

LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear Minister for Development Cooperation Ulla Tørnæs

Its time to hear the voices of African, Indian and Philippine small-scale fisheries experts! On Saturday 12th of September, we will host a one day conference on small-scale fisheries. There will be five presentations by our colleagues from the South with time allocated for debating and exploring solutions to the challenges facing millions of people working in the small-scale fishing sector globally. There will also be time allocated for key invitees, including your self, to respond and present.

The themes of the conference covers: perspectives on EU-ACP fishery trade agreements; corruption in fisheries at state levels as a precursor for overfishing; the importance of civil society in sustainable management of marine resources; and, securing the rights of fishers and fishworkers as a government obligation.

Please see the attached Conference Programme including summaries of presentations and biographies of our colleagues from the South.

The Conference is funded by Danida under the Project Fund for Small Interventions. The list of invitee includes the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Ministers of Development Cooperation and Fisheries, and the EU Commissioners of Development and Fisheries.

Join us for this conference and see how small-scale fisheries provide the solutions for environmental sustainability, social and economic development, and democratisation processes.

We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance as soon as possible by sending an email or a letter to Africa Contact. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Carsten Pedersen, Africa Contact or Einer Lyduch, PUGAD.

Best regards,

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