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Conference: RFMOs 'Fit for the Future' 1 June 2012, Brussels

I would like to inform you that the European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Ms Maria Damanaki, is hosting a conference on RFMOs in Brussels on 1 June 2012.

This full day event will explore ways of addressing some of the biggest challenges facing Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) in the 21st Century.

The Conference will give the opportunity to those who know RFMOs best, the Chairs and Executive Secretaries, to come together to exchange their experience and ideas in an open discussion.

The final programme is enclosed and you may be interested to know that it will be web-streamed at the following address:

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/events/2012/06/events_20120601_01_en.htm

The conclusions of the conference will also be posted at this address after the event.

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PROGRAMME

REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS RFMO's – FIT FOR THE FUTURE

**Brussels, 1 June 2012
CHARLEMAGNE, Salle Jean Durieux**

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

Opening by Lowri **EVANS**, Director General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Maria **DAMANAKI**, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Jane **LUBCHENCO**, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Open discussion by Participants: Chairs and Executive Secretaries of RFMOs, Members of European Parliament, Fisheries Director Generals from EU Member States

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch buffet

Views by invited guest speakers :,

- Gerard Van Bohemen, International Legal Advisor Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, New Zealand,
- Liu Xiaobing, Director, Division of International Cooperation, Bureau of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, China

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15:30- 16:00 Coffee break

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17:15 – 17:30 Conclusions by Lowri **EVANS**, Director General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission