

WEBINAR OBJECTIVE

Fishing is a dangerous occupation worldwide with minimal risk covers. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates every year more than 32 000 fishermen and women die during fishing operations across the world and many more get accidents and injured. This makes capture fisheries one of the most dangerous and risky occupations in the world. Fishers often work long hours under harsh weather conditions, increasing the likelihood of accidents or injury. Climate change has only increased the hazardous conditions under which small-scale fishers work, as natural disasters become even more prevalent and destructive. Damage and loss of fishing craft and gear due to accidents and natural disasters threaten the livelihood of small-scale fishing communities.

Most small-scale fishers worldwide do not participate in or have access to government supported social security systems; hence, life and accident insurance could provide them with an important social safety net. Small-scale fisheries insurance would secure incomes and investment in the sector and bring greater social and economic stability to fishing communities. In tandem with other strategies including measures to protect ecosystems and implementation of effective warning systems, insurance helps fisheries in mitigating and adapting to climate change. Access to high-quality, low-cost insurance strengthens the capacity of fishers and fishing communities to adapt and thrive in the face of adverse events.

Fishers, their families, and communities therefore need the special support and protection that insurance can provide as an instrument to mitigate risks¹.

To further strengthen and increase the capacity of insurance service providers, fisher-folk organizations, NGO's, and government agencies for providing insurance to small-scale fisheries, FAO along with APRACA (Asia Pacific Rural and Agriculture Credit Association) has developed "**Guidelines for increasing access of small-scale fisheries to insurance services**" that provides a framework to offer suitable services by insurance and fisheries stakeholders. These guidelines, were published in support of implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication ([SSF Guidelines](#)) with the following objectives:

- **increase awareness** about the needs of small-scale fishers for better risk management, disaster preparedness and insurance services;
- **guide policy and decision makers** to help introduce insurance services to small-scale fishers, with the ultimate objective to strengthen the sustainability and ecological and economic viability of these fisheries;
- **build capacity among insurance providers, fisherfolk organizations, NGOs, and concerned government agencies**, to design and implement insurance programmes that suit the needs of small-scale fishing communities and enhance social protection;
- **promote insurance services** that incentivize and reward a responsible and sustainable conduct of fishing operations and a better preparedness for natural disasters including climate change related challenges.

The FAO supported initiative CAFI SSF - **Global Network for capacity building to increase access of small-scale fisheries to financial services (CAFI SSF Network)** intends to facilitate and deepen the efforts, involve and engage more stakeholders across various regions, Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean to

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/ca5129en/CA5129EN.pdf>

disseminate the guidelines by organizing a webinar on “**Guidelines for increasing access of small-scale fisheries to insurance services**”, in association with its Asia-Pacific nodal regional partner [APRACA](#).

The webinar will have a presentation and discussion on the recent study of Current Review of Global Fisheries and Aquaculture Insurance - policies and recommendations, conducted by FAO across all the regions.

This CAFI SSF Webinar is organized for all stakeholders involved with SSF financial and insurance services.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS: Financial Service Provider (Insurance & Finance), Fisher-Folk Organizations, Government Agencies, NGOs, Fisheries Training & Development Organizations.

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