

► Launch Event for the Partnership for Decent Work in Fisheries: Promoting the ratification and implementation of ILO Convention No. 188

Agenda

Date and time	Subject
Tuesday, 17 March 2026	
14:00 - 15.15	High-level Launch for the Partnership for Decent Work in Fisheries Master of Ceremonies: • Tariq Haq, Head, Transport and Maritime Sectors Unit, ILO Opening remarks: • International Labour Organization: Frank Hagemann, Director, Sectoral Policies Department • Government of France: Eric Banel, General Director for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries, and Aquaculture • Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Lola Fadina, Director of Maritime, Department for Transport • Environmental Justice Foundation: Steve Trent, CEO and founder • European Commission: Mario Nava, Director-General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Video Message: • International Labour Organization: Gilbert Hounbo, Director-General
15.15 - 15.45	Coffee Break

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15.45 - 17.30	Panel discussion: From political momentum to ratification and implementation of Convention No. 188 Moderator: • Frank Hagemann, Director, Sectoral Policies Department, ILO Panellists: • Government representative of Belgium: Floris Wittevrongel, Team Leader, Labour Inspectorate, Control on Social Legislation, Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue • Workers' representative: Chris Williams, Fisheries Section Coordinator of the International Transport Workers Federation • Employers' representative: Cor Blonk, Secretary of Labour Affairs of the Pelagic Freezer Trawler Association; Chair of the European Community Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fisheries • Raphael Baumler, Professor, World Maritime University • Government representative of Namibia: Aune N. Mudjanima, Deputy Executive Director, Ministry of Justice and Labour Relations (recorded intervention) • Government representative of Thailand: Sureeporn Tuppasoot, Senior Expert on International Cooperation, Ministry of Labour (recorded intervention) • Q&A
18.00 - 20.00	Networking cocktail