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<b>Time</b>	23 January 2018: 10.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. (CEST) 24 January 2018: 09.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (CEST)
<b>Venue</b>	On-site meeting
<b>Hosted by</b>	<b>International Secretariat of the FiTI</b>
<b>Inputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Preparatory Paper for 3rd International Board (EN/FR)</b> [ID: FiTI_BM_03_PP]</li><li>- <b>DRAFT 2018 Workplan for the FiTI International Secretariat (EN/FR)</b> [FiTI_IS-Workplan2018_20180112]</li><li>- <b>DRAFT FiTI Global Code of Conduct (EN/FR)</b> [FiTI_CodeofConduct_20180112]</li><li>- <b>DRAFT Global Travel Policy (EN/FR)</b> [FiTI_GlobalTravelPolicy_20180112]</li></ul>

## Impressions



## Outcomes of meeting

### 1. Welcome and Administration

The Chair of the FiTI International Board, Peter EIGEN, opened the meeting by welcoming the Board Members to the third meeting of the Board.

Peter thanked the World Bank for supporting the material costs of this 3<sup>rd</sup> FiTI International Board meeting.

Apologies were noted from Ricardo BERNALES and Alexander BYRIUKOV (business stakeholder group), Mas Achmad SANTOSA (countries stakeholder group), as well as from Claire DELPEUCH (Observer) and Jean-Louis KROMER (Observer). Ricardo delegated his voting power to the FiTI Chair.

The Chair identified that a Quorum was reached<sup>1</sup> according to the Terms of Reference of the FiTI International Board. The Chair therefore confirmed that the FiTI International Board was able to make decisions during the meeting.

The Board agreed on the Agenda.

The Chair presented the status of action items identified at previous meetings:

- 1. Contact Transparencia Mexicana regarding promoting FiTI in Mexico [BM-01\_2017\_AI-01]:** The Chair reported that Transparencia Mexicana is currently focusing on other topics and sectors. This action item was therefore closed.
- 2. Reach out to participants to the Western Indian Ocean Regional Workshop to inform them about the possibility of regional funding from BADEA [BM-02\_2017\_AI-01]:** Sven BIERMANN reported that this has not taken place yet, but will be conducted after final confirmation of BADEA funding.
- 3. Share the letter of the European Commission with the FiTI International Board Members [BM-02\_2017\_AI-02]:** The letter was sent on 16 November 2017 to all Board members. This action item is therefore closed.
- 4. Provide guidance on how to promote the FiTI further with the European Commission and EU Member States [BM-02\_2017\_AI-03]:** The Chair noted that no input was received from members of the Board and asked all relevant Board members to revisit this action item.

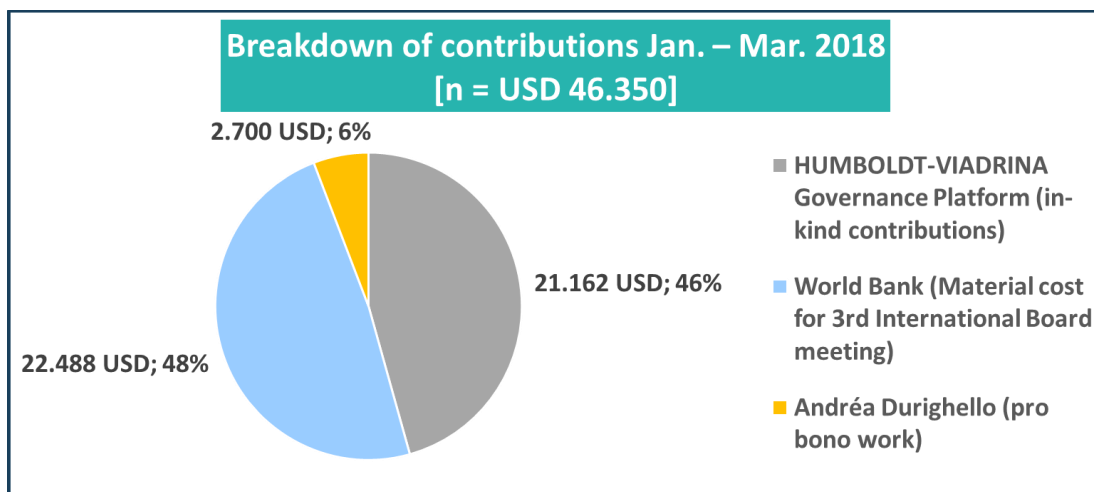
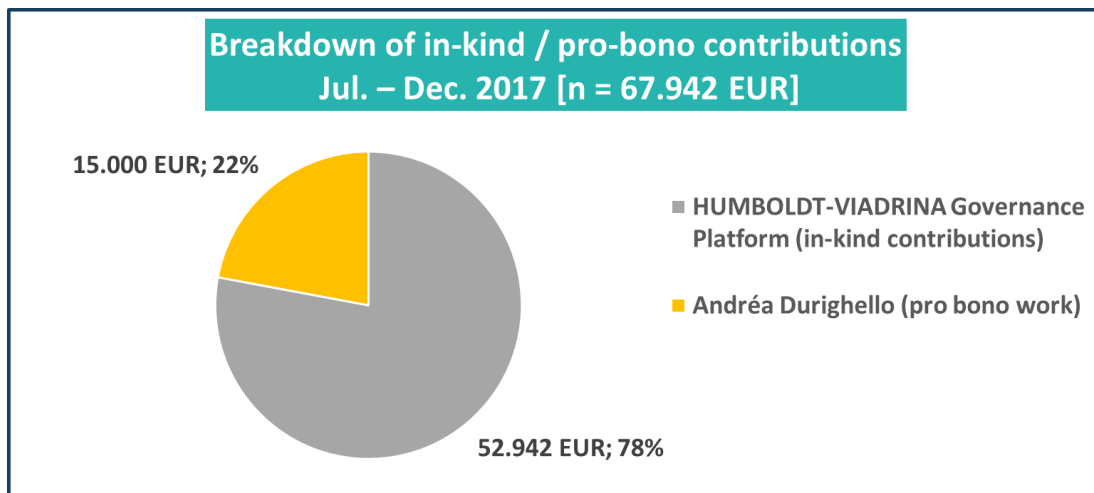
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<sup>1</sup> "At least two-thirds of the total number of Board Members, with at least two Board Members from each constituency, establish a quorum." "Terms of Reference of the FiTI International Board, para. 3

## 2. Immediate funding challenges

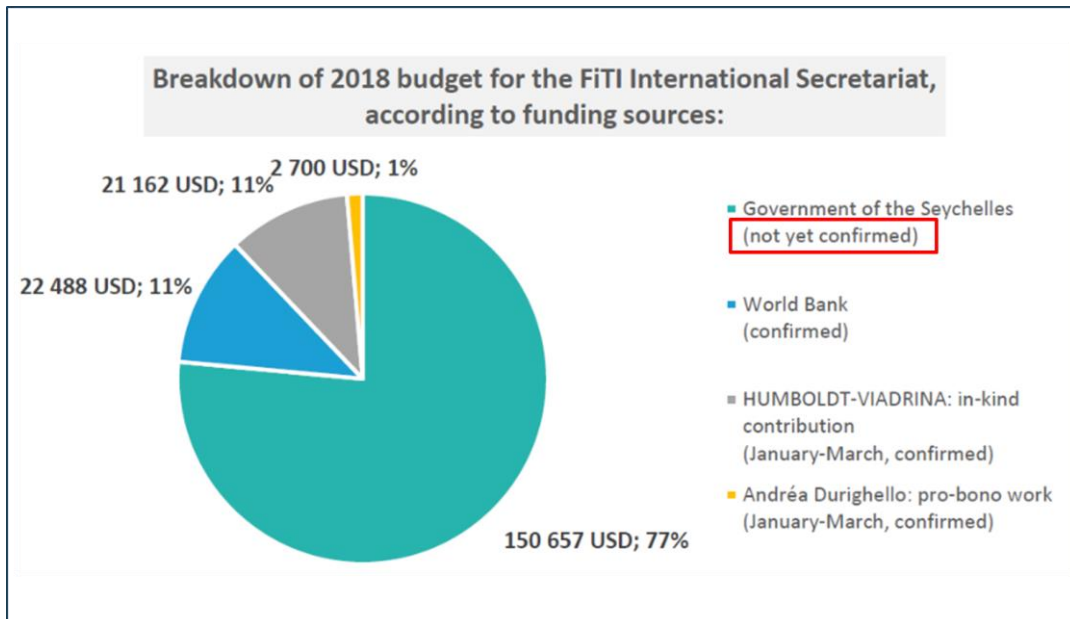
The Chair invited Sven BIERMANN, Director of the FiTI International Secretariat, to provide an overview of the current funding of the FiTI International Secretariat:

- Since July 2017, the FiTI International Secretariat has not received any financial support to cover its personnel, material and administrative costs, despite verbal commitments from a donor. The Secretariat is therefore relying primarily on in-kind contributions from the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform as well as pro-bono work.



- For 2018, a total budget for the FiTI International Secretariat of USD 197.007 was estimated. This budget mainly comprises a contribution from the Government of the Seychelles (77%). This contribution is primarily based on the Government's request for technical assistance from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) in order to conduct national FiTI-related activities as well as a contribution to the FiTI International Secretariat. This request has still not been finally approved by the BADEA's Board of Directors and will be discussed again at their next meeting, scheduled for 28 February 2018.





Sven stated that in case the Seychelles's request from BADEA is still not approved by 1 April 2018, the International Secretariat has to reduce its operations from (on average) 37 man days per month to 4 man days per month.

The Board agreed strongly on the importance and necessity of a coordinated global governance for the FiTI, including an International Board and an International Secretariat. It was however outlined that funding a Germany-based organisation (albeit not-for-profit) makes it difficult / less appealing for donors to provide financial support. The importance to relocate the International Secretariat from Germany to the Seychelles as soon as possible was therefore emphasised.

The Board discussed additional short- and long-term funding perspectives, including a call from civil society to donors, membership fees, support through PROFISH (Global Program on Fisheries) - a global Multi-Donor Trust Fund, administered by the World Bank; and International Development Association (IDA) grants. It was emphasized that the progress and successes showed by implementing countries increases trust in the initiative and are therefore paramount to encourage donors to engage in the FiTI and ensure the financial sustainability of the initiative. However, it was argued that progress in those countries can only be fostered by additional support from the FiTI International Secretariat.

The aspect of membership or participation fees was discussed. It was agreed that this matter requires a dedicated Board meeting soon, discussing further advantages and disadvantages. The FiTI International Secretariat was tasked to prepare such a meeting (to be conducted as a global conference call).

#### Decision [BM-03 2018 D-01]:

**The FiTI International Secretariat will prepare a brief background paper on potential membership fees for the FiTI to partly finance its global governance activities.**

### 3. Report from the FiTI International Secretariat

The Chair invited Andréa DURIGHELLO to provide an update on the concluded and planned key activities of the Secretariat.

#### a) Outreach activities<sup>2</sup>

Andréa summarized that due to the challenging funding situation, only a limited number of outreach activities could be pursued since the last Board meeting, incl.:

- Presentation of the status of the FiTI at the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the **LDAC working Group #4**, 19 October 2017, Brussels/Belgium.
- Participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of **Coastal and Marine Forum of Regional Partnership for Coastal and Marine Conservation (PRCM)**, 24-27 October 2017, Conakry/Guinea. One major outcome was a recommendation to countries of the PRCM Region (Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Conakry, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone), to adhere to the FiTI.
- Presentation of the FiTI by the FiTI Chair at the **side event “Ocean Governance for Sustainable Food Security in Changing Climate” at the COP23 (UNFCCC) organized by the Indonesian Government**, 15 November 2017, Bonn/Germany.
- Individual **discussions with a variety of organisations**, including Global Fishing Watch, Transparency International Sri Lanka, Environmental Defense Fund, EC DG-DEVCO and WWF UK.

Sven added that the FiTI International Secretariat limited its outreach to new countries and their relevant stakeholders due to current funding situation.

#### b) Partnership agreement with PRCM

Andréa informed the Board that the collaboration of the FiTI International Secretariat with the organisation Partenariat Régional pour la conservation de la zone Côtière et Marine en Afrique de l’Ouest (PRCM) has been formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed at the PRCM Forum that took place in Conakry/Guinea in October 2017. The main objective of the MoU is to mutualise efforts to promote transparency and participation in fisheries jointly in the region.

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<sup>2</sup> Outreach activities of the FiTI International Secretariat are regularly updated at <http://fisheriestransparency.org/events-and-news/fiti-on-the-road>



### c) **Guidance Note (#1) “Sign-up steps for countries intending to implement the FiTI”**

Andréa highlighted that despite the current funding challenges, the FiTI International Secretariat was able to publish the Guidance Note (#1) “Sign-up steps for countries intending to implement the FiTI” on 31 October 2017 (in English and French). The purpose of this note is to provide practical guidance to countries intending to implement the FiTI on how to complete the requirements set out in Part I, Section A of the FiTI Standard (the sign-up steps). Andréa further explained that this Guidance note does not only include practical support on the six sign-up steps, but also provides a template Terms of Reference for the National Multi-Stakeholder Group, as outlined in the FiTI Standard under requirement A.4.

Sven reminded the Board that this Guidance Note does not introduce new requirements, in addition to what is defined by the FiTI Standard.

## 4. **Updates on pilot countries’ status**

### **GUINEA** (Country Manager: Andréa)

Andréa reported on the status of the FiTI Implementation in Guinea.

#### **Concluded activities since 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting:**

- *Oct. 2017:* Visit to Guinea to discuss current FiTI strategy (re-energise process, reach out to technical & funding partners, communication, anticipate post-decree actions)
- *Dec. 2017:* Letter sent by FiTI Chair to H.E. Frédéric Loua, Minister of Fisheries to reemphasise the importance to sign Presidential FiTI decree and utilise the current momentum
- *Jan. 2018:* Workshop organised by the CAOPA in Conakry to propose next steps for the setting up of the National MSG in Guinea

#### **Activities planned:**

- Multi-stakeholder sensitisation workshop in Kamsar beginning 2018
- Setting-up of National Multi-Stakeholder Group

It is currently expected that the government of Guinea will send its **Candidate Application** to the FiTI International Board at the end of 2018.

## INDONESIA (Country Manager: Sebastian)

Aryo HANGGONO reported on the status of the FiTI Implementation in Indonesia.

### Concluded activities since 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting:

- Publication of Fisheries Laws, Regulations and Official Policy Documents on official website of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (Indonesian language) <http://www.infohukum.kkp.go.id>
- Fisheries Access Agreements, published by Presidential Decree number 44 year 2016 (capture fisheries is only for national investment).
- National Fish Stock Assessment 2016, published by Ministerial Decree number 50/KEPMEN-KP/2017 on National Potential Fish Stocks, Total Allowable Catch, and level of utilization of fish resources.
- Improvement of fishing vessel registration and fisheries license systems.
- Joint publication with OECD (the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) on “Review of Fisheries: Policies and Summary Statistics 2017”, accessible at <http://www.oecd.org/environment/oecd-review-of-fisheries-policies-and-summary-statistics-22254323.htm>
- Establishment of National Multi-Stakeholders Group by Director General of Capture Fisheries Decree, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries number 47/KEP-DJPT/2017, including operational technical guidance.

### Activities planned:

- Website development of authorized fishing vessels.
- Continue development of new fisheries reporting system.
- Construction of NMSG office at FMA level.
- Preparing Presidential Decree of FiTI Lead Ministry and FiTI National Lead.
- Formulation of FiTI National Work Plan.

It is currently expected that the government of Indonesia will send its **Candidate Application** to the FiTI International Board at the end of 2018 / beginning of 2019.

## MAURITANIA (Country Manager: Andréa)

Andréa reported on the status of the FiTI Implementation in Mauritania.

### Concluded activities since 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting:

- Budget line dedicated to the FiTI was adopted in the 2018 national Budget plan
- Decision approved to set up FiTI National Secretariat in the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy
- Validation by the National Multi-Stakeholder Group of a FiTI national strategy (initial thoughts on Workplan)

**Activities planned:**

- *Feb. 2018:* Recruitment of consultants to elaborate the FiTI National Workplan (6th and last Step of Sign-up Steps before submitting Candidate Application)
- Recruitment of a consultant for a study to clarify the scope of the FiTI Reports and elaboration of first report
- Elaboration of Terms of Reference for the National MSG

It is currently expected that the government of Mauritania will send its **Candidate Application** to the FiTI International Board by July 2018.

**SENEGAL** (*Country Manager: Andréa*)

Andréa reported on the status of the FiTI Implementation in Senegal, but emphasised that no progress has been made by the government of Senegal.

The Board discussed whether Senegal should be referred to as a country intending to implement the FiTI (based on the commitment given by H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal, at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the FiTI, February 2016). The Board agreed that Senegal should still be referred to as a country intending to implement the FiTI, but currently without tangible implementation efforts. The Board however stated that Members should seek to further support national stakeholder groups in Senegal in their efforts to promote the importance of implementing the FiTI in the country.

**SEYCHELLES** (*Country Manager: Sven*)

Philippe MICHAUD reported on the status of the FiTI Implementation in the Seychelles. Philippe mentioned that implementation activities were impacted by the lack of funding from BADEA.

**Concluded activities since 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting:**

- *Nov./Dec. 2017:* Government sent out invitations to the three stakeholders group to nominate representatives to participate in the National MSG

- *Dec. 2017:* Seychelles Cabinet approved administrative framework for the setting up of the FiTI in the Seychelles

**Activities planned:**

- Study to prepare sign-up step process currently ongoing
- Study to prepare first draft of FiTI reporting currently ongoing

It is currently expected that the government of the Seychelles will send their **Candidate Application** to the FiTI International Board by the end of 2018.

## 5. Promoting the FiTI in West Africa

Barthélémy Jean-Auguste BATIENO (PRCM) presented the strategic goals of the collaboration with the FiTI in West Africa. The PRCM is a multi-actor collaboration platform with 80 national and international member organisations. It is a sub-regional organisation focussing on seven countries – Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Conakry, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

Barthélémy summarised that the goals of the collaboration between PRCM and FiTI for 2018 – 2020 are to

- 1) Raising awareness on the importance of transparency and participation,
- 2) Supporting countries in implementing the FiTI, and
- 3) maximizing the benefits of the FiTI in fisheries.

Barthélémy presented activities of the PRCM to promote the FiTI, which already included workshops in Guinea to launch FiTI, side event on transparency of fisheries during the regional coastal and marine Forum, a workshop with Senegalese parliamentarians on transparency, and raising FiTI in regional and continental meetings.

Barthélémy further outlined that the PRCM-FiTI works closely with partners in the region to promote the FiTI, such as the CAOPA, the Regional Parliamentarians Network, the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission, national fisheries departments, national civil society organisations as well as the Environmental Justice Foundation. He indicated that the MAVA Foundation is providing financial support to organise such activities.

## 6. Outreach strategies for relevant stakeholder groups (breakout sessions)

All participants engaged in breakout sessions with the goal to discuss outreach strategies to promote the FiTI in various stakeholder groups.

### a) Countries

It was highlighted that a potential distinction between “*supporting countries*” (countries supporting but not necessarily implementing the initiative), and “*implementing countries*” could be problematic as it may imply a certain dependence of less-developed countries towards developed countries, since supporting countries would largely be developed countries. The term “partner” was preferred by the discussants. Summing up, the discussants proposed that there should not be a strict distinction between FiTI partner countries and FiTI implementing countries.

It was also raised that countries seeking to support the initiative and that have the characteristics necessary to implement the FiTI (coastal countries, or countries which have a fishing fleet fishing abroad) should be expected to eventually implement the FiTI. However, there were some concerns within the group that, at least in the short-term, it might be difficult to adopt such a strategy, not least because the ministries that will be responsible for funding support are usually not the ministries that need to be approached to discuss possible FiTI implementation. In addition, it may deter countries from supporting FiTI as they may not be in a position to commit to future FiTI implementation right away.

On the topic of whether implementing countries should be asked to contribute to the funding of the initiative, there was consensus that it should be considered asking FiTI implementing countries to contribute a membership or participation fee to partly cover the necessary international governance of the initiative. It was, however, discussed that the term “membership fee” might not be adequate as the term “member” is not a defined term in the FiTI Standard, and the status of a member may suggest some legal implications. The term “participation fee” was therefore preferred.

With respect to approaching additional countries regarding FiTI implementation, the discussants suggested that in addition to reaching out to other important coastal countries, the FiTI International Secretariat may also approach countries with poor governance, such as countries that have received a yellow or even red card from the EU. These countries should, however, be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

### b) Value chain (incl. investors)

Based on the general agreement that the FiTI should be promoted to stakeholders in the seafood/fisheries value chain, the goal of the discussions was to identify and prioritize potential stakeholders who should be involved in the FiTI. The discussions were aimed at defining which group to approach for political, financial and information support.

The discussants identified two main groups which should be contacted; 1) retailers (incl. associations) and 2) associations of other seafood companies (incl. processors, other suppliers).

The International Secretariat will initiate the process of reaching out to these groups in 2018, subject to funding.

## **7. Report from Working Group “Additional Board Members”**

Francisco MARI reported on behalf of the Working Group (WG) for finding Additional Board Members, which is composed of Alexander BIRYUKOV, Gunilla GREIG and Francisco MARI. Francisco indicated that as of the meeting, two seats were still to be filled on the side of the country government representatives and two seats on the side of the business representatives (one large-scale, one small-scale).

He indicated that the WG met several times to discuss the procedure to identify potential new Board Members. He explained that the WG elaborated a list of general questions to gather information on candidates and assess their suitability at an early stage so as to facilitate decisions from the Board. Francisco also explained that each WG member had been approaching possible new candidates in their respective stakeholder groups and presented a summary table of the actions undertaken so far. He emphasised that the WG has been striving to ensure a good diversity of candidates, both in terms of gender and in terms of geographical distribution.

Francisco indicated that discussions with country representatives were ongoing, but that this might be a longer process. On this aspect, and based on the letter of Ricardo BERNALES, Sven BIERMANN indicated that contacts could be pursued with the government of Peru to explore a possible participation in the Board.

Francisco showed concrete progress on the side of business (small-scale and large-scale), where concrete candidates had been identified. In particular, Francisco mentioned the willingness of a representative from Thai Union group (Mr. Francisco Leotte, Group Seafood Sustainability Technical Manager), expressing interest in joining the International Board. Francisco MARI explained that the profile of the representative had been discussed within the WG and asked the International Board whether further steps should be taken to invite the representative to join the Board. After discussions, the Board agreed to invite the representative to join the Board and tasked the FiTI International Secretariat to approach him.

### **Decision [BM-03 2018 D-02]:**

**On behalf of the FiTI Chair, the FiTI International Secretariat will extend a formal invitation to Mr. Leotte, Thai Union Group, to join the FiTI International Board as a representative of the business stakeholder group.**



Francisco also added that further contacts will be made with representatives in Mexico (large-scale), in Sri Lanka (small-scale) and in Chile (small-scale).

Finally, the Group also reminded the Board that in addition to the vacant seats, the second priority of the group was to find Alternates for the Board Members. Therefore, Board Members are encouraged to make suggestions of possible Candidates even in the groups where no Member seats are vacant.

## **8. Report from Working Group “New FiTI Chair”**

Alfred SCHUMM reported on behalf of the Working Group (WG) tasked with finding a new Chair, which is composed of Gaoussou GUEYE, Philippe MICHAUD and Alfred SCHUMM. Alfred explained that the WG agreed on Terms of Reference for the New Chair. The requirements of the Terms of Reference were used as selection criteria to make a preliminary list of possible candidates to succeed the current Chair. It was agreed that these indicators would be circulated to all Board Members for feedback.

During the discussions, the Board agreed that the new Chair should not only be appointed based on its knowledge of the fisheries sector but primarily on their capacity to manage and mobilise political and financial support in favour of the initiative. There was a consensus that the new Chair should be both a person who is well-networked and has the capacity to attract new countries and stakeholders to join the FiTI and a person who has a proven track record in identifying and securing funding to support the financial sustainability of the initiative.

Alfred presented a table with potential candidates that were identified to show the current state of reflection. Board Members were invited to brainstorm additional names of potential candidates. Alfred reminded that the original objective was to appoint a new FiTI Chair starting July 2018.

Furthermore, it was acknowledged and appreciated that the current FiTI Chair contributes his time to the FiTI on a pro-bono basis. However, it was raised that making such a pro-bono contribution a qualification criterion for future FiTI Chairs, may significantly reduce the range of possible candidates. It was therefore discussed whether new Chair(s) should receive a compensation for dedicating their time to this important position.

### **Decision [BM-03 2018 D-03]:**

**New FiTI Chairs may request compensations for dedicating time to this position, subject to the availability of funding. The detailed compensation package needs to be defined and approved by the FiTI International Board.**

## 9. FiTI Global Code of Conduct

Sebastian WEGNER presented the draft FiTI Global Code of Conduct (FiTI CoC) to the Board. He highlighted that reputation is one of the greatest assets of the FiTI. To protect it, the FiTI CoC seeks to prevent situations which could compromise the reputation, by setting out norms of conduct. Sebastian continued that it applies to all FiTI Stakeholders (incl. members of the FiTI International Board, including Alternates and its Chair; employees, advisors and sub-contractors of the FiTI International Secretariat, Members of FiTI National Multi-Stakeholder Groups, employees, advisors and sub-contractors of FiTI National Secretariats) within the scope of their FiTI-related activities. He concluded by stating that the responsibility of implementing the FiTI CoC lies with the FiTI International Board as well as the FiTI National Multi-Stakeholder Groups of implementing countries.

Sven stated that it was the International Secretariat's primary goal to provide a practical FiTI CoC: comprehensive, but not too lengthy, and at the same time, non-legalistic. The Board discussed advantages and disadvantages of short vs. detailed code of conducts. Alfred SCHUMM reiterated that for multi-stakeholder collaborations, conflicts of interest must in particular be clearly regulated, incl. disclosure requirements and procedures. The Board concluded that the current draft of the FiTI CoC lacks certain aspects and clarity.

### Decision [BM-03 2018 D-04]:

**The FiTI Global Code of Conduct is not approved in its current form. In particular the area "Avoid or disclose conflicts of interest" needs further elaboration. The Chair requested that Board members give additional feedback, including editorial remarks. The International Secretariat is tasked to provide an updated version to the Board, either in the next Board meeting or by way of circular approval.**

## 10. FiTI Global Travel Policy

Andréa presented the draft FiTI Global Travel Policy to the Board. She highlighted that the FiTI relies very much on third-party funding and has the responsibility to ensure that expenditures are reasonable and justifiable while meeting its commitment to a reasonable use of resources. The Travel Policy describes the types of expenditures that are reimbursable, outlines adequate instructions and procedures for reimbursement, as well as its applicability (including, but not limited to, the FiTI Chair, certain Members of the FiTI International Board, and employees, advisors and sub-contractors of the FiTI International Secretariat).

The Board discussed the proposal of restricting travels funds to Members of the FiTI International Board representing Small-Scale Fisheries as well as Civil Society from organisations with a) a staff headcount of fewer than 25, and b) an annual income not exceeding EUR 10 million.

Sven added that other initiatives made distinctions along the lines of country groups (e.g. OECD and non-OECD) which would not work for the FiTI as this would then exclude small NGOs and small-scale fisheries associations from certain countries.

Sebastian LOSADA and María CORNAX commented that they would have difficulties to secure funding in case meetings would take place outside of Europe, especially because they represent the view of their constituency within the Board. Sebastian and María also mentioned that they serve on the Board in their personal capacity, not directly representing their organisations, but the views of their stakeholder group. This makes it even more difficult to earmark funds in their organisations for travels to FiTI events.

The FiTI Chair commented that in order to save costs and time, it should always be sought to attach FiTI meetings to international conference which are attended by the majority of Board Members.

**Decision [BM-03 2018 D-05]:**

**The FiTI Global Travel Policy is approved in its current form, subject to the following changes:**

- 1. Applicability: In case funding / donor support allows the coverage of travel expenses for all Members of the FiTI International Board, the current restriction of travels funds to certain Board Members representing Small-Scale Fisheries as well as Civil Society does not apply.**
- 2. Pre-approval of travel: It must be included that “travellers” should always seek to combine FiTI-related travels with other travels.**
- 3. Minor editorial comments.**

## **11. Key parameters for “FiTI Association”**

Sven outlined that, as of today, the FiTI does not have its own legal personality. This means that the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform – that currently acts as its International Secretariat – acts as the contractual and fiscal host of the FiTI (e.g. engaging with donors, hiring personnel, contracting service providers, taking over risks and liabilities).

Furthermore, there is currently no official mechanism to democratically elect Members to the FiTI International Board<sup>3</sup>.

Sven presented the option of establishing a legal entity in the form of a non-profit members’ association (“FiTI Association”). Thus, the FiTI would be institutionalised as a members’

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<sup>3</sup> The current Members have been either pragmatically selected from the previous Advisory Group, or retroactively appointed by the current Board after a selection process.

association in the Seychelles under Seychellois law, following the current model of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

Sven pointed out that there are also additional legal forms that the FiTI could pursue, and that some international multi-stakeholder initiatives do not even have their own legal entity.

The Board initiated discussions on the advantages and disadvantages of establishing the FiTI as a new legal entity, and also its implications for the international governance. However, due to the complexity and importance of this subject, the Board requested additional information, in particular a brief overview of different legal forms and governance structures from similar global, multi-stakeholder initiatives. This matter would then be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting, preferably during the course of 2018.

**Decision [BM-03 2018 D-06]:**

**The FiTI International Secretariat will prepare a brief overview paper of different legal forms and governance structures from similar global, multi-stakeholder initiatives.**

## 12. Concept for “FiTI Regional Franchises”

Due to the fact that certain discussions on other agenda items took longer than expected, the Board agreed to postpone this agenda item to an upcoming FiTI International Board meeting.

## 13. 2018 Workplan for the FiTI International Secretariat

Sven presented the Draft Workplan of the FiTI International Secretariat for 2018 to the Board. He reminded the participants that the FiTI International Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day running of the FiTI and that the goal of the Workplan is to define clearly the responsibilities and the priority work areas of the Secretariat, in line with the FiTI Standard.

Sven explained that the Workplan of the FiTI International Secretariat revolves around four major objectives: (1) Supporting implementing countries; (2) Transitioning FiTI International Secretariat to Seychelles; (3) Engaging new stakeholders in FiTI; and (4) Supporting the FiTI International Board.

He highlighted some of the outputs that the Secretariat expects to deliver under this workplan, including the conduct of country visits, the elaboration of key FiTI framework documents and guidance notes, the drafting of the legal framework for the institutionalisation of the FiTI and regular outreach and promotion of the FiTI to new stakeholders and on social media.

Sven clearly stated that the activities stated in this workplan still require the necessary funding. Furthermore, he outlined that even if the total estimated budget for 2018 (197.007 USD) is obtained by the envisioned funding sources, a funding gap of 30k USD for non-material costs

remains. The current estimated budget does not include the organisation of a FiTI International Conference or a Members' Meeting in 2018.

**Decision [BM-03 2018 D-07]:**

**The 2018 Workplan for the FiTI International Secretariat is approved in its presented form, subject to the availability of funding.**

**Once the funding situation is stabilized, the FiTI International Secretariat must provide an updated 2018 Workplan.**

#### **14. Date and location for next Board meetings in 2018**

The FiTI Chair stated that at least 2x Board meetings as global conference calls and 1x additional Board meeting as a 2-day on-site meeting should be conducted in 2018. The location of the next on-site Board meeting has not been determined yet. The FiTI Chair encouraged Board Members, in particular Country representatives, to make propositions on possible locations. He proposed that the next Board meeting could be organised back-to-back with an international conference (e.g. Our Oceans conference).

#### **15. Closing**

The FiTI Chair thanked the Members of the FiTI International Board, Alternates, Observers, guests as well as the FiTI International Secretariat for their participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the FiTI International Board and reiterated his enthusiasm on the progress achieved.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> International Board Meeting ended**

## APPENDIX I: Action items

ID	Pending actions	
BM-02_2017_AI-01	<b>Reach out to participants to the Western Indian Ocean Regional Workshop to inform them about the possibility of regional funding from the BADEA</b>	FiTI International Secretariat
BM-02_2017_AI-03	<b>Provide guidance on how to promote the FiTI further with the European Commission and EU Member States</b>	All Board Members
BM-03_2018_AI-01	<b>Establish contacts with retailers and seafood associations</b>	FiTI International Secretariat
BM-03_2018_AI-02	<b>Send comments on indicators used to identify a New Chair to Working Group “New Chair”</b>	All Board Members
BM-03_2018_AI-03	<b>Prepare a brief background paper on potential membership fees for the FiTI</b>	FiTI International Secretariat
BM-03_2018_AI-04	<b>Provide an updated version of the FiTI Global Code of Conduct to the International Board</b>	FiTI International Secretariat
BM-03_2018_AI-05	<b>Prepare a brief overview paper of different legal forms and governance structures from similar global, multi-stakeholder initiatives</b>	FiTI International Secretariat
BM-03_2018_AI-06	<b>Discuss approaches for engaging with donors regarding a “call for FiTI funding”</b>	Board Members of Civil Society group
BM-03_2018_AI-07	<b>Extend a formal invitation to Mr. Leotte, Thai Union Group, to join the FiTI International Board</b>	FiTI International Secretariat
BM-03_2018_AI-08	<b>Determine date for 4<sup>th</sup> International Board meeting (global conference call)</b>	FiTI International Secretariat



## APPENDIX II: List of Participants

### Chair

**Peter EIGEN**

### Stakeholder Group of Countries

**Gunilla TEGELSKÄR GREIG**

**Philippe MICHAUD**

**Abass SYLLA**

Excused:

**Mas Achmad SANTOSA**

### Stakeholder Group of Business

**Gaoussou GUEYE**

**Marthin HADIWINATA**

Excused:

**Alexander BIRYUKOV**

**Ricardo BERNALES**

### Stakeholder Group of Civil Society

**María José CORNAX**

**Francisco MARI**

**Nedwa NECH**

**Eduardo ROLÓN**

**Sebastián LOSADA**

**Alfred SCHUMM**

**Alternate: Barthélémy Jean Auguste BATIENO**

### Observer

**Xavier VINCENT (World Bank)**

**Marcio CASTRO DE SOUZA (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO)**

Excused:

**Claire DELPEUCH (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD)**

**Jean-Louis KROMER (African Development Bank)**

### Guests

**Aryo HANGGONO (Guest for Mas Achmad SANTOSA)**

### FiTI International Secretariat

**Sven BIERMANN**

**Andréa DURIGHELLO**

**Sebastian WEGNER**

## APPENDIX III: Initial Agenda

The 2-day meeting will be chaired by Prof. Dr. Peter Eigen, Chair of the FiTI International Board.

### Tuesday, 23 January 2018

09:30 – 10:00 Arrival of participants

		Type <sup>4</sup>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcome and Administration</b>	ⓘ / ☑
	<i>Peter EIGEN</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of attendance</li> <li>• Determination of a quorum</li> <li>• Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>• Overview of tasks identified at previous meetings</li> </ul>	
10:15 – 11:15	<b>I.1: Immediate funding challenges</b>	ⓘ
	<i>Peter EIGEN, Sven BIERMANN</i>	
11:15 – 12:00	<b>I.2: Report from the FiTI International Secretariat</b>	ⓘ
	<i>Country representatives, Sven BIERMANN, Andréa DURIGHELLO, Sebastian WEGNER</i>	
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break		
13:30 – 14:00	<b>II.1: Promoting the FiTI in West Africa</b>	ⓘ
	<i>Barthélémy Jean-Auguste BATIENO</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	<b>II.2: Outreach strategies for relevant stakeholder groups</b> → Breakout group discussions	ⓘ

<sup>4</sup> ⓘ Agenda item is primarily for information; ☑ Agenda item requires decision

- Countries (led by Andréa DURIGHELLO)
- Investors (led by Sven BIERMANN)
- Value chain (led by Sebastian WEGNER)

**15:30 – 16:00** Coffee & tea break

<b>16:00 – 17:15</b>	<b>II.2: Outreach strategies for relevant stakeholder groups</b> → Report back from breakout group discussions	<b>i / ☑</b>
	<i>All participants</i>	

<b>17:15 – 17:30</b>	<b>Outlook for Day 2, Closing</b>	<b>i</b>
	<i>Peter EIGEN</i>	

**Wednesday, 24 January 2018**

**08:30 – 09:00** Arrival of participants

		<b>Type<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>III.1: Report from Working Group “Additional Board members”</b>	<b>i</b>
	<i>Gunilla GREIG, Francisco J. MARÍ</i>	
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>III.2: Report from Working Group “New FiTI Chair”</b>	<b>i</b>
	<i>Gaoussou GUEYE, Philippe MICHAUD, Alfred SCHUMM</i>	
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	<b>III.3: FiTI Global Code of Conduct</b>	<b>☑</b>
	<i>Sebastian WEGNER</i>	

<sup>5</sup> **i** Agenda item is primarily for information; **☑** Agenda item requires decision

**10:45 – 11:15** Coffee & tea break

<b>11:15 – 11:45</b>	<b>III.4: FiTI Global Travel Policy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Andréa DURIGHELLO</i>	

<b>11:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>III.5: Key parameters for “FiTI Association”</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Sven BIERMANN</i>	

**12:30 – 13:30** Lunch break

<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>III.6: Concept for “FiTI Regional Franchises”</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Sven BIERMANN</i>	

<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>IV.1: Workplan 2018 for the FiTI International Secretariat</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Sven BIERMANN, Andréa DURIGHELLO, Sebastian WEGNER</i>	

<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Next meetings, Summary &amp; Closing</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Peter EIGEN</i>	