



High Level Political Forum 2024 - Side Event

One food system – integrating terrestrial and aquatic food systems

Date: 15th of July

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 pm

Location: Conference Room B, United Nations Headquarters, New York

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We are running out of time to reach the SDGs. It is particularly critical for SDG2 on zero hunger and SDG 14 on life below water. In order to reach all 17 SDGs, it is crucial that we enhance our systems thinking, efficiently translate science into policy and promote and showcase good practices. Despite their importance to sustainable food systems and food security, aquatic foods are often overlooked in food and nutrition policies. To create sustainable food systems, both aquatic and terrestrial food resources should be integrated and considered. This side event will showcase the importance of coordinated efforts and circular approaches to achieve sustainable food systems, and how aquaculture may be key to bridging these resources, increasing resilience to global and local challenges within food and feed systems. The event will bring together a diverse group of panelists, including young and local voices alongside high level policy makers, scientists, and key UN-agencies, to explore possible solutions and discuss how to scale them. Ranging from the macro level associated with commodities to micro level embedded within local communities – the event will offer diverse perspectives and bridge science and policy. The event seeks to identify actionable steps necessary to accelerate the transition towards sustainable food systems integrating aquatic and terrestrial resources.

1.15 pm		Opening session	
Welcome and introduction		Anita Utheim Iversen – Head of Global Action Network & Specialist Director, Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries	
High level opening remarks		<p>Carlos Mello – Special Adviser to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Brazilian Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture</p> <p>Bjørg Sandkjær – Deputy Minister for International Development, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Alvaro Lario – President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p>	
1.30 pm		Part One: Walking the talk	
		Showcasing possible solutions both at community and commodity levels, with Q&A	
		Moderated by Anita Utheim Iversen	
Empowering Aquaculture: Recirculating Aquaculture Systems - Solutions and Knowledge Kenya		Katrine Soma – Senior Scientist, Wageningen University and Research, the Netherlands	
Reusing Aquaculture Waste: Transforming Sludge into Sustainable Resources		Nina Liland – Head of Feed and Nutrition Research Group, Institute of Marine Research, Norway	
The Multiple Benefits of Mussel Farming		Felipe Matarazzo Suplicy – Researcher, Agricultural Research and Rural Extension Company of Santa Catarina – EPAGRI, Brazil	
Empowering Youth in Aquaculture: Supporting Local Spirulina Growers for Sustainable Feed Solutions		Benson Peywa Odinga – Young Voice, Intern at Nasio Trust & Student at Maseno University, Kenya	
2.00 pm		Part Two: Barriers and opportunities	
		Discussing why scaling sustainable solutions is lagging behind and how this is addressed in practice, with Q&A	
		Moderated by Bjørg Sandkjær	
3 min key message from all panellists:		Bjørg Sandkjær – Deputy Minister, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
We have committed ourselves to end poverty and hunger, to ensure food security, healthy lives and wellbeing, to reduce food loss and waste, to take climate action, to protect life below water, life on land and more. Aquaculture may be an important key to achieving many of these goals.		Carlos Mello – Special advisor to the Brazilian Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture	
What are the most critical steps to promote holistic food systems thinking, integrating aquatic and terrestrial resources?		Sanda Ojiambo – Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Global Compact	
How can we move forward to scale up the good solutions, ensuring that the right actions are taken, to reach our common goals?		Guangzhou Qu – Director, FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations in New York	
How do we engage young people and leverage local community insights, and what lessons can we learn from smallholders?			
Closing remarks		Bjørg Sandkjær – Deputy Minister, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	