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Chennai, India

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Respected Sir/ Madam,

Greetings!

Subject: **Request for participation at the World Seafood Congress to be hosted for the first time in India.**

We are pleased to inform you that PDA Ventures Pvt Ltd have won the bid to bring the 'World Seafood Congress 2026' (WSC2026) to be hosted Chennai, marking a historic first for India. Every two years, the internationally acclaimed 'World Sea Food Congress' brings together global leaders of the seafood industry and the latest in seafood innovation and technologies under one roof. The World Seafood Congress is organised by the International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI), an international NGO recognised by the United Nations, hosted by us, PDA Ventures Pvt Ltd, a professional conference organiser based out of Bangalore. WSC is an event that provides insights into new standards for industry and the latest advancements and addresses key issues like safe, sustainable and equitable international trade in fishery and aquaculture products.

Countries such as the USA, Canada, UK, Iceland, Malaysia & Portugal have had the privilege of hosting this unique congress and we represented India at this global event and won the bid against many competing countries such as China.

Features of WSC 2026

- Conference: Three days of debates and discussions focusing on critical issues affecting the safe, sustainable, and equitable seafood trade.
- Workshops: In-depth sessions addressing the challenges impacting the international seafood supply chain.
- Poster Presentations: Showcasing the latest research and innovations to solve complex seafood supply chain problems, impacting the livelihoods of seafood communities globally.
- Trade Fair: A platform for showcasing innovations in seafood production, warehousing, distribution, logistics, safety, and certification.
- Peter Howgate Awards for young fish technologists
- Technical Visits to India's seafood industry operations

The theme of the World Seafood Congress 2026 is “Sustainable Solutions for Inclusive Growth – Building a safer, fair and resilient global seafood trade”. Provisional programme and more details regarding the WSC 2026 can be found on our website at www.wsc2026.com.

The deliberations are expected to support the objective of the Government of India to increase Indian Seafood exports to Rs 1.0 lakh crore per annum. Policymakers and fish traders from major seafood-importing countries like USA, UK, Canada, Europe, Japan, Australia and China will participate in the event and deliberate on issues related to sustainable seafood supply chains. There will be area-specific (Asia/ Africa/ South America) discussions to highlight the local issues in the Seafood Supply chain. The experts from the Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, WorldFish, Malaysia, US FDA, European Union, scientists from leading universities, R & D institutes are expected to participate in the WSC2026. There will be area-specific (Asia/ Africa/ South America) discussions to highlight the local issues in the Seafood Supply chain.

Co Organised by the Department of Fisheries - GOI, Supported by - Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Ministry of Earth Sciences, NITI Aayog, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and our technical partner is ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research). Also supported by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and Seafood Exporters Association of India.

Benefits of Bringing the World Seafood Congress to India

- Enhancing Fish Quality through Advanced Preservation ensures the highest quality of fish, reducing wastage and enhancing shelf life, critical for both domestic consumption and global export markets.
- An opportunity to witness cutting-edge research, offering the chance to study, discuss, and adopt innovative practices that align with responsible fishing and sustainable aquaculture. Exposure to best practices, breakthrough technologies, and proven methods from global seafood industry leaders will accelerate India's capacity to compete on the world stage.
- Helping in the creation of thousands of jobs across the seafood value chain—from fisheries to processing and export—empowering coastal communities and supporting India's economic growth.
- Techniques to upskill Indian fishermen, introducing them to modern techniques and technologies. This will not only improve their livelihoods but also ensure they are equipped to thrive in an increasingly competitive and sustainable global seafood market.

More details can be found at www.wsc2026.com and the detailed programme will be shared in due course.

We now take this opportunity to request you to kindly mark the dates of WSC 2026 in your calendar and attend the event with your team. We also request you to disseminate information about the event in your home country and encourage them to attend as a delegate / participant.

Looking forward to hearing from your office.



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