



10th Anniversary of Aquaculture Advisory Council & Market Advisory Council



Programme

WEDNESDAY
10 JUNE 2026
14:00 – 19:00 CET

Palais des Académies
Albert II Auditorium
(Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels)
Interpretation in EN, ES, FR, IT

- 14:00** ● **Welcome remarks** - Yobana Bermúdez (Chair, MAC) & Brian Thomsen (Chair, AAC)
- 14:15** ● **High-level address - European Commission**
- Costas Kadis (European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans)
- 14:30** ● **High-level address – Presidency of the Council of the European Union**
- Yiannos Kyriacou (Fisheries Counsellor, Cyprus)
- 14:45** ● **Special address – Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations**
- Manuel Barange (Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO) (*tentatively confirmed*)
- 15:00** ● **Roundtable I – Evolution and Achievements of the AAC and of the MAC**
- **Moderator:** Christine Absil (Vice-Chair, MAC)
 - Stylianos Mitolidis (Director, DG MARE D, European Commission)
 - Aurora de Blas Carbonero (Director General of Fisheries Management and Aquaculture, General Secretariat of Fisheries, Spain)
 - Mário Santos (Head of Unit - Mediterranean, Black Sea, Indian Ocean and South Atlantic, European Fisheries Control Agency)
 - Javier Ojeda (Former Chair, AAC)
 - Sean O'Donoghue (Former Vice-Chair, MAC)
- 16:00** ● **Roundtable II – The Future of Sustainable EU Aquaculture Production & of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products**
- **Moderator:** Charlotte Epinay (Vice-Chair, AAC)
 - Delilah Al Khudhairy (Director, DG MARE A, European Commission)
 - Paulo do Nascimento Cabral (Vice-Chair, Committee on Fisheries, European Parliament)
 - Richard Donnelly (Interim Chief Executive Officer, Seafood Development Agency, Ireland)
 - Sébastien Metz (President, European Association of Fisheries Economists)
 - Maria Cozzolino (Senior Researcher, NISEA; independent expert in the STECF Aquaculture Working Group)
- 17:00** ● **Closing remarks** - Yobana Bermúdez (Chair, MAC) & Brian Thomsen (Chair, AAC)
- 17:15** ● **Reception at the Marble Room**
- Performance by Shantykoor Blankenberge

