

FisherFolk Net

CNFO-CU from 2007 to 2016



FLASHBACK picture from Edition 3 of Fisherfolk Net: Formation of CNFO-Coordinating Unit – Grenada, 2007

L-R: Nadine Nembhard Belize, Petronila Polius (Fisheries support) Saint Lucia, Chester Langaige (cooperative support) Grenada, Mitchel Lay Antigua and Barbuda, Francis Calliste (non CNFO-CU member), Parmanand Sewdien Suriname, Joslyn LeeQuay Trinidad and Tobago and Vernel Nicholls Barbados.

OFFICIALLY REGISTERED

October 2016 marks the 9th anniversary of the CNFO-CU. It is most fitting to be hosting the first General Assembly October 19-21, 2016 in Barbados.

Through a Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) small grant funding under the Fisherfolk Strengthening Fund (FSF) the CNFO was able to register in Belize on June 28, 2016.

The CNFO wishes to thank all of its members and partners especially

the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (Secretariat and Administrations) for giving office space.

Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), University of the West Indies (CERMES and St. Augustine), Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, The Nature Conservancy, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and all others who supported us.

Thank You All

Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) SPECIAL WORKSHOP Trinidad August 25-26

The CNFO Performance and Planning Workshop was funded through the Strengthening Caribbean Fisherfolk to Participate in Governance Project.

Project partners in attendance included CANARI, UWI-CERMES, and the CNFO representatives included Vernel Nicholls, Horace Walters, Glaston White, Nadine Nembhard, Mark Lall, Winsbert Harry and Joslyn LeeQuay, in addition to four fishers from Trinidad and Tobago.

Facilitators Patrick McConney and Sarah McIntosh produced an organizational assessment using information from workshop participations. The assessment will be circulated to members by mid-September 2016.

Participants agreed it is time for the CNFO to exercise independence. The action plan will take effect immediately, starting with the preparation for the General Assembly October 2016. After the election of a 7member Executive Committee, the participants expressed the urgency to start searching for funding to carry out the activities.

The UNDP/GFF Project CLME+

Implementation of the Strategic Programme for the Action Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems" (2015-2019) aims at facilitating the implementation of the CLME+ SAP. The project seeks to achieve this by facilitating ecosystem based management - an ecosystem approach to fisheries (EBM/EAF) within the CLME+ region. А Project Steering Committee (PSC) was established in January 2016 to oversee project execution and to ensure continued regional ownership. The PSC will provide overall strategic policy and management direction for the project.

https://clmeproject.wordpress.com/

Regional Consultation of the Peoples, Social Movements and Civil Society Organizations for Food Sovereignty and Social Justice

Panama, February 2016

With the CNFO Coordinator in attendance, the consultation drafted a document for the 34th FAO Regional Conference, held in Mexico City from February -March, 2016.

Excerpt from document: "Acknowledge the role of artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in the consumption of aquatic products to guarantee food security and sovereignty in communities around the world. Governments should promote public policies for the preservation and management



of responsible and sustainable fisheries, including the use of our resources for nutrition: contributing to financing and infrastructure, with access to social security markets, and incentives to improve productive development, and with the participation of fisheries on a global scale, as we are an important contribution to family culture."

'Entebbe 2016' for developing the FAO's programme on tenure and rights-based approaches for fisheries

Uganda, March 2016

Participants from different regions reviewed and revised the draft work programme for FAO on governance of tenure and rightsbased approaches for fisheries that emphasizes the importance of human rights principles.

They proposed elements for a programme of work for FAO for the next 6 - 8 years that will support stakeholders with the knowledge, methods and tools to help address the issues and challenges

associated with tenure and rightsbased approaches in fisheries.

The outcomes were discussed during the 32nd session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) in July 2016.

Blue Growth 2016 and Investment Conference

Grenada, May 2016



Picture:https://www.facebook.com/th ebluenetwork/

(CNFO Vernel Nicholls pictured)

The Blue Week 2016 represented a response to recent developments in the global oceans agenda: The adoption of the Agenda 2030 by the United Nations in 2015, including the sustainable development goal on oceans and seas (SDG 14), and the Paris Agreement, concluded at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 2015.



14th Meeting of Caribbean Fisheries Forum

Holding observer's status, the CNFO had a 7-member delegation representing fisherfolks' interest at the 14th meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum. The meeting was held in Georgetown Guyana in April 2016.

During the forum, the CNFO reported 2016 activities, including an update on the CNFO formalisation. The CNFO also announced their endorsement of the STEWARDFISH Project.

GAF6

The 6th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF6) was held in August 2016. Gender in Fisheries Team (GIFT) members, Dr. Patrick McConney and Nadine Nembhard attended and presented а Caribbean Perspective on Gender and Fisherfolks considering the Small Scale Fisheries Guidelines.

A gender survey was circulated where 38 CNFO members responded – 62% male and 38% female. 82% of respondents did not agree that men and women are treated equally.

McConney and Nembhard also attended and presented at a Global Conference on Climate Change Adaptation (FISHADAPT) in August 2016.

Nembhard was sponsored by the UNDP/GEF Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystem (CLIME+) project

WFFP Thailand

The Secretary-CNFO and Co-Chair-World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP), Nadine Nembhard, participated in her second Coordinating Committee Meeting of the WFFP, in Bangkok, Thailand in April 2016.

WFFP has formed three working groups. Each working group (Agroecology, Inland Fisheries and Ocean Grabbing) will receive funds to host a learning exchange. Nembhard, a member of the Ocean Grabbing working group, will travel to Sri Lanka September, 2016 to join here working group members to prepare a strategy document against Ocean Grabbing, which will be presented at the GA 7 in New Delhi in November, 2017.

WECAFC

The 16th Session of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) was held in France in June 2016. It is a first step towards better fisheries governance in the region

It was attended by representatives from 28 member countries, including the European Commission as well as observers from sub-regional fisheries organisations, cooperation agencies and civil society.

Progress was made in a number of areas. Most notably, members agreed to move ahead with plans to establish a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) in the region. The European Union welcomes this as an important first step to improving fisheries management and governance in the Central Atlantic.



L-R Devon Warner/ Philmore James (Antigua & Barbuda), Beverly Wade/Daniel Dawson (Belize), Andre kong/Glaston White (Jamaica), Horace Walters/ Vaughn Serieux (Saint Lucia), Pamashwar Jainarine (Guyana), Vernel Nicholls/ Stephen Willoughby (Barbados), Winsbert Harry/Jennifer Cruickshank-Howard (St. Vincent & Grenadines)



ECMMAN Fishers Exchange

Sixteen persons participated in the TNC/CNFO/CRFM fishers exchange to Belize in May-June, 2016. Participating countries included: St. Vincent & Grenadines, Grenada, Dominica, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Antigua and Barbuda. Fishers visited Hol Chan Marine Reserve, Bacalar Chico and Port Honduras Marine Reserve.

The fishers commented that they observed a good example of how a marine park can sustain itself when they visited Hol Chan Marine Reserve. They also commented that the objective of a MMA is not to take away the resources from the fishers but should bring benefits to the progress of a country.

The group celebrated in Caribbean fisherfolk Day in Belize City on June 29th.

Additionally, the Chairperson of the Belize Fishermen Cooperative Association (BFCA), Mr. Daniel Dawson arranged a tour of the National Fishermen Cooperative Society Limited processing facilities and a meeting with committee members.

Capacity Building in Grenada and St. Vincent and Grenadines

CANARI and ECMMAN hosted a twoday training workshop July, 2016 in Grenada. The Interim Committee to form the National Fisherfolk Organisation was reinstated and will begin developing a work plan and identifying sources of funding.

In August, 2016 the National Fisherfolk Organisation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines conducted training on the following topics:

- 1. Local Laws & Regulations, including Fisheries and Cooperatives
- 2. Record keeping & Information Management
- 3. Conflict Resolution: How to work with difficult people

IMPORTANT DATES

 4th Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) Annual meeting and first meeting CCI Council, Saint Lucia

September 19-23, 2016

- WFFP Ocean Grabbing Exchange, Sri Lanka
 Sept 25- Oct 1, 2016
- Last Action Learning Group Meeting & CNFO General Assembly, Barbados

October 19-21, 2016

- ECMMAN Face-to-Face (Date TBA)
- ECMMAN Capacity Building Workshops
 Ongoing
- 69th GCFI, Grand Cayman Island

November 7-11, 2016

 3rd regional Workshop on Caribbean Billfish Management Consortium, Dominica Republic

November 2016

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