



This side event will present a brief overview of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA) including its history, main provisions and relevance to the work of regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements (RFMO/As), as well as the main outcomes of the Resumed Review Conference on UNFSA held in May 2023. An overview of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (the BBNJ Agreement) and its implications for fisheries management will also be provided.

The side event will also provide information on the capacity-building opportunities under the Project of Assistance to Strengthen Participation in and Implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA PoA).

Presentations by the speakers will be followed by a Q&A session and interactive discussion.

UNFSA, as an implementing agreement to UNCLOS, strengthens the implementation of the legal regime set out in UNCLOS for the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. It provides a framework for cooperation in the conservation and management of those resources and promotes good order in the oceans through the effective management and conservation of high seas fisheries. Effectiveness of UNFSA in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks calls for strengthened implementation of its provisions through different processes and efforts.

The Review Conference convened pursuant to Article 36 of UNFSA contributes p r o c v n a n n e n e z r o u n i n