

Shared Agenda

ICSF has recently published the proceedings of the international workshop on women in fisheries (WIF) titled “Recasting the Net: Defining a Gender Agenda for Sustaining Life and Livelihoods in Fishing Communities”, held from 7-10 July 2010, at Mahabalipuram, India. The 39 participants of the workshop were from 18 countries, and included women fishworkers, representatives of fishworker organizations, NGOs, activists and researchers. The workshop was meant to reflect on what needs to be done to develop a ‘gender agenda’ for sustaining life and livelihoods in fisheries. It was also organized against the backdrop of the growing international recognition of small-scale fisheries and efforts to enhance their contribution to food security and poverty alleviation, as evidenced in the deliberations of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The presentations at the workshop captured organizational processes and concerns of women fishworkers from

several countries, as well as the major shifts that have taken place over the last three decades in the dominant discourse on women in small-scale fisheries. They also focused on international legal instruments relevant to women in fisheries, as well as processes underway through COFI to support sustainable small-scale fisheries.

Active discussion, debate and analysis formed the basis of a “Shared Agenda” agreed on by workshop participants. This captured their “dreams for the future” as well as the “agenda for action” needed to realize these dreams, addressed to different sections of society. The publication—the official proceedings of the workshop—will be a useful source of information for community organizers, fishworker organizations, women’s groups, government officials, multilateral organizations, researchers and donors, as well as all those interested in gender issues.

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