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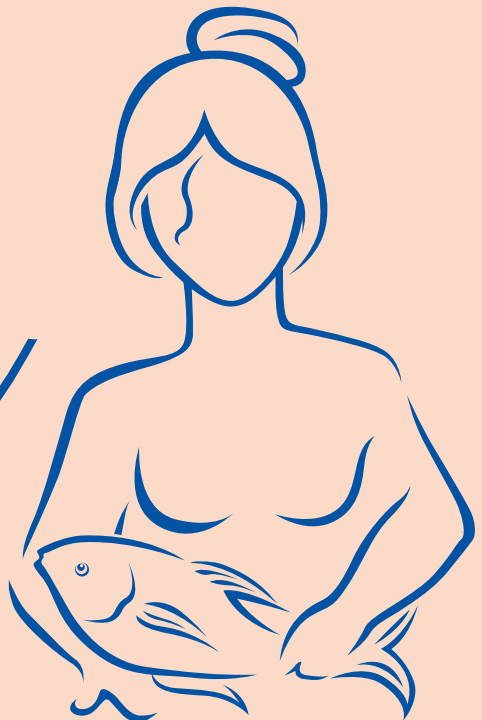
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# Women in Fisheries FORUM



**JUNE 13, 2017**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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BELIZE CITY, BELIZE**



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# Celebrating Fisherfolk Month - June 2017

*“Fisheries: contributing to food security in a changing climate!”*

Fisheries and aquaculture contribute a lot to food security and livelihoods; and, depend on healthy aquatic ecosystems - but these facts are often unrecognized and undervalued. Climate change is affecting the fisheries sector in many ways. We need specific adaptation measures that: 1) improve the management of fisheries; 2) respond to the opportunities and threats to food and livelihood security; and, 3) help the fisheries sector reduce emissions that contribute to climate change.

To build the ability to “bounce back” from the effects of climate change and derive sustainable benefits, we need to adopt and adhere to best practices (such as those described in the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries). We also need to “blend” fisheries and aquaculture into national climate change adaptation strategies.

We need to increase investment in fisheries so that our people can cope with and adapt to living in a changing climate. This can benefit not only the fishers and coastal communities but also provide goods and services at national, regional and global levels, through improved food security, among other things. For this to be truly effective, we must promote the achievement of gender equality and equity in the allocation of resources, rights, status and responsibilities between women and men.



# Women in Fisheries Forum 2017

Women are important yet sometimes invisible participants in the fishing industry. They have unique perspectives and experiences that we can all learn from. This Women in Fisheries Forum provides that space for learning, sharing and enriching the lives of all.

## Opening

- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:05 National Anthem  
Prayer
- 10:10 Guest Speaker, Fisher, Mrs. Guadeloupe Lampella
- 10:20 Keynote Speaker, Fisheries Administrator, Ms. Beverly Wade

## Presentation

- 10:30 The small-scale fisheries guidelines, a gender perspective  
Nadine Nembhard, Administrative Officer, Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organizations (CNFO)
- 11:00 Women in Belize perspectives on gender equality in fisheries  
Sandra Grant, Project Coordinator, Belize Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation Project (MCCAP)

## LUNCH

## Discussion

- 1:00 Women participation in fishermen organization: strategies, constraints, opportunities;  
Women participation in fisheries management, development and decision-making;  
Women access to technical services, training, and other capacity development;  
Women access to formal credit; and  
Working conditions and safety aboard vessels.
- 3:00 Vote of Thanks, Ralna Lewis, Wildlife Conservation Society