

**SYMPOSIUM ON:
APPLYING THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN ABNJ**

Call for Expressions of Interest

A three-day symposium will be held from 11–13 March 2025 at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy.

The symposium will be global in scope with a focus on applying the ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM) in deep-sea RFMOs and other relevant management organizations.

Presentations will be organized into panel sessions, which will be followed by facilitated discussions. Each session will consist of one facilitator and 3 speakers. There will be three sessions per day.

The draft programme is planned as follows:

Day	Topic	Panel sessions
1	Scientific aspects of EAFM	Retained species Discarded species Ecosystem effects
2	Management aspects of EAFM	Retained species Discarded species Ecosystem effects
3	Developing guidance for implementation of EAFM by dsRFMOs	Scope and long-term objectives Gap analysis Guidance for implementation

This is a **call for expressions of interest** for people with a knowledge of EAFM and deep-sea RFMO procedures in science and management to be:

- Panel facilitators (9 required)
- Panel speakers (27 required)

Speakers will be encouraged to submit a paper describing their presentation for publication in the symposium proceedings in the NAFO *Journal of Northwest Atlantic Fishery Science*. We would be grateful if these could be provided before the symposium to facilitate timely publication. Papers will be peer reviewed.

Selection: The symposium committee will select facilitators and speakers. There will be some funding available to support travel and accommodation costs.

We are striving to have equal representation from scientists and managers, the northern and southern hemispheres, and men and women.

Please complete the “Expression of Interest” form on the EAFM Symposium website: <https://eafm-symposium.nafo.int>