

*Invitation to lunch seminar – open to the public*

# The EU Fisheries Agreements and the Policy for Global Development

*– Can EU Fisheries Agreements Be Fair and Sustainable?*

**Regeringsgatan 65, Stockholm (Europahuset, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

**12:00 – 14:30, March 1, 2012**

EU fisheries agreements with developing countries have long been criticized for environmental and developmental reasons. But some say that it would be worse for the environment and for local communities if the agreements were abandoned. A revision of the fisheries agreements is currently taking place as a part of the reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

At this seminar, leading experts from Europe and Africa, with different perspectives on the fisheries agreements, will present their views on what conditions may render the agreements fair and sustainable. Organiser and moderator is **Isabella Lövin**, Swedish Green Party, rapporteur in the European Parliament for the so-called External Dimension of the CFP, which includes fisheries agreements.

- 12:10 **Welcome and introduction** **Isabella Lövin**
- 12:20 **European Commission proposal for new fisheries agreements** **Stefaan Depypere**  
Director of International Affairs and Markets, *European Commission DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*.
- 12:30 **What makes fisheries agreements fair and sustainable?** **Béatrice Gorez**  
Coordinator of *Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements*, a network of development and environment NGOs supporting sustainable small-scale fisheries in developing countries.
- 12:40 **Transparency & accountability in agreements with Mauretania** **Nedwa Moctar Nech**  
Coordinator of *Mauretanie 2000*, an organisation for women in the fish processing industry in Mauretania, also active in the Mauritanian NGO "*Publish what you pay!*"
- 12:50 **The EU fishing industry's interest in fisheries agreements** **Javier Garat**  
President of *Europêche*, the association of EU fishing vessels owners.
- 13:00 **Panel discussion with Swedish parliamentarians**  
**Staffan Danielsson** (c), **Christian Holm** (m), **Jens Holm** (v), **Pyry Niemi** (s),  
**Kew Nordqvist** (mp), **Désirée Pethrus** (kd), **Johnny Skalin** (sd), **Lars Tysklind** (fp).
- 14:20 **Conclusions** **Isabella Lövin**

The working language of the seminar will be English. Lunch sandwiches will be provided. No participation fee, but please register to [isabella.loevin@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:isabella.loevin@europarl.europa.eu).



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