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International Conference on Fishing Communities 2023

One Ocean, One Fishing Community:
Transformation towards the Future and the Great Voyage

International Conference on Fishing Communities 2023

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The 2023 International Conference on Fishing Communities (ICFC 2023) will be held in Busan, the Maritime Capital of Korea.

In human history, fishing communities have been the driving force behind fisheries and regional development. The fishing communities have faced various crises, including aging, declining population, disaster vulnerability, and reduced Aquatic food self-sufficiency rate and the world now needs to find common solutions.

This conference will provide an opportunity to discuss various challenges, including community, industrial accidents, fishing and aquaculture, blue fishing ports, climate change, disasters and safety, smart fishing communities, fishing heritage, and cooperation and solidarity between countries, facing fishing communities around the world.

The 2023 International Conference on Fishing Communities (ICFC 2023), the world’s first international conference to implement the new future vision and sustainability of fishing communities, offers a variety of additional events such as performances, promotions, and exhibition halls, as well as academic events.

Please look forward to it and show your support.

Thank you.

President of Korea Maritime Institute Kim Jong-Deog

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### Participating Countries

**Asia**
- Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka

**Oceania**
- Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

**Africa**
- Algeria, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritius, Senegal, Tanzania, Zanzibar

**America**
- Brazil, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, United States

**Europe**
- Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom

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### Main Contents

#### Opening Events
- Sharing fundamental principles to pursue based on cooperation and solidarity in the face of the common crisis and challenges facing the global fishing Communities, such as climate change, population and social issues, and the degradation of the marine environment

#### Academic Events

- Sessions on social, economic, and environmental sustainability in fishing communities in the pursuit of solutions with experts and stakeholders
  - Fishing Communities
  - Fishing & Aquaculture
  - Industrial Accidents in Fishery
  - Climate Change & Disaster Management
  - Fishery Heritage
  - Fishing Community Tourism

#### Side Events

- Video Contest: World Fishing Community Live Show
- Exhibition Booths for fishing communities from each continent (culture, life style, fishery heritage, fishing safety equipment, smart fishing village, relevant policy, etc.)
- World Fishing Exhibition (participating countries)
- K-performance

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### Program

**Tuesday, 19 September 2023, 18:30-21:00 (KST)**

- **18:30 – 21:00** Welcome Reception
  - Greeting participants & Networking among key figures

**Wednesday, 20 September 2023, 10:30-20:00 (KST)**

- **10:30 – 14:30** Pre-Ceremonial Event
  - Field Trip and Luncheon
  - Press Conference
  - Commemorative Photograph
- **14:30 – 15:30** Opening Ceremony
  - Declaration of the Opening
  - Welcoming and congratulatory messages to celebrate ICFC 2023
  - Founding Event
    - Relay interview messages from fishing communities around the world
    - Screening a video containing the main theme of ICFC 2023
- **15:30 – 16:15** Keynote Lecture
  - "100% Fish - Growing the blue economy in smaller communities"
  - "Blue Transformation"
- **16:15 – 17:00** Vision Declaration Ceremony
  - Share fundamental principles on the challenges and crisis that fishing villages worldwide face

**Thursday, 21 September 2023, 09:30-17:30 (KST)**

- **09:30 – 12:30** (parallel session)
  - Session 1: Fishing Communities
    - Challenges and tasks of the transition era facing fishing Communities
  - Session 2: Youth & Female Fishermen
    - Cases of Youth and Female fishermen who lead change and innovation in fishing Communities and strengthen empowerment
  - Session 3: Fishing & Aquaculture
    - Fishing and aquaculture challenges for future sustainability of small-scale fisheries
  - Session 4: Blue Ports Initiative
    - Cases of social, economic and environmental future value creation of fishing ports and challenges for convex
  - Session 5: Industrial Accidents in Fishery
    - Best practices for fisherman’s occupational safety and health improvement, and tasks for preemptive prevention
- **12:30 – 13:30** Event
  - Exhibition of global fishing equipment and techniques, fishery culture, and relevant policies from governments
- **14:00 – 16:30** (parallel session)
  - Session 6: International Cooperation
    - Cases of cooperation and solidarity between countries and efforts to strengthen global coexistence in the fishing community sector
  - Session 7: Climate Change & Disaster Management
    - Tasks to improve Settlement conditions in fishing communities in response to vulnerability of climate change and disaster
  - Session 8: Smart Fishing Communities
    - Best practices and expansion plans for smart fishing communities applying cutting-edge technology and innovation
  - Session 9: Fishery Heritage
    - Developing a sustainable fishing communities through utilization and discovery in fishery heritage
  - Session 10: Fishing Community Tourism
    - Strategies and tasks for revitalizing community-based tourism for sustainable development of fishing community
- **16:30 – 17:30** Wrap-up
  - Summary of key messages and recommended actions to empower fishing communities