

I INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF ANDALUSIA-MOROCCO FISHING WOMEN:

“Strategic lines in equality policy for women of the fishing sector in Africa and Europe”.

BARBATE (CÁDIZ- SPAIN), OCTOBER 25, 26 and 27, 2019





Context and Justification

In recent years, Andalusian women linked to the fishing sector have been organizing in various local associations along the coast of the autonomous community, with the main objective of promoting the role of women to promote equality and their full integration into a traditionally masculinized fishing sector.

Given this fact, the Andalusian fisheries administration, aware of the existence of numerous women workers in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and their invisibility, promoted the idea of supporting the creation of an association of Andalusian women. And so, thanks to a meeting organized by the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía, held in early 2018, in which women's associations and independent professionals from the sector participated, the commitment to create an Andalusian association of women emerged, which led to the constitution, in April of the same year, of the Andalusian Association of Women of the Fishing Sector (AndMuPes).

Since its creation, this Association has been promoting different actions under the philosophy of showing the work of Women within the Andalusian fishing system, with activities aimed at making visible the role of women in fishing, professionalizing their occupations, enabling their occupation in organs of decision, so that they are treated with equal opportunities, and so that the training takes into account the figure of women as an asset within the fishing sector; as well as to disseminate, sensitize and publicize AndMuPes objectives to reach the largest number of people interested in being part of it. In short, so that this impulse of women within the fishing sector continues, grows and becomes a reality.

Currently, within the plan of action of AndMuPes 2019 and, framed in its activities of dissemination, transfer of technology and information and training, it is planned to organize, in Barbate (Cádiz - Spain), an international meeting with Andalusian, Spanish, European, Moroccan and other areas of Africa women, belonging to the fisheries and aquaculture sector, with the idea of exchanging ideas and projects, publicizing the situation, needs and achievements of other professionals in the fisheries sector and maintaining a close relationship with them, enabling future cooperation agreements and the implementation of joint initiatives.

The idea of holding this meeting with women workers in the sector, which is going to have not only women from Morocco, -which is presented as a unique opportunity to take advantage of current good relations and the existence of economic development agreements and of a cultural nature signed between both countries; but also with women from other countries, arises from the current need to work in collaboration with other sea professionals in a more international field, which may enable the development of a strategic action plan on equality that makes it possible to improve the situation of Women in fishing activity.

AndMuPes women believe that it is an ideal time to get a real approach and real knowledge of women from different countries; they want to expand their area of activity and not only share experiences, training and information within their local and regional or national territory; they want to achieve, in the near future, to strengthen relationships that may materialize in joint development and fisheries sustainability projects, where women occupy a relevant role.



Objective of the meeting

The overall objective of the project is to create a meeting and sharing point among women in the fisheries sector in Southern Europe, where Andalusia plays an important role, from Northern Morocco and other areas of Africa, to report on the current status of female associations in international, national, regional and local fishing activities, and collect the knowledge and concerns of the participants regarding their situation, their experiences, their participation, their concerns and aspirations, with a gender approach.

The specific objectives will consist of:

1. Share experiences and information that enrich the women of the fisheries from the different countries and bring the different realities closer together, through different exhibitions and participatory processes, covering social aspects, entrepreneurial initiatives and representativeness and leadership actions.
2. Allow not only the transfer of knowledge, but also the replication and evaluation of those successful actions of entrepreneurship and innovation in fisheries and aquaculture, carried out by women in the fishing ports of the different areas.
3. Work in the field of international equality to give more visibility to women in fisheries, regardless of their nationality.
4. Advance diversity issues through the search for common spaces in which women can develop their fishing activity in a visible and sustainable way.

Recipients

- Women's associations of the fishing sector at local, provincial, regional, national and international levels.
- Women linked to the fisheries and aquaculture sector in all its aspects: extractive activity, commercialization, research, transformation, aquaculture, etc.
- Fishing sector: senior employers, representatives of fishermen's associations and fishing sector associations, etc.
- Scientific and research sector.
- FLAG managers and technical staff of entities and NGOs involved in associations and fisheries development.
- Administration: international, national, regional, municipal, ports, etc.

Organize

The Andalusian Association of Women of the Fishing Sector (AndMuPes) and the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía.

Provisional program

DATE: October 25-27, 2019.

PLACE: The meeting is scheduled to take place in the municipality of Barbate (Cádiz), the location is yet to be defined.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

21:00: Welcome dinner for speakers and guests, by the Board of Directors of the Andalusian Association of Women of the Fishing Sector. (Place to be defined).

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

09:30	Participant accreditation
10:00	Inaugural act. People involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carmen Crespo Díaz. Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía. - M^a Ángeles Cayuela Campoy, president of AndMuPes. - Inés Domínguez Foncubierta, vice president of the Atlantic of AndMuPes. - Representative of the City Council of Barbate.
10:20	TABLE "EUROPE BLOCK": Governance of women and advances in Gender Equality Policy in the fishing sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of the European network of women in fisheries and aquaculture (AKTEA). - Responsible for Fisheries and Gender focal point of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). COLLOQUIUM
11:45	COFFEE BREAK
12:15	TABLE "AFRICA BLOCK": Women as an engine of development towards Blue Growth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of the Maritime Fishing State of Morocco. - Representative of the Women's Foundation for Africa. COLLOQUIUM
14:00	LUNCH
16:30	WORK TABLE: Associationism, professionalization and diversification of women's activities in fishing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rita Míguez de la Iglesia, president of the National Association of Women of Fishing (ANMUPESCA). Exchange of professional fishing experiences promoted by women, around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marine tourism, innovative diversification of fishing activity. - Fishing Local Action Groups (FLAG), opportunities for women in the sector. - Marine crops, sustainable initiatives complementary to fishing. COLLOQUIUM
18:30	Conclusions and closing.
21:00	Farewell Cocktail

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

VISIT PROGRAM:

10:00 Barbate Fish Farming Company (CUPIBAR). Barbate (Cádiz).

ABOUT ANDMUPES.

The Andalusian Association of Women of the Fishing Sector is currently formed by seven associations of women in the fishing sector and seventeen independent women (shipowners, fishermen, managers, researchers, traders, etc.), who work directly or linked to the fishing and aquaculture Andalusian sector, 168 women being associated from all along the coast.



Its Board of Directors, is represented by the Andalusian provinces with fishing sector, with six members that in turn represent the two fishing grounds; The Gulf of Cádiz and the Mediterranean, being the President, two Vice-Presidents (one from the Atlantic zone and one from the Mediterranean zone), Secretary / Treasurer and two Members.

The Association has its own legal personality and full capacity to act, and its scope is that of the entire Andalusian Community.

Goals.

Its main purposes are:

1. Defend the economic and professional interests of all women working in the fishing and aquaculture sector of Andalusia.
2. Represent the professional fishing sector in Andalusia, in that most of its members are professionally engaged in this activity.
3. Promote equal opportunities between men and women in the fishing and aquaculture sector.



4. Promote the participation and presence of women in political, economic, cultural and social life, providing visibility and reinforcement to the work of promoting equal opportunities in the world of fishing.

Performances.

The main actions carried out since its creation have been:

1. I Women's Day of the Andalusian fisheries and aquaculture sector "AndMuPes in the Mediterranean". 09/29/18, Motril (Granada).
2. II Women's Day of the Andalusian fisheries and aquaculture sector "AndMuPes in the Atlantic". 10/30/18, Ayamonte (Huelva).
3. I General Assembly of AndMuPes, 12/7/18, Almería.
4. Coordination Meeting of the Women of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Andalusia. Organized by the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía. 6/5/18, Seville.
5. I Ordinary Session of the Plenary Session of the Fisheries Advisory Council of Andalusia. Organized by the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía. 07/12/18, Seville.
6. Participation in the Conference "The challenges of a good management of the Mediterranean Sea". Organized by OPP 71 of Almería. 10/15/18, Almería.
7. Meeting of the Technical Commissions approved by the Andalusian Fisheries Advisory Council. Organized by the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía. 10/18/18, Seville.
8. Attendance at the "I International Conference of Women of Fishing". Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment of Spain. 5, 6 and 7/11/18, Santiago de Compostela (Galicia).
9. Participation in the meeting between parliamentarians of the Fisheries Commission of the European Parliament, Andalusian representatives of the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector, WWF and OCEANA. Organized by the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía. 12/19/18, Seville.
10. Meetings as members of the Board of Directors of ANMUPESCA, with: Secretary of State for Equality, director of IMIO, Secretary of State for Fisheries, Deputy for Lugo and Spokesman for Fisheries of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the Popular Parliamentary Group. 09/27/18, Madrid.
11. Participation in the breakfast colloquium of the "Voz de Almería", organized by the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía. 05/10/19, Almería.



12. Assistance to the participatory day for the elaboration of the diagnosis of the “Strategic Plan to improve the competitiveness of the agricultural, livestock, fishing and agro-industrial sector and of the rural development of Andalusia 2019 - 2022”, organized by the Regional Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development of the Junta de Andalucía. 06/19/19, Seville.

13. Participation in the Opportunities conference of the blue economy in Andalusia 1st “Roadshow” event of the assistance mechanism of the Westmed Initiative in Spain. With the co-organization of the Marine Maritime Cluster of Andalusia (CMMA). 07/10/19, Malaga.

Representation in Institutions and other Organizations.

Today, the Association has the following representation:

- Two members of the Andalusian Fisheries Advisory Council: in the commissions for the new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) 2021-2027 and for the drafting of the Internal Regime Regulations of the Advisory Council.
- Two vocalías by the Autonomous Community of Andalusia in ANMUPESCA: one by the National Association of Women of the Fishing and another one by the Association of women of the fishing “Galatea” of Almería (included in AndMuPes).
- AndMuPes is registered in the Women's Network in the Fishing Sector.