



Leaders' Conferences

FOMACO 2026

Monday, April 27 11h00 – 13h00

PANEL 1 · Sustainable fisheries: a pillar of an inclusive blue economy in West Africa

1 Mme Virginia Pires Correia

Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy of Guinea-Bissau

2 M. Audun Lem

President of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

3 Mme Dyhai Belhabib

Expert in combating IUU Fishing at Ecotrust (Canada)

4 Mme Merete Tandstad

Coordinator FAO EAF-Nansen Programme

5 M. Dawda Saine

Secretary General of the African Confederation of Artisanal Fisheries (CAOPA)

Moderator · Ezza Jiddou, Project Officer at the MPEM (Mauritania)

Rapporteurs: **Mohamed Mahmoudh yehdhih & khady Sané**

Wednesday, April 29 08h30 – 10h30

PANEL 2 · From the coast to the high seas: governance, science and action for sustainable oceans

1 M. Abou Bamba

Minister of Environment and Ecological Transition of Côte d'Ivoire

2 M. Gibrilla Camara



BBNJ Focal Point for Sierra Leone

3 M. Martin Alessandrini

Advocacy and International Cooperation Manager at the Tara Ocean Foundation

4 Mme Tabea Zwimpfer

Africa Marine Coordinator à Birdlife

Moderator · Moustapha Kebe, Expert in Fisheries Governance

Rapporteurs: **Ly Djibril & François Simard**

Thursday, April 30 08h30 – 10h30

PANEL 3 · Looking ahead: from commitment to large-scale impact for sustainable development in West Africa

1 Mme Rohey John Manjang

Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources of The Gambia

2 M. Ibrahim Thiaw

Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

3 Mme Hyewon Jung

Deputy Representative of UNDP in Mauritania

4 Mme Fatou Ndoye

Executive Secretary of the Abidjan Convention

Moderator · Mme Charlotte Karibuhoye, Former Regional Director of the MAVA Foundation in West Africa

Rapporteurs: **Khadijettou Mint Sneih & Pierre Campredon**