



Risk-based regulations in the fisheries sector

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The Project on “Standards for the SDGs”

Objectives:

- Raising awareness among standards bodies on the 2030 Agenda.
- Promoting the use of standards as a tool for policymakers, authorities, the civil society, business communities, and other stakeholders, for sustainable development.

Results:

- Collected **Case Studies and Published “Standards for the Sustainable Development Goals”**
- Developed a **database of over 1,600 standards** (still counting) associated with SDG targets
- High level events: **Standards for the SDGs Event, 26th September 2018**



UNECE work on risk-based regulatory systems

- Work on integration of a risk management approach to regulatory and public administrations work started in 2009.
- Since 2011, work entrusted to Group of Experts meeting bi-monthly via webinars + once a year in physical meetings (as possible).
- In 2012, comprehensive handbook published on how to manage risks in regulatory authorities and public administrations
- Four recommendations: “Managing Risks in Regulatory Frameworks” (2011); “Crisis Management in Regulatory Frameworks” (2016); “Applying Predictive Risk Management for Targeted Market Surveillance” (S, 2016), “Standards and Regulations for Sustainable Development” (T, 2018)
- Work will be featured in UN World Public Sector Report 2019



Results of the application of the UNECE model to the fisheries sector:

- Workshop on how to apply the UNECE Methodology on “Risk Management for Regulatory Systems” to SDG 14 on “Life below water” in Geesthacht, Germany, 20-22 February 2017.
 - ✓ Participants concluded that risk management best practice should be integrated in national strategies for Goal 14, in particular **Target 14.4**.
 - ✓ Regulatory authorities should be supported in the **development of surveillance** and enforcement strategies based on an analysis of the reasons of why overfishing is happening.
- ICES/UNECE Symposium on Risk Management tools and standards in support of Sustainable Development Goal 14 Reykjavik, Iceland 9-12 October 2018.
 - ✓ UNECE’s **Recommendation T** should be implemented in the context of SDG 14, possibly accompanied by the creation of a dedicated Group of Experts.
 - ✓ Prior to implementing **a risk-based approach in this sector**, an in-depth study of the current regulatory frameworks in UNECE’s Member States related to SDG 14 should be carried out.



Leveraging Standards to manage risks & achieve SDG 14 in Africa

- Thanks to funding under the **EU ACP TBT project** and cooperation with **ARSO**, two national projects were developed in **Namibia** and **Uganda**.
- Raised awareness of UNECE «**Risk Management Model for Regulatory Frameworks**» and **UN/FLUX Standard**.
- Challenges: Climate change impacts, technological progress in fishing gears, disease outbreaks and everchanging trade and regulatory regimes.
- Requires changing laws and regulation every time there is a new challenge in the sector.



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THANK YOU

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