



Fisheries  
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# Transparency of fisheries in Seychelles

## Kick-off Forum

30 September 2020

“Eden Blue Hotel”, Eden Island /Seychelles

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08:00 – 08:30	Registration of Participants
08:30 – 08:40	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Kenneth Racombo</b>, Principal Secretary, Department of the Blue Economy, Seychelles</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sven Biermann</b>, Executive Director, International Secretariat of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative</li> </ul>
08:40 – 09:00	<b>The importance of transparency for sustainable fisheries in Seychelles and Africa (and beyond)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Jean-Paul Adam</b>, Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)</li> </ul>
09:00 – 09:20	<b>World Fish Production and Trade – Latest Data, Trends, and Challenges (with a focus on the Indian Ocean)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Marcio Castro de Souza</b>, Senior Fishery Officer (International Trade), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), <i>per video</i></li> </ul>
09:20 – 10:00	<b>Seychelles and the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sven Biermann</b>, Executive Director, International Secretariat of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break & Interviews with media representatives



**10:30 – 11:45**

### **Multi-Stakeholder Panel: Implementation of the FiTI – Expectations, Opportunities and Challenges for Seychelles**

Chair: **Ms. Angelique Pouponneau**, CEO, Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust (SeyCCAT)

- **Mr. Jude Talma**, Principal Secretary for Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture
- **Mr. Philippe Michaud**, Special Advisor to the Vice President of Seychelles & FiTI National Lead
- **Mr. Beatty Hoarau**, Treasurer, Seychelles Fishermen and Boat Owners Association
- **Mr. David Bentley**, Managing Director, Sea Harvest

Questions from the audience

**11:45 – 12:20**

### **Brief updates from other initiatives**

- **Mr. Sharif Antoine**, Seychelles Fishing Authority
- **Ms. Gabriella Gonthier**, Blue Economy Youth Advocate
- **Ms. Kelly Hoareau**, Blue Economy Research Institute
- **Ms. Betymie Bonnelame**, Seychelles News Agency
- **Ms. Angelique Pouponneau & Ms. Emma Mederic**, SeyCCAT

**12:20 – 12:30**

### **Summary and Outlook for Launch Forum**

**12:30 – 14:00**

**Lunch**



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# Seychelles and the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

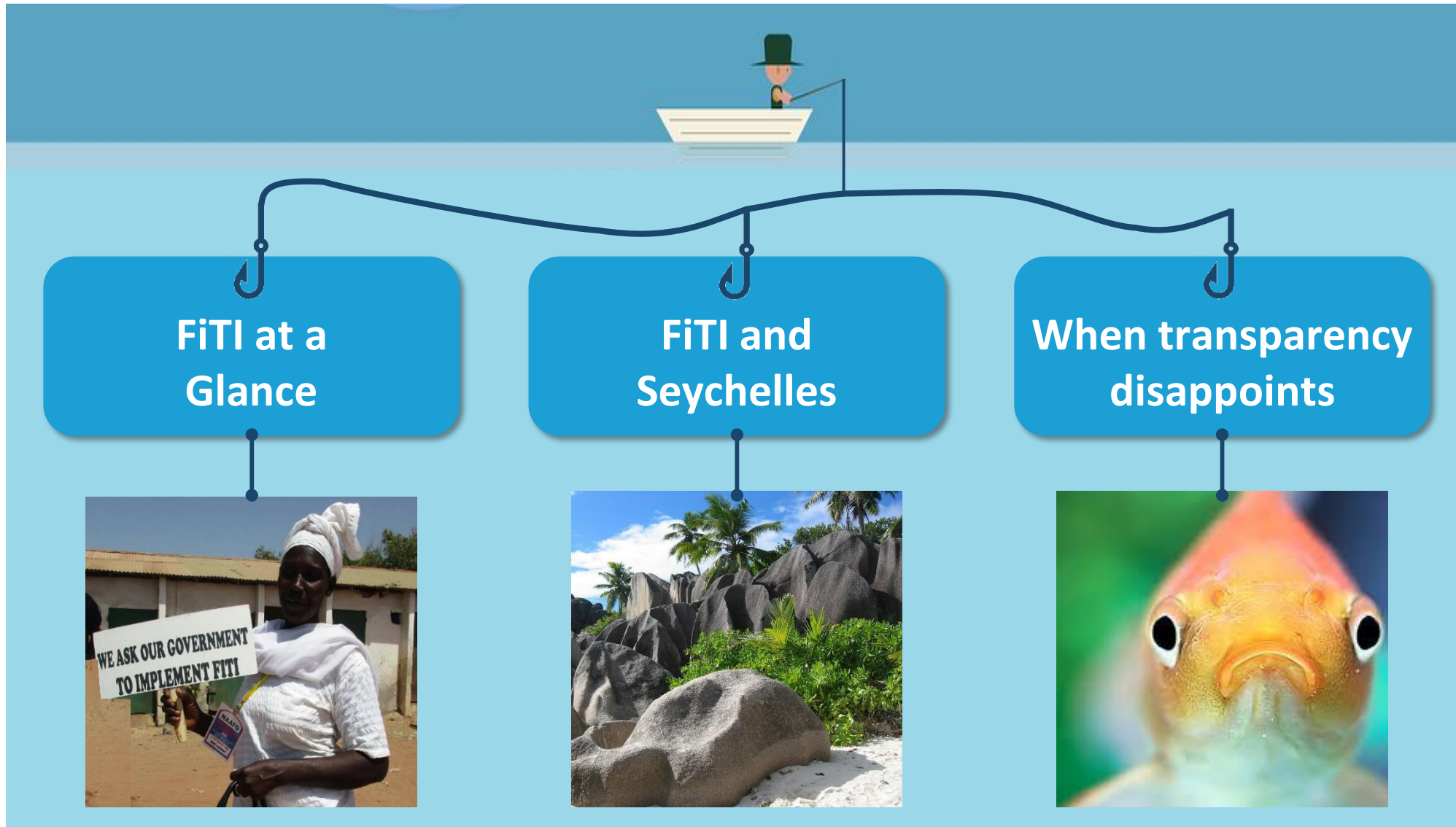
**Mr. Sven Biermann, FiTI International Secretariat**

**Kick-off Forum: “Transparency of fisheries in Seychelles”**

**30 September 2020 / Eden Island, Seychelles**



# Agenda



# Sustainable fisheries need transparency!

**“Lack of basic transparency could be seen as an underlying facilitator of all the negative aspects of the global fisheries sector – IUU fishing, fleet overcapacity, overfishing, ill-directed subsidies, corruption, poor fisheries management decisions, etc.”**

**United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO),  
State of the World Fisheries Report 2010**

# Starting points for the Fisheries Transparency Initiative



**What information on marine fisheries must be provided by governments in the public domain?**

**How will this information be perceived as credible?**



# Global consensus after 2 years stakeholder discussions





# At a Glance

**The Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) provides countries *for the first time* with an internationally recognized framework to achieve & maintain high levels of transparency on the management of their marine fisheries sector.**

**Global & Voluntary**

**Not owned by a single organization / interest group**

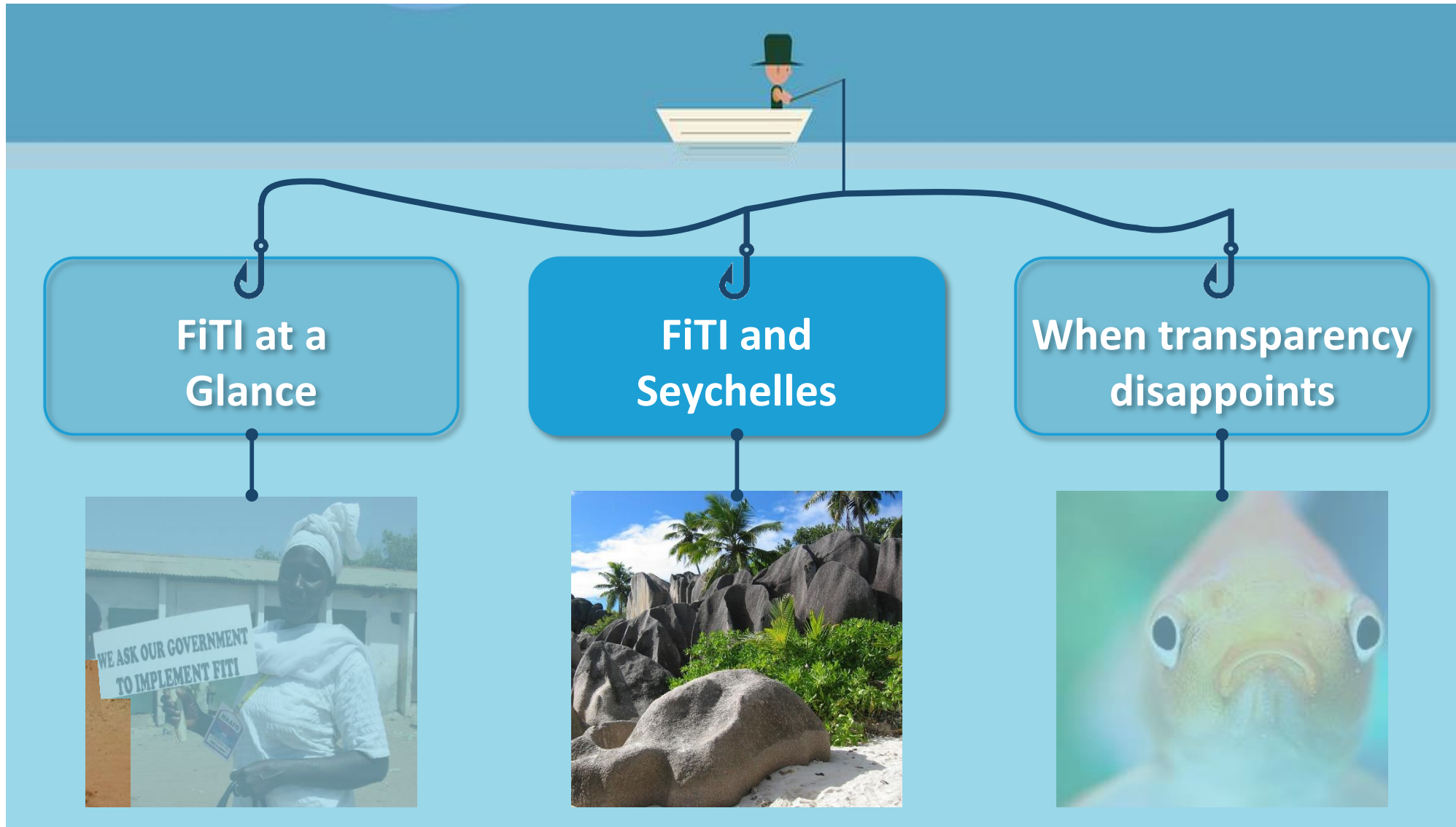


**Multi-Stakeholder Initiative**

**Comprehensive, annual transparency assessments**



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# FiTI and Seychelles



## Implementing country

**Seychelles has committed to implement the FiTI Standard and is currently recognized as a FiTI Candidate country**

## Host country

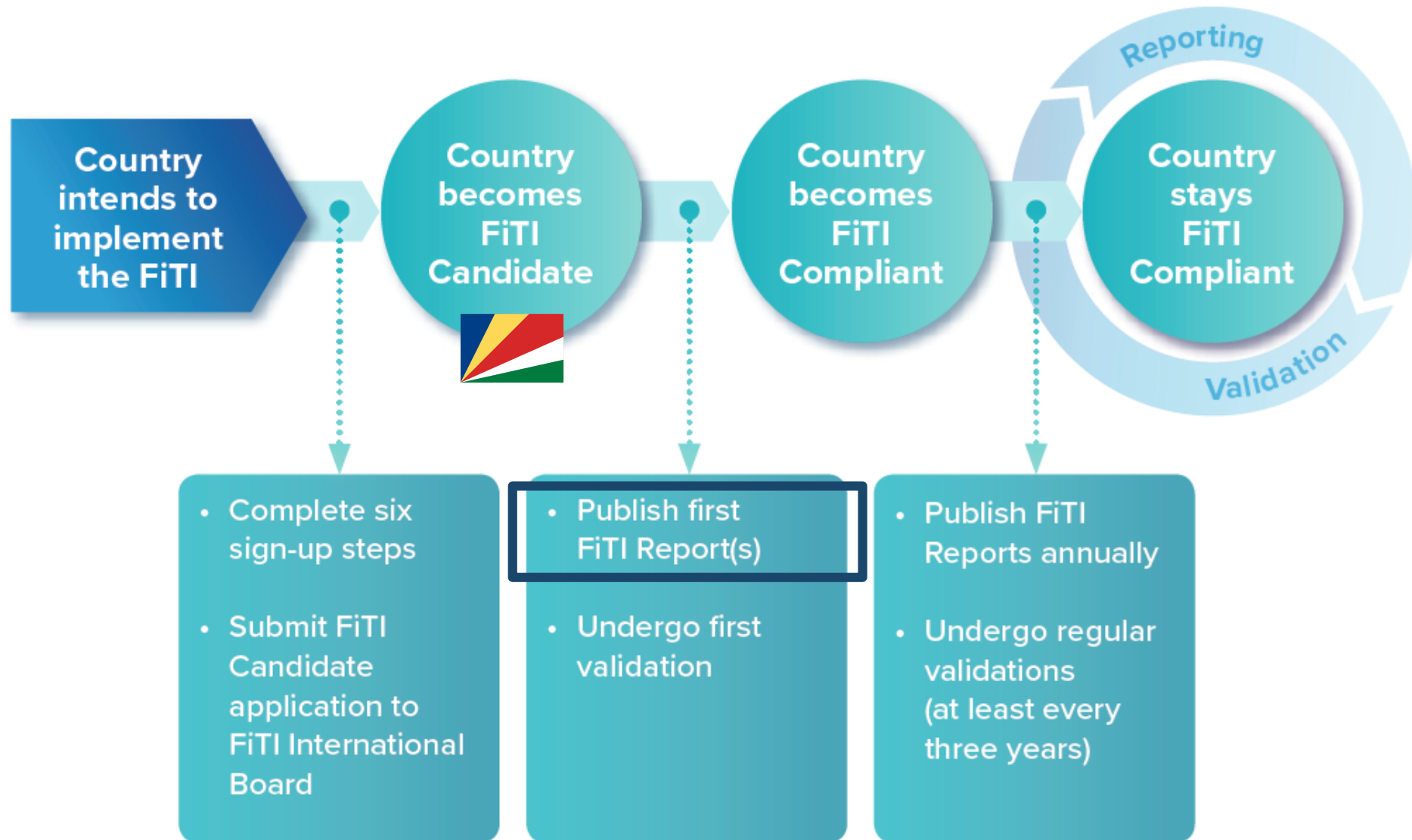
**Seychelles is also the host country of the FiTI's International headquarter**



# Seychelles: FiTI Candidate country

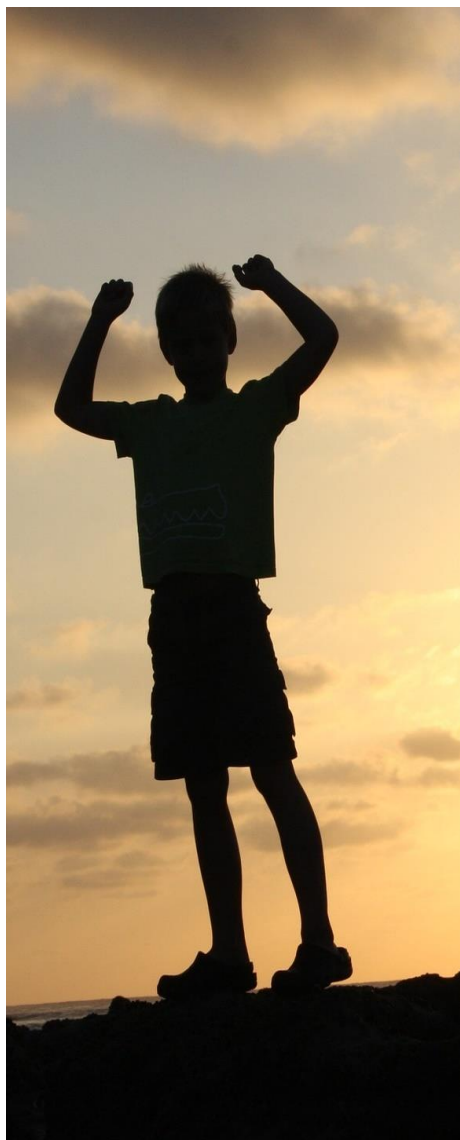
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As of September 2020



# Purpose of the FiTI Report

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- (1) Demonstrate whether information is published online by national authorities, is accessible and complete



Public Registry of National Fisheries Laws, Regulations and Official Policy Documents



Post-Harvest Sector and Fish Trade



Fisheries Tenure Arrangements



Fisheries Law Enforcement



Foreign Fishing Access Agreements



Labour Standards



The State of the Fisheries Resources



Fisheries Subsidies



Large-Scale Fisheries (Vessel Registry, Payments for fishing, Recorded catch data)



Official Development Assistance



Small-Scale Fisheries



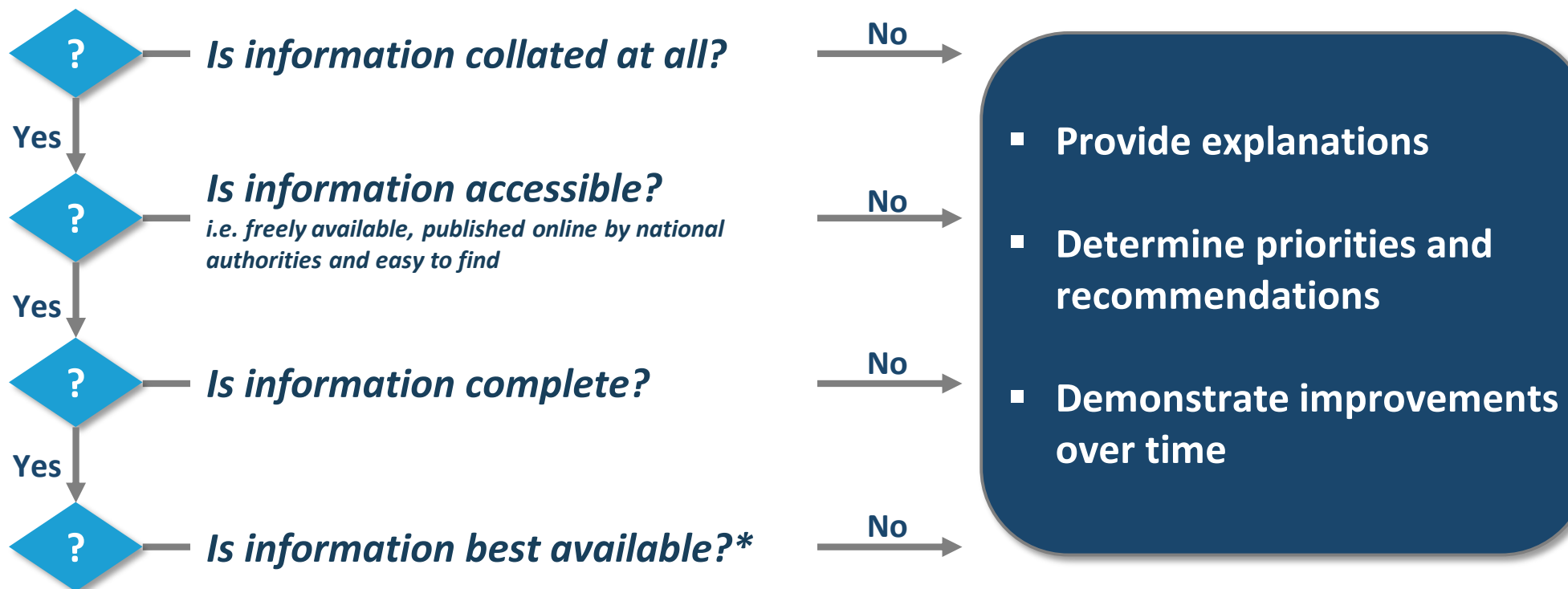
Beneficial Ownership

# Assessment of transparency requirements

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Countries do not need to have complete data for every transparency requirement from the beginning.

Public authorities must disclose the information they have, and where important gaps exist, demonstrate improvements over time.





# Purpose of the FiTI Report

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- 2) Provide a succinct summary for each transparency requirement to contribute to public debates
- 3) Determine recommendations to improve the publication of data in the public domain

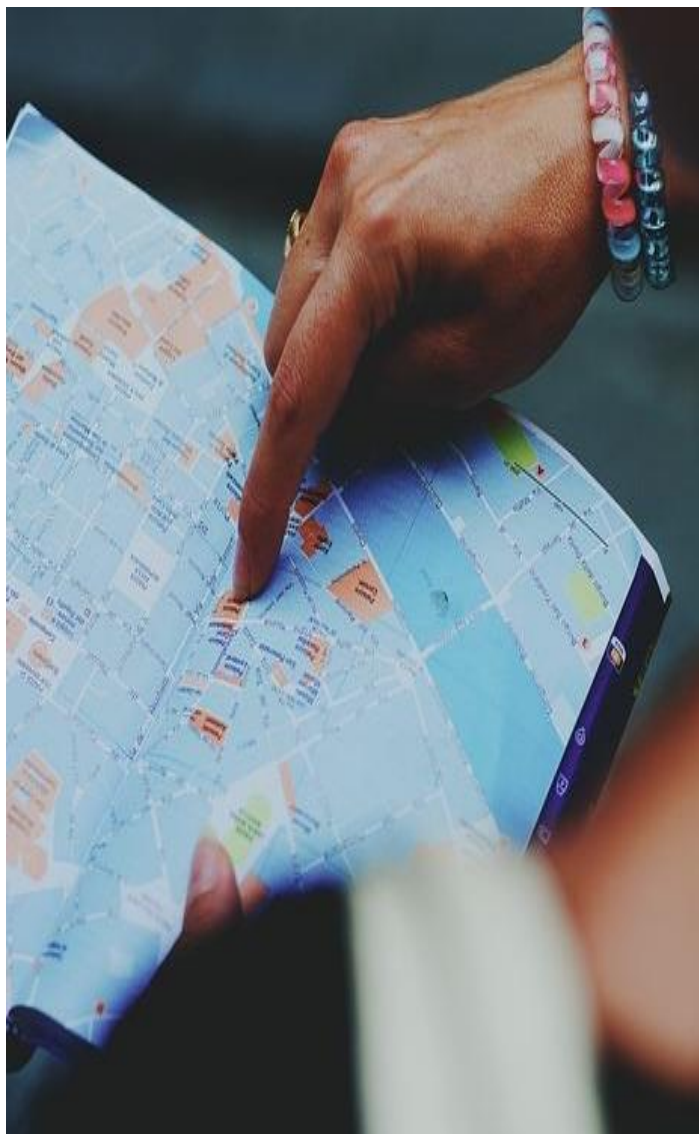


**Ownership:** the FiTI Report is owned by the National Multi-Stakeholder Group



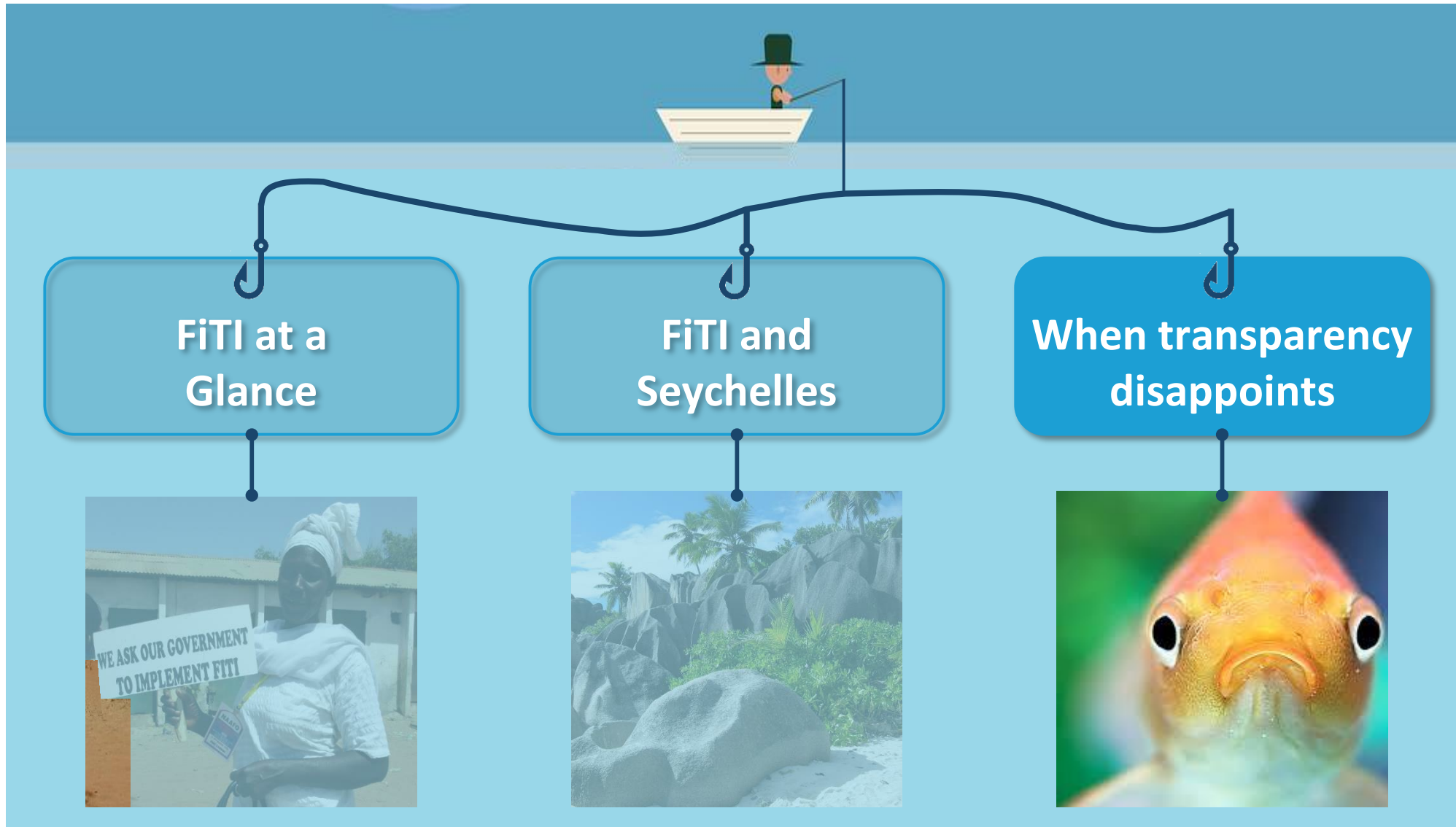
**No judgment:** the FiTI Report does not highlight bad fishing practices, or weaknesses in decision-making

# The FiTI Report = “Travel guide”



- ① Shows where to find national fisheries information online (if available)
- ① Provides highlights (i.e. summaries) for each sight (i.e. transparency requirement)
- ① Outlines recommendations to improve your next experience
- ① Creates interest in the fisheries sector

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# Confusion

## Management of fisheries by governments

*Increase public availability and credibility of basic (aggregated) information on a country's fisheries sector to stimulate public debates*



## Activities of fishing vessels

*Provide real-time, technology-supported information on activities of fishing vessels to identify illicit behaviour*



Global Fishing Watch



etc.

## Seafood traceability

*Increase information to trace fish from their point of capture through the entire supply chain ("from sea to plate") to strengthen consumer confidence*



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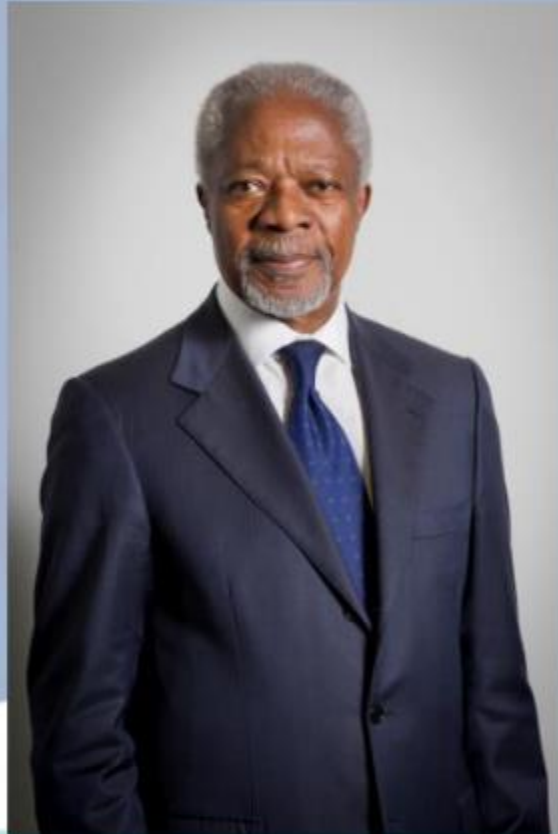
GLOBAL DIALOGUE on Seafood Traceability

etc.

# When transparency disappoints



- ① **“Data dumping” and complexity**
- ① **Propaganda & self-marketing**
- ① **Willingness of decision-makers to engage**
- ① **Lack of demand**



*"In Africa and around the world, fisheries play a crucial role in supporting livelihoods, providing employment and driving social economic development. However, the future of the world's fisheries is seriously threatened and this global challenge is far greater than any country can handle on its own.*

*The Fisheries Transparency Initiative, with transparency and participation as its cornerstones, makes an invaluable contribution to safeguard what is amongst the most vital resources on the planet."*

**Kofi Annan**

Chair of the Africa Progress Panel, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate