Event Summary

The **State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA)** is a FAO flagship report which analyses the status and trends in fisheries and aquaculture at a global and regional level. Published biennially since 1994, this acclaimed report is a critical reference for governments, policymakers, practitioners, academics and civil society organizations as it provides the latest available data and information aimed at advancing the sustainable development of the sector, and increasing its contribution to global food security, nutrition and livelihoods. The SOFIA report also informs on the status of global stocks, which is vital for the monitoring of SDG 14.4.

The launch of SOFIA 2022 will present the latest trends, development patterns and challenges faced by the sector.

FAO Director-General, QU Dongyu, will launch the report and H.E. Peter Thomson, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean, will address the event. Manuel Barange, the director of FAO’s fisheries and aquaculture division, will provide a detailed presentation on SOFIA 2022’s major findings.

A panel of experts from the private and public sectors, as well as civil society and non-governmental organizations, will discuss the report’s highlights and the challenges faced by the sector.

The discussion will be moderated by Alice Tipping, Lead of Trade and Fisheries Subsidies of the International Institute for Sustainable Development.
| Welcome and introduction | **Moderator**  
Alice Tipping  
Lead, Sustainable Trade and Fisheries Subsidies  
International Institute for Sustainable Development |
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<td><strong>SOFIA 2022: Towards Blue Transformation overview</strong></td>
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| **Welcoming remarks** | **Mr QU Dongyu**  
Director-General  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) |
| **Opening remarks** | **H.E. Abdulla Shahid**  
President  
General Assembly of the United Nations |
| **Overview of SOFIA 2022 - Towards Blue Transformation** | **Mr Manuel Barange**  
Director  
FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Division |
| **Panel discussion: The need for Blue Transformation** | **Mr. Zhang Zhanhai**  
Chief Engineer  
Ministry of Natural Resources, China  
**Ms Margaret Nakato**  
Coordinator of the Katosi Women Development Trust  
Executive director of the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF), Uganda  
**Mr Martin Exel**  
Managing Director  
SeaBOS, Sweden  
**Ms Shakuntala Thilsted**  
Global Lead of Nutrition and Public Health  
WorldFish, Malaysia |
| **Focus on:** | **The role of aquaculture in transforming food security and nutrition at global level**  
**Fisheries management/ ocean conservation**  
**Upgraded value chains with reduced fish waste and loss and increased benefits**  
**Inclusive and equitable fisheries and aquaculture value chains** |
| **Call to collective action to achieve SDG 14** | **H.E. Anne Beate Tvinneireim**  
Minister of International Development of Norway  
**H.E. Luis Planas Puchades**  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain |
| **Open discussion** | **Q&A from audience** |
| **Closing remarks** | **H.E. Peter Thomson**  
United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean |
| **Video message** | **Ms Ana Parma**  
Principal Researcher |
| Video message | **Mr Shingo Ota**  
Chairperson  
FAO Committee on Fisheries, Japan |
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