PROGRAMME

International Fishing Capacity Conference

"Global Fishing Capacity – Less is more"

13-14 March 2014,
Thessaloniki, Greece
Thessaloniki Concert Hall

DAY 1

17:00 **Registration desk open for badges[1] (*1st floor)***

18:00 **Opening of conference (*Maurice Saltiel room 5th floor)***
Keynote speeches:

- H.E. Mr Evangelos **VENIZELOS**, EU Presidency, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Greece
- Ms Maria **DAMANAKI**, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Sir Richard **BRANSON**, Chairman of Virgin Atlantic Airways and the founder of Virgin Records (live videolink)
- Mr Athanasios **TSAFTARIS**, EU Presidency, Minister of Rural Development and Food, Greece
- Mr Pierre-Yves **COUSTEAU**, Founder of the Cousteau Divers and goodwill ambassador of the International Union for Conservation

20:00 **Cocktail *(Aldebaran restaurant and terrace)***

20:30 **Buffet Dinner *(Foyer ground floor)***

[1] Conference kit for participants will be distributed DAY 2 (14 March from 8 to 8.45 a.m.)

DAY 2

Maurice Saltiel room (5th floor)

8:00 – 8:45 **Welcome coffee and registration** (***Aldebaran Restaurant and terrace***)

8:45 – 8:50 Introduction and guidance through the day by Mr Stefaan **DEPYPERE**, Director, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

8:50 – 10:50 "**Policy makers' role in addressing overcapacity"**

Moderator: Mr Charles CLOVER, Chairman of the Blue Marine Foundation

Mr José GRAZIANO DA SILVA	Director-General Food and Agriculture Organisation (video-message)
Mr Janez POTOČNIK	European Commissioner for the Environment (video-message)
Mr Nicos KOUYIALIS	Minister for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, **Cyprus**
Ms Sharon DIJKSMA	Minister for Agriculture, **The Netherlands**
Mr Nayon BILIJO	Minister for Fisheries and Aquaculture, **Ghana**
Mr Nani OULD CHROUGHA	Minister for Fisheries and Maritime Economy, **Mauritania**
Mr Peter SINON	Minister for Natural Resources and Industry, **Seychelles**
Mr Mindaugas KUKLIERIUS	Vice-Minister for Agriculture, **Lithuania**
Mr Atty Emerson U. PALAD	Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, Department of Agriculture, **Philippines**
Mr Russell SMITH	Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce, **United States**

10:50 – 11:15 Coffee Break (***Aldebaran Restaurant and terrace***)

11:15 – 13:15 Panel "International capacity management – A snapshot"

Moderator: Mr Árni MATHIESEN, FAO Assistant Director-General for Fisheries and Aquaculture

Panellists:

Prof. Dr Fábio HAZIN	Professor, Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco (UFRPE), Recife - **Brazil** *'The International Legal Framework'*
Mr Masanori MIYAHARA	Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries, **Japan** *'Capacity management in tuna-RFMO'*
Ms Zakia DRIOUICH	Secretary General, Ministry of Fisheries, **Morocco** *'Bluefin tuna recovery in ICCAT'*
Ms Susan JACKSON	President, International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), **USA** *'Market-driven capacity management'*
Mr Andrew WRIGHT	Executive Secretary, Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), **New Zealand** *'Capacity transfer from developed to developing states'*

13:15 – 14:00 Closing session

Signature of joint statement

Closing remarks by Commissioner Maria DAMANAKI with the "Thessaloniki appeal".

14:00 – 15:00 Buffet Lunch (*Aldebaran Restaurant and terrace*)