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Sl. No.	Name	Topic of presentation	Profile	Photograph
1		Mr. Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Joint Secretary (EP-MP), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India <u>Chairman of the Session I:</u> TRADE INITIATIVES & FISCAL ISSUES IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY	Mr. Santosh Kumar Sarangi, a 1994 batch IAS Officer from Odisha Cadre is Joint Secretary in Department of Commerce, Govt. Of India, and handles export promotion of Agri and marine products. He has handled various portfolios under the Central and State Governments such as Chairman, APEDA, Secretary - Tourism, Secretary – Tribal Affairs, Managing Director of Odisha Mining Corporation, Managing Director of Tourism Development Corporation, Managing Director of Odisha Milk Federation etc. A Post Graduate in Political Science from Delhi University, Mr. Sarangi did his Masters in International Development Policy from Duke University, North Carolina, USA and M. Phil. From Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.	
2		Mr. K. N. Kumar IAS Chief Executive National Fisheries Development Board Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India <u>Chairman of the Session III & IV:</u> III - SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE IV - FISH TRADE RELATED INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	Mr. K. N. Kumar IAS, is the Chief Executive of National Fisheries Development Board under Ministry of Agriculture headquartered at Hyderabad. Mr. Kumar joined the Indian Administrative Services in 1987 soon after receiving his Post Graduation degree from Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad. He has occupied several key posts of various organizations/institutions under the Central Government and State Government such as Principal Secretary, Fisheries, and Rural Development, Meghalaya State, CEO of the Meghalaya State Skills Development Society, Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development and Fisheries, Govt. of Meghalaya, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India etc. Mr. Kumar has formulated 'The Thousand Ponds Scheme' – a project that has added 500 hectares of water area for inland fisheries in Meghalaya, and undertook a massive drive to construct Fish Ponds in the RiBhoi	

			<p>district of Meghalaya through the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). He has also launched the Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission on 5th March, 2012, an ambitious Mission to create one lakh fish ponds of 1000 sq. m. size, which has greatly helped the livelihoods and State GDP. As the Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture, he was instrumental in launching the RKVY scheme (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana), which has since become a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture, besides various other social welfare schemes. For his outstanding contribution, he has been awarded for G-Files magazine award for Exceptional Contribution by an IAS officer in 2014 given by the Hon'ble Minister of State, General V.K. Singh.</p>
3		<p>Dr. S.K. Saxena, Director, Export Inspection Council of India <u>Chairman of the Session II:</u> REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAFOOD TRADE</p>	<p>Dr. Sushil Kumar Saxena is the Director and CEO of Export Inspection Council (EIC) of India under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. EIC is an important stakeholder of National Food Control System of India. It is a regulator; competent Authority and official export certification body of India.</p> <p>Dr. Saxena has more than 30 years of experience in Food Regulatory Affairs and Conformity Assessment at national and international level. He is a member of JECFA (Joint FAO/WHO Committee), Chairman of the Scientific Panel and member of scientific committee at FSSAI. He also chairs the accreditation committees at NABL, and is a member of technical committee of GLP and accreditation committee of NABET under QCI.</p> <p>He has worked at senior management level at National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and with United Nations Agencies such as FAO, UNIDO and WHO. He has also led Indian delegations at international forums such as CCFIC and CCMAS of Codex, besides involvement in SPS/TBT negotiations in trade agreements.</p> <p>Dr. Saxena possesses Doctorate degree in Analytical Chemistry from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). He is a Member of Editorial Board of a</p>

			number of Scientific Journals, published 20 Research papers and also contributed chapters in "Handbook of Food Analysis". He is a qualified assessor for ISO: 17025, 17043, 22000, 14001 and HACCP.
4		<p>Mr. Tapan Mazumder, Director (Rules Desk), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India <i>Topic:</i> Free Trade agreements in major markets and its impact to Indian Seafood industry</p>	<p>Mr. Tapan Mazumder, 1991 Bach of Indian Trade Services has done M. Tech. from Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad and thereafter Diploma in WTO laws from the WTO Institute, Geneva. He has served in the offices of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), both at Regional office and head quarter, Falta SEZ, NAMA Desk in the Department of Commerce, and now works as the Director in the Rules Desk of Trade Policy Division. At present he is looking after WTO dispute settlement mechanism, trade remedies issues including fishery subsidy and issues related to Free Trade agreements.</p>
5		<p>Dr. Mathew T Thomas, Country Director, US FDA India <i>Topic:</i> Regulatory requirements for Seafood imports to USA</p>	<p>Dr. Mathew T Thomas serves as the Director for the U.S. FDA India Office since February 2015. Prior to this posting Dr Thomas was the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Post-market Safety (DEPS), in U.S. FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Office of Compliance (OC), Office of Scientific Investigations (OSI). Dr Thomas started his FDA career as a medical reviewer in CDER's Division of Metabolism and Endocrine Drug Products. He then moved to CDER's Division of Scientific Investigations (now OSI) where he participated in numerous inspections and official administrative actions and later led the Global Outreach and Collaboration Team for CDER. He has also served in the Office of Orphan Product Development in the Office of the Commissioner and in 2009 served as the Chair of FDA's Research In Human Subjects Committee (RIHSC or FDA's Institutional Review Board). In 2013 he took the role of a Branch Chief in the Division of Enforcement and Manufacturing within the Office of Compliance and Enforcement at the Center for Tobacco Products.</p> <p>Dr Thomas earned his medical degree from the University of Madras in India. He has completed a Fellowship in Lipid Disorders at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and a Fellowship in Clinical</p>

			Pharmacology and Regulatory Sciences and a Certification in Public Health at the Georgetown University in Washington D.C. In 2015, he completed an Excellence in Government (EIG) fellowship program that is offered by the Partnership for Public Service in Washington D.C.
6		Mr. Nirdosh Chopra, Regional Manager, ECGC Ltd., Bangalore, India <i>Topic:</i> Export Credit Insurance	Mr. Nirdosh Chopra joined the ECGC Ltd as probationary officer in the year 1987. Before joining ECGC he worked in Bank and as a teacher in school. He possesses degrees of Masters in Economics, Bachelor of Education and CAIIB. During his tenure in ECGC he has worked in various capacities in branches and Head Office. He had interacted very closely with international export credit insurers on export related schemes such as pricing and underwriting of credit risks. Before assuming charge as Regional Manager in April, 2013 at Southern Region he has headed Project Exports Dept., in ECGC, Mumbai. At present he is in-charge of branches in the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
7		Mr. K. J. Antony Joint Director (Marketing) The Marine Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Cochin, India <i>Topic:</i> Role of MPEDA in compliance of catch certification requirements of the EU	Mr. K J Antony, a Post Graduate in Marine Biology from Karnatak University, has over 34 years of vast experience in fisheries field. He has started his career in MPEDA in 1982, and has worked in almost all the coastal states of India in various officiating capacities. He has represented Government of India in various trade delegations abroad including that to the European Union, COFI Norway, Russia etc. Besides, he has also organized MPEDA's participation in various international trade fairs in different overseas markets. Mr. Antony has served as a member of various national committees such as National Consultative Committee for framing Deep sea Fishing Policy under the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, Committees for National Marine Fisheries Policy, National Committee for Estimation of Indian Fishery Resource Potential constituted by Ministry of Agriculture, to name a few. He was instrumental in bringing out MPEDA's popular publication 'Indian Fishery Handbook'; in Preparation of Action Plan for Tuna Fishing in Andaman and Nicobar islands, and a member of the study group constituted for the development of fisheries in the Andaman & Nicobar

			islands.
8		Mr. R.M. Mandlik, Deputy Director (Technical) Export Inspection Council of India <i>Topic:</i> Regulatory provisions in India for marine products exports	Mr. R. M. Mandlik has done his B. Tech. (Food Sciences) from Marathwada Agriculture University in 1986. He has 16 years of experience in food processing industry. During these years he has worked in fruit and vegetable industry and beverage industry. He has been associated with Export Inspection Council since 2002. While at Export Inspection Council, he has worked in Kolkata with sea food processing establishments. Since 2010 he has been at New Delhi in the capacity of Deputy Director (Technical). He has handled the sea food processing plant audits in India done by the importing countries like European Union, Japan, Russia & USA.
9		Mr. Paolo Bray, Founder and Director, Friend of the Sea, Italy <i>Topic:</i> Guidelines for fishery certifications	Mr. Paolo Bray is the Founder and Chief Executive Director of Friend of the Sea, an international certification program for products from sustainable fisheries and aquacultures. In 2013, he also founded Friend of the Earth, a non-profit project that certifies products from sustainable agriculture and farming. Paolo Bray is also the European Director of Earth Island Institute Dolphin-Safe project and is currently based in Milan, Italy.
10		Mr. A. J. Tharakan, Chairman Amalgam Group of Companies Cochin, India <i>Topic:</i> Interventions by Indian seafood exporters in quality assurance	Mr. Abraham John Tharakan, Chairman of the Amalgam Group of Companies is a post graduate in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University. He hails from Cochin and has over 40 years of experience in the Indian processing and export seafood sector. His group of companies has an annual turnover of Rs. 300 Crores. He has held various officiating positions such as National President of The Seafood Exporters Association of India, President of the Cochin Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Vice Chairman of MPEDA, and as a member of Board of Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, National Fisheries Board, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, and the Board of Trustees, Cochin Port Trust.

11		<p>Ms. Esther Luiten, Senior Manager - Commercial Marketing, Aquaculture Stewardship Council, The Netherlands <i>Topic:</i> Aquaculture Certifications</p>	<p>Esther Luiten joined the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) in November 2013 and is leading the ASC's commercial team. Till November 2013, Esther was working at the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) and responsible for their Aquaculture market transformation program that is investing in improvement projects. Esther has over 15 years' professional experience in the (international) seafood sector. Whereas sustainability was not a topic when she started her career, during her role as Deputy Director of the North Sea Foundation (a Dutch NGO) the topic was anchored on the agenda in Europe. Esther was a member of the Marine Stewardship Council's Stakeholder Council. She has a scientific background in Environmental Innovation and Communication, achieved her PhD in Innovation Studies and has been since then very much interested in facilitating the global seafood supply chain towards more sustainable practices.</p>
12		<p>Mr. K Shivakumar, Consultant, Seafood Exporters Association of India <i>Topic:</i> Anti-dumping duty on Indian shrimp imports into USA</p>	<p>Mr. Shivakumar, who is a qualified Chartered Accountant, advise the Seafood Exporters Association of India in dealing through one of largest international trade law disputes and related events in U.S from 2004 onwards, the US antidumping duty on frozen shrimps. He also provide advisory assistance on business reorganization, business valuation, transaction structuring, tax planning and M&A involving MNCs and other Indian corporate, besides representing clients in trade law matters before U.S. Federal agencies concerned, World Trade Organization and Government of India agencies. He has got over 40 years of experience in financial and Greenfield projects including a stint in Indian Oil Corporation.</p>

13		<p>Mr. Raghavan Ramabadran, Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, Chennai, India <i>Topic:</i> Service tax issues in seafood export trade</p>	<p>Mr. Raghavan Ramabadran is a Partner in the law firm LAKSHMIKUMARAN & SRIDHARAN. He is a Chartered Accountant turned-lawyer and has more than a decade of experience in handling litigation matters relating to Service Tax, VAT and other areas of Indirect Taxes before various forums. He presently heads the Service Tax & VAT practice of the Chennai and Hyderabad branches of LAKSHMIKUMARAN & SRIDHARAN. He is also a prolific speaker and has imparted knowledge in various forums, seminars and training programs to participants from organizations with varied businesses and interests related to production and services.</p>
14		<p>Mr. Elias Sait, Secretary General, Seafood Exporters Association of India <i>Topic:</i> Foreign Trade Policy and latest developments in seafood trade</p>	<p>Mr. Elias Sait, is a commerce graduate and Fellow of Chartered Accountants with over 40 years of experience in fields of commercial transport, leather and seafood, and had been instrumental in carrying the genuine problems of the Marine Industry to the Government and targeting a revival for the whole fishing and aquaculture industry. He is the Secretary General for Seafood Exporters Association of India since 2005, and was the National President of the Seafood Exporters Association of India during 1999-2004. He had been the Vice Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority for a year and an Authority Member for 9 years. He was also a Member of the Export Inspection Council of India for nearly 10 years, and served as a member of the Standing Committee on Fisheries set up by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. Mr. Sait has also headed the trade and logistics committee in FIEO.</p>