

*Ha Noi, 22 April 2024*

## INVITATION LETTER

### for “National Scientific Conference on Economics and Policy for Fisheries Development in Relation to Green Growth”

To: .....Assistant for Climate Change Working Group (CCWG).....

Vietnam is advancing its National Green Growth Strategy for 2021-2030 with a vision toward 2050, along with the National Climate Change Strategy for 2022-2050. The government has pledged to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 and aims to reduce emissions by 15.8% through national efforts and by 43.5% with international assistance by 2030. The fisheries sector and its array of blue food products are poised to play a key role in meeting these national emission reduction goals. The Blue Food Assessment (BFA), launched at the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, revealed that various blue food species have the potential for lower carbon emissions compared to terrestrial livestock. Nevertheless, considering the vast array of blue food species, stakeholders, production methods, and socio-political environments, there is still a significant gap in understanding the full scope of opportunities and challenges for mitigation and adaptation, as well as the complex interactions with gender equality, social inclusion, nutrition, economic benefits, and biodiversity in the era of climate change.

The described context presents challenges and necessitates innovative approaches in evolving the fisheries sector towards green growth and sustainable development. This encompasses the enhancement of the institutional and policy framework, the advancement of fisheries economics research, and the innovation of production models within the framework of climate change and international integration.

In commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vietnam Institute of Fisheries Economics and Planning (VIFEP) (07 May 1984 - 07 May 2024), with the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), and co-sponsored by the MOORE Foundation funded project led by Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions, in collaboration with CARE, WorldFish, and the CGIAR Initiative on Low-Emission Food Systems (MITIGATE+) to co-host the “**National Scientific Conference on Economics and Policy for Fisheries Development in Relation to Green Growth**”. This symposium is designed to serve as a multidisciplinary forum for the exchange and showcase of innovative economic strategies within the Fisheries sector, with an emphasis on the role and impact of blue food production and supply chains in achieving the nation's net-

zero emissions goals. It also aims to disseminate the latest research and scientific advancements that contribute to the sustainable management of the fisheries sector, augment its value, and bolster its resilience in the face of climate change and global integration.

The Conference agenda is enclosed to this invitation letter.

**Time: 06<sup>th</sup> - 07<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Venue: Lake Side Hotel, No. 23 Ngoc Khanh Street, Ba Dinh district, Hanoi, Vietnam**

Vietnam Institute of Fisheries Economics and Planning extends an invitation to your agency and its representatives to participate and contribute information at our forthcoming conference. We kindly request confirmation of your attendance by April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Should you require additional details, please reach out to the VIFEP Administration at telephone number: 024.38345674, email: [vifep@mard.gov.vn](mailto:vifep@mard.gov.vn), or contact Mr. Nguyen Manh Cuong directly at cellphone: 0904125048, email: [nguyenmanhcuong.ifep@gmail.com](mailto:nguyenmanhcuong.ifep@gmail.com).

We are honored to welcome you.



**DIRECTOR**

**Dr. Nguyen Thanh Binh**



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Food Systems



## AGENDA

### “National Scientific Conference on Economics and Policy for Fisheries Development in Relation to Green Growth”

- **Time:** May 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- **Location:** Lake Side Hotel, 23 Ngoc Khanh Street, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

<b>Day 1: 6/5/2024</b>	<b>Side event of the conference: “Blue Foods in National Climate Strategies”</b>
8h30 – 8h35	Opening speech ( <i>Board of Event Organization</i> )
8h35 – 8h50	Status and priority orientation for the development of the fisheries sector to 2030, toward 2050, solutions and policies to promote climate change adaptation and mitigation activities. <i>Representative of the Department of Fisheries (DOF/MARD)</i>
8h50 – 9h05	Climate change impacts and initiatives to adapt to climate change in aquaculture in Vietnam (including gender issues in adaptation and Case studies) <i>Representative of the Research Institute for Aquaculture No. 2 (RIA 2)/ Dr. Nguyen Thanh Tung</i>
9h05 – 9h20	Policies and actions to adapt to climate change in the fisheries sector; and the role of aquatic foods in the agriculture sector's adaptation and mitigation plan (NAP and NDC in agriculture). <i>Representative of the Department of Science, Technology and Environment (MARD)</i>
9h20-9h35	Update on Vietnam's progress and efforts in preparing NDC, NAP, and transparency reports submitted to UNFCCC; implications and suggestions for the fisheries sector. <i>Representative of the Department of Climate Change (DCC) - Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)</i>
9h35-9h50	Questions and answers ( <i>Organizing Committee and Delegates</i> )
9h50-10h00	Coffee break
10h00-10h15	Gender issues in communities participating in climate change adaptive aquaculture and fisheries and policy recommendations. <i>CARE Vietnam, SRD và MCD/Ms. Nguyen Thi Yen</i>
10h15-11h30	Panel discussion on climate change impacts and adaptation strategies in fisheries and aquaculture; Priority orientations and action plans of stakeholders: i) Opportunities to promote effective climate adaptation in aquatic food systems (technical, policy, financial, implementation, and social) ii) Challenges for effective climate adaptation in aquatic food systems (technical, policy, financial, implementation, and social) iii) Recommendations, solutions, gender integration, and inclusivity? And the role of stakeholders?

	<p><b>Moderating discussion:</b> Representative of the Department of Fisheries (DoF)/VIFEP; Representative of WorldFish</p> <p><b>Experts providing comments:</b> Representative of DoF; Representative of Department of Science, Technology and Environment (MARD); Representative of Department of Climate Change (MONRE); Dr. Michelle Tigchelaar - WorldFish; Dr. Moushumi Chaudhury - CARE USA.</p>
11h30-13h30	Lunch break
13h30-13h50	<p>Orientations and roadmaps for green transformation of the shrimp value chain in the Mekong Delta.</p> <p><i>VIFEP and WorldFish</i></p>
13h50-14h10	<p>Results of measuring Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in shrimp farming in Bac Lieu and solutions to reduce emissions.</p> <p><i>Research Institute for Climate Change - Can Tho University/Dr. Le Anh Tuan</i></p>
14h10 – 14h40	Questions and answers ( <i>Organizing Committee and Delegates</i> )
14h40– 14h50	Coffee break
14h50 – 15h50	<p>Panel discussion on climate change mitigation in the aquatic food sector in Vietnam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) What are the opportunities and challenges in promoting GHG emission reduction in aquatic food production (technical, policy, financial, implementation, and social)?</li> <li>ii) Opportunities and challenges in the transformation of low-carbon aquatic food value chains?</li> <li>iii) Trends and demands of seafood import markets about sustainable and certified aquatic food products?</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderating discussion:</b> Representative of WorldFish; Dr. Nguyen Thanh Binh - Director of VIFEP.</p> <p><b>Experts providing comments:</b> Ms. Alena Goebel, Oxford University; Dr. Timothy Patrick Moore, Monterey Bay Aquarium; Mr. Đinh Xuân Lập, Deputy Director ICAFIS (VINAFIS); Representative of GROBEST Company; Dr. Cao Le Quyen, Deputy Director of VIFEP</p>
15h50-16h50	<p>Group discussions (10 participants per group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What are the priorities for Vietnam's aquatic food sector to adapt to climate change? How can priorities for adaptation be identified?</li> <li>-What are the priorities for mitigation in the aquatic food sector in Vietnam?</li> <li>- How can priorities for mitigation be identified?</li> <li>- How do climate solutions and goals align with the sector's overall goals and targets? Are there trade-offs? Co-benefits?</li> </ul>
16h50 – 17h00	Conclusion day 1 ( <i>Organization Committee</i> )
<b>Day 2: 7/5/2024</b>	<b>Session 1: Economics, Policy and Planning for Fisheries Development</b> SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS AND POLICY FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO GREEN GROWTH
8h00 – 8h15	<p>Planning in Viet Nam and some implications for green and sustainable fisheries development planning.</p> <p><i>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi - Member of Parliament; Standing Deputy Chairman of Vietnam Fisheries Society</i></p>
8h15 – 8h30	<p>Develop relevant equipment production sector to support sustainable development of the fisheries sector.</p> <p><i>Ms. Nguyen Thi Hai Binh - STP Group Chief Executive Officer</i></p>
8h30 – 8h45	Policies for protecting and developing natural capital towards Vietnam's blue ocean economy: implication and recommendations for fisheries sector.

	<i>Representative of the Institute of Strategy, Policy, Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE) - Mr. Lai Van Manh</i>
8h45 – 9h10	Summary of key results of side event: i) Findings on climate adaptation and mitigation needs and initiatives for aquatic foods in Vietnam ii) Lessons on gender and inclusivity in climate transformative aquatic food supply chains iii) Implications for the future development of the aquatic food sector iv) Policy needs and priorities and opportunities for collaboration Interactive discussion with feedback from participants” <i>(Board of Event organization/WorldFish)</i>
9h10– 10h10	Panel discussion on priorities, policy recommendations, and cooperation opportunities. i) Adaptation and sustainability priorities? ii) Mitigation and co-benefit priorities? Priorities in developing sustainable value chain and export? iii) Propose policies and implementation mechanisms. Gender mainstreaming and inclusivity? iv) Role of stakeholders (community; enterprise; local authorities; ministries; associations; industries; international organizations; and NGOs)?; Collaboration opportunities? <b><i>Moderating the discussion:</i></b> <i>Leader of the Department of Fisheries (Dr. Tran Dinh Luan)</i> <b><i>Expert comments:</i></b> <i>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi - Member of Parliament; Standing Deputy Chairman of Vietnam Fisheries Society; Representative of Minh Phu Seafood Group; Representative of VASEP; Representative of WorldFish; Representative of ISPONRE; Representative of STP Group.</i>
10h10-10h20	Coffee break
10h20-11h00	Discussion and concluding the workshop. <i>Representative of DOF, CARE and WorldFish</i>
<b>Day 2: 7/5/2024</b>	<b>Session 2: Stainable Capture Fisheries and Aquaculture</b> SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS AND POLICY FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO GREEN GROWTH
8h00 – 8h15	Efforts in protecting and developing sustainable fisheries resources <i>Vietnam Fisheries Surveillance Department/Mr.Le Tran Nguyen Hung</i>
8h15 – 8h30	Contribution of the fishing community to marine economic development <i>VIFEP/Mr. Dao Viet Long</i>
8h30 – 8h45	The role of non-governmental organizations in protecting and developing sustainable fisheries resources <i>MCD/Ms. Nguyen Thu Hue</i>
8h45– 10h10	Discussion on priorities, policies and cooperation opportunities - Priorities of protecting and exploiting resources and sustainable aquaculture development, human resources development, etc. - Propose policies and implementation mechanisms; - Roles of the parties? Community? Enterprise? Local authorities, ministries, associations, international organizations and NGOs. - Cooperation opportunities <b><i>Moderating the discussion:</i></b> <i>Leader of VIFEP</i> <b><i>Expert comments:</i></b> <i>Mr. Le Tran Nguyen Hung/Vietnam Fisheries Surveillance Department; Dr.Nguyen Thanh Tung – RIA2; Representative of RIMF; Dr. Thai Thanh Binh - Fisheries Colleague; Ms. Nguyen Thu</i>

	<i>Hue - MCD</i>
10h10-10h25	Coffee break
10h25-11h00	Discussion and concluding the workshop <i>Leader of VIFEP, experts and participants</i>
<b>11h00-12h00</b>	<b>Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Vietnam Institute of Fisheries Economics and Planning (VIFEP)</b> (All participants are cordially invited to attend the Celebration at Lake Side Hotel
12h00	Reception <i>Lake Side Hotel</i>