics in small-scale fisheries governance

Room:

Chair:

- Suvaluck Satumanatpan

Speakers:

- Queenette Nwariaku
- Gemma Rita Marin
- Miguel Andreu-Cazenave
- Ying-ching Wu
- Carlos Silva Zambrano
- Alayna Ynacay-Nye
- Nathan Bennett
- Linda Wood

Session 2.6: Renewing the vision of small-scale fisheries in Latin America and the Caribbean: Socio-environmental and economic contributions

Room:

Organizers:

- Silvia Salas & María José Barragán Paladines

Speakers:

- Silvia Salas
- Alesa Flores Guzman
- César Viteri Mejía
- Sarah Oliveira
- Lina María Saavedra Díaz
- Ingrid Machado
- Minerva Arce-Ibarra

18:00 - 21:00

Welcome reception



DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

08:45 - 10:15

Plenary session 2: Young Futures

Synopsis:

There's no denying that young people are the future, but for the most part, they have been mostly left out of the conversation about what they want the future to look like. It is not clear, for instance, the extent to which 'youth voices' are incorporated in the 'Future We Want' document, which was the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012, and which led to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) being promoted nowadays. One can argue that concerns about youth are being addressed in all goals, given that pursuing these goals would no doubt benefit not only the current but also future generations. Yet, one may wonder what the 'future' may look like if youth were the ones crafting it. The Young Futures theme explores youth thoughts and ideas about the future of the ocean, the fisheries, the coast, the communities and the society that they are part of. The future of fisheries according to youth is likely to be different from the present one.

Chairs:

Evan Andrews & Prateep Nayak

Panelists:

- All the Young Futures!

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Plenary session 3: Just Harmony

Synopsis:

TBTI community has long argued that small-scale fisheries can contribute to several SDGs, including SDG 16: "Peace, Justice and Strong Institution". Now is the time to provide evidence, looking especially at how small-scale fisheries can help address tension, resolve conflicts, and bring harmony to coastal and ocean space. Small-scale fisheries make important contribution to the society, but it is not always possible for them to co-exist with other ocean users, given the existing policies and regulations. Just Harmony emphasizes the need to look at equity and justice as key principles for fisheries governance. Harmony should not be thought of as reaching agreement or consensus at any cause. Rather, it is about being respectful of each other, and of the differences, and working together to sort out how to deal with the 'best' option that does not seem to be 'just', at least not from the perspective of small-scale fisheries.

Chairs:

Milena Arias Schreiber & Silvia Salas

Panelists:

- Kate Barclay
- Alice Ferrer
- Brennan Lowery

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (3)

Session 3.1: Mapping the regenerative wisdom of small-scale fisheries through the lenses of small and dried fish (Part 1)

Room:

Organizers:

- Derek Johnson & Anas Khan

Speakers:

- Derek Johnson
- Kyoko Kusakabe
- Dilanthi Koralagama
- Wae Win Khaing
- Mohammad Anas Shoebullah Khan
- Amalendu Jyotishi

Session 3.2: Critical discourse in small-scale fisheries: literacy, perception & worldview

Room:

Chair:

- Jose Miguel Gonzalez Perez

Speakers:

- Iramaia De Santana
- Tannaz Alizadeh Ashrafi
- Rodrigo de Freitas
- Nicholas McClean
- Solmundur Palsson
- Jose Miguel Gonzalez Perez

Session 3.3: Temporary closures

Room:

Organizer:

- Anastasia Qunitana

Speakers:

- Anastasia Qunitana
- Erendira Aceves Bueno
- Bonnie Basnett
- Emilie Lindkvist
- Jean Wencélius
- Amy Hudson Weaver *[short talk]*

Discussant:

- Marguerite Tiarui
- Alesa Flores

Session 3.4: Transformation for sustainable small-scale fisheries

Room:

Chair:

- Evan Andrews

Speakers:

- Hannah Gilchrist
- Mahaboob Khan
- Miguel Ángel Ojeda Ruiz de la Peña
- Brice Trouillet & Nicolas Rollo
- Mark Nicholson
- Evan Andrews

Session 3.5: Enhancing food sovereignty and nutritional security

Room:

Chair:

- Richard Nyiaung

Speakers:

- John AB Claydon
- Quinn Mitsuko Parker
- Shreya Yadav
- Lydia Omeara
- Alex Tilley
- Richard Nyiaung

Session 3.6: The contribution of small-scale fisheries to the Sustainable Development Goals

Room:

Organizers:

- Rachel Bitoun & Nicole Franz

Speakers:

- Rachel Bitoun
- Thierry Razanakoto
- Gretchen Stokes
- Marc Leopold
- Nicholas Gutierrez
- Ruyel Miah

15:00 - 15:30

Break

DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (4)

Session 4.1: Advancing small-scale fisheries sustainability through governance and ecosystem approaches: Lessons from the Gulf of Thailand and Bay of Bengal

Room:

Organizers:

- Angela Lentisco & Worawit Wanchana

Speakers:

- Pavarot Noranarttragoon
- BOBLME
- Krishnan Pandian
- SFP
- BOBLME-II countries
- Lim Ai Giak
- IUCN
- BOBLME-II Representatives
- Panitnard Weerawat/Suwanee Sayan

Session 4.2: Coping with change in small-scale fisheries through innovative lens

Room:

Chair:

- Emi Koch

Speakers:

- Tom Gammage
- Eric Duku
- Arroyan Suwarno & Alief Dharmawan
- Ting-Chun Kuo
- Joela Mizchelle Dacillo
- Juan Carlos Jeri
- Yin Htay, Su Su Maw & Phyto Min
- John Keane

Session 4.3: Inland fisheries are too important to fail

Room:

Chair:

- Joseph Luomba

Speakers:

- Ryuju Okada
- Paula Maria Castro-Campanha
- Almudena Canovas Molina
- Anastazia Bikuba
- Kamonchanok Ninkhong
- Natasa Vaidianu
- Thanawan Chairoek
- Joseph Luomba

Session 4.4: Adapting to change: Resilience and transformation of fisheries communities facing multiple threats

Room:

Organizers:

- Katia Frangoudes & Alyne Delaney

Speakers:

- Alyne Delaney
- Kumi Soejima
- Alizée de Bollardièrre
- Sunae Lee
- Katia Frangoudes
- Jun Akama
- Moe Tada
- Miku Narisawa

Session 4.5: Short presentations on various aspects of small-scale fisheries

Room:

Chair:

- Sansanee Wangvorlak

Speakers:

- Jem Celyne Ferrer
- Md Faisal Imran
- Maila Pan
- Anabelle Dece Espadero
- Jovy Fluer Elpos
- Marguerite Taiarui
- Luis Silva Caparro
- Ayojesutomi Abiodun-Solanke
- Rattana Tiaye
- Sansanee Wangvorlak

Session 4.6: Governance literacy: Advanced theory and applications of interactive governance

Room:

Organizers:

- Ratana Chuenpagdee & Svein Jentoft

Speakers:

- Svein Jentoft
- Suvaluck Satumanatpan
- Pearl Aljean Santacera
- Jewel Das
- Ranju Ghimire
- Milena Arias Schreiber
- Brennan Lowery

Discussants:

- Md. Ruyel Miah
- Anas Khan
- Jaime Ramón Bruquetas
- Evan Andrews



DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

8:45 - 10:15

Concurrent session (5)

Session 5.1: Mapping the regenerative wisdom of small-scale fisheries through the lenses of small and dried fish (Part 2)

Room:

Chair:

- Maarten Bavinck

Speakers:

- Matthew Pflaum
- Paul van Zwieten
- Jeppe Kolding
- Abhilasha Sharma
- Ragnhild Overå
- Sonal Sethia

Session 5.4: Small-scale fisheries in the era of Blue Economy & climate change

Room:

Chair:

- Jewel Das

Speakers:

- Beatriz Ferreira
- Rocio López de la Lama
- Maria Letizia Petesse
- Jessica Blythe
- Cynthia Mcdougall
- Tarique Faiyaz

Session 5.2: Fishing communities at the edge: Rethinking the Blue Economy from the shoreline

Room:

Organizers:

- Jose Pascual, Cristina Pita & Jaime Ramón Bruquetas

Speakers:

- Jose J. Pascual Fernández
- Cristina Pita
- Jaime Ramón Bruquetas
- Dražen Cepić
- Katina Roumbedakis

Session 5.5: Decolonizing small-scale fisheries: Power, knowledge, and governance across scales

Room:

Organizer:

- Shanta Soheli Moyna

Speakers:

- Enamul Mazid Khan Siddique
- Deepa Joshi
- Sushmita Mandal
- Shanta Soheli Moyna
- Md Mokhlesur Rahman Chowdhury
- Santanu Chakraborty

Session 5.3: Supporting inclusive governance in small-scale fisheries through action research

Room:

Organizers:

- Marc Leopold & Thierry Razanakoto

Speakers:

- Jennifer Beckensteiner
- Deutz Zafimamatrapehy
- Nina Razafimalala
- Duolah Fanambinantsoa
- Andrinirina Jovial Mbonny

Session 5.6: How can vulnerability to viability (V2V) transitions approach help achieve sustainable fisheries in Africa and Asia? (Part 1)

Room:

Organizer:

- Prateep Nayak

Speakers:

- Yama Khady Sarr
- Samiya Ahmed Selim
- Evans Kwasi Arizi
- Jenia Mukherjee
- Indah Susilowati
- Gazi Md Nurul Islam

10:15 - 10:45

Break

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

10:45 - 12:15

Concurrent session (6)

Session 6.1: Small but powerful: Harnessing the diversity of small-scale fisheries to solve sustainability challenges at the food-climate-biodiversity nexus

Room:

Organizers:

- William Cheung & U. Rashid Sumaila

Speakers:

- William Cheung
- U. Rashid Sumaila
- Alfred Paarlberg
- Olusola O. Ogunfeitimi
- Kaylie Jones
- Vinolia Pitris Pawar
- Folalu Awe

Session 6.2: Conservation that works for small-scale fisheries

Room:

Chair:

- María José Barragán Paladines

Speakers:

- JD Reigrut
- Naw May Lay Thant
- Min Khant San
- Patricia Sangiorgi Monroy
- Maria del Carmen Patricia Morales
- Carolina Paez

Session 6.3: Transparency for small-scale fisheries: Principles for open, fair and inclusive governance

Room:

Organizers:

- Charles Kilgour & Paul Tuda

Speakers:

- Charles Kilgour
- Abdou Karim Sall
- Yesenia Chumbe
- Norman Barnabas
- Paul Tuda
- Shuhei Uematsu

Session 6.4: Protecting people, fish and food through social protection: lessons from Zanzibar, Bangladesh and Tunisia

Room:

Organizer:

- Annabelle Bladon

Speakers:

- Annabelle Bladon
- Ramphueng Tisa
- Julius Francis
- Yassine Ben Afra

Discussants:

- Samiya Salim
- Eddie Allison

Session 6.5: Small-scale fisheries in the global context

Room:

Chair:

- Brennan Lowery

Speakers:

- Melissa Cronin
- Editrudith Lukanga
- Sieglind Wallner-Hahn
- Whitney Friedman
- Meghana Karumuri
- Rishi Sharma

Session 6.6: How can vulnerability to viability (V2V) transitions approach help achieve sustainable fisheries in Africa and Asia? (Part 2)

Room:

Organizer:

- Prateep Nayak

Speakers:

- Shehu L. Akintola
- Aliou Sall
- Mahmud Islam

Short presentations:

- Yinji Li
- Julius F. Woiso
- Suvaluck Satumanatpan

Discussant:

- Fikret Berkes

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

13:30 - 15:00

Plenary session 4: A policy forum

Chairs:

Katia Frangoudes & Jose Pascaul
Fernandez

Panelists:

- Lilian Ibengwe
- Lubyayi Margaret Nakato
- Denis Bailly
- María José Barragán Paladines

15:00 - 15:30

Break

15:30 - 17:30

Science Cafe

#1: Governing the ocean together: From local management measures to legal recognition in the SWIO

Hosts: Maíra Ferreira Valladares Soares, Edson
José & James Antilahy

#2: Capacity-building of small-scale fisher organizations – perspectives from International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)

Hosts: Maarten Bavinck, Beatriz Mesquita, José
Pascual-Fernández, Lina M. Saavedra-Díaz

#3: Integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge and science for rights-based fisheries governance in Palau, Indonesia, and the Philippines

Hosts: Kevin Mesebeluu, Raymond Jakub & Jam
Tabing

#4: How well does fisheries legislation address small-scale fisheries issues?

Come and find out!

Hosts: Julia Nakamura & Ana Suarez Dussan

#5: The crucial nexus of access and stewardship in small-scale fisheries

Hosts: Anthony Charles & Lena Westlund

#6: Preferential access for small-scale fishers

Hosts: Sonia Sharan, Roberto Ballon & Marita
Rodriguez

#7: Navigating the future: Early-career perspectives on just and sustainable small-scale fisheries

Hosts: Md. Ruyel Miah & Richard Nyiawung

#8: The SSF Curriculum: Awe-inspiring learning experiences for young "fishful" futures

Host: Emi Koch

#9: Art Cafe: Wall of life below and above water

Host: Alice Joan Ferrer

#10: Reading small-scale fisheries

Host: Svein Jentoft

#11: Visible voices, vital value: Centering African women in small-scale fisheries for a sustainable blue future

Host: Lovin Kobusingye

#12: All my relations: Exploring family resemblance for regenerative fisheries and coastal communities

Hosts: Lawrence Nditsi & Evan Andrews

#13: Empowering women in Small-Scale aquaculture and fisheries for resilient food systems

Hosts: Mashebane Thosago & Mathema Makola



DAY 4 - Thursday, April 30

08:00 - 20:00

Community Day: Visit to Bang Saphan

DAY 5 - Friday, May 1

08:45 - 10:15

TBTI Hub Presentations

Synopsis:

Presentation about TBTI hubs around the world by the coordinators, who will share their experience in establishing the hub, including the why, the how and what they have done so far.

Chair: Ratana Chuenpagdee

Bangladesh

Ecuador

Nepal

Brazil

Japan

Nigeria

Canada

Mexico

Peru

Colombia

Malaysia

Philippines

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Regional Roundtable

Africa, Asia-Oceania, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 15:00

Synthesis plenary

15:00 - 15:30

Break

15:30 - 17:00

Summary & Closing