

International Conference on Fishing Communities 2025



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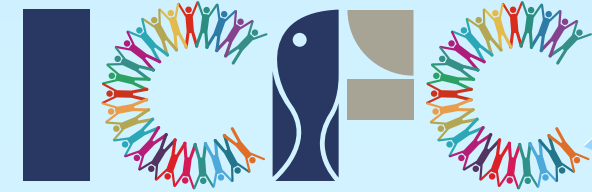


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One Ocean, One Fishing Community:
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From	November 09th (Sun)-12th (Wed), 2025
Venue	Songdo ConvensiA, Incheon, South Korea
Participation	3,000 participants from nations and international organizations

Time	DAY 1 November 9(Sun.)	DAY 2 November 10(Mon.)	DAY 3 November 11 (Tue.)	DAY 4 November 12 (Wed.)
09:00-12:00		Official Session I	Official Session III	Field Tour (sea route)
12:00-13:00		Lunch	Lunch	
13:00-15:30	Press Interview (15:00-15:30)	Official Session II	Official Session IV	
17:00-18:30	National Representatives Meeting Welcome Reception (official pre-event) (16:00-20:00)	Opening Ceremony	A Night of Fishing Village Films	

DAY 1. Nov. 9

- National Representatives Meeting (sharing outcomes from the ICFC 2024 agenda discussions and discussion on the ICFC 2025 Agenda)
- Welcome Reception (networking and introductions among participants and commemorative photo at the ICFC 2025 photo zone)

DAY 2. Nov. 10

- Official Session 1 (Fisheries Resources) Towards Sustainable Resource Management and a People-Centered Coastal Economy
- Official Session 2 (Youth & Women) Driving the Future: Empowering Youth and Women to Settle and Thrive in Fishing Communities
- Opening Ceremony

DAY 3. Nov. 11

- Official Session 3 (Climate Crisis) Adapting and Recovering: Navigating the Climate Crisis in Island and Coastal Communities
- Official Session 4 (Cooperation & Solidarity) Shaping the Future of Fishing Communities through Connection and Solidarity
- Closing Ceremony

DAY 4. Nov. 12

- Field Tour
 - Coastal Tourism (Connecting People and Places for Harmony between Urban and Coastal Communities)
 - Blue Ports (Fostering Sustainable Links between the Environment and Local Communities through Blue Port Initiatives)

The ICFC 2025 is convened with the aim of fostering international cooperation and policy alignment and establishing a collaborative global framework for sharing strategies, coordinating policies, and advancing joint responses among nations to ensure a sustainable future for fishing communities.

Today, fishing communities are no longer solely centers of livelihood—they are at the forefront of addressing complex global challenges such as climate resilience, food security, community resilience, and youth employment, requiring robust global governance.

This conference will serve as a platform for fishing communities, governments, international organizations, and research institutions from around the world to come together, discuss shared challenges, and shape strategies for sustainable development and collective action. It will also offer an opportunity for the Republic of Korea to share its policy experience in coastal development and reinforce its role as a leading nation in advancing coastal resilience and policy diplomacy on the global stage.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Participation from 33 countries (including Ministers and Vice Ministers from 15 countries)
Attendance by 1,133 participants from 56 organizations
10 sessions featuring 85 domestic and international experts

ICFC 2023

Participation from 32 countries (including 20 countries at Director-General level)
Attendance by 2,686 participants from 60 organizations and over 100 fishing
10 sessions featuring 126 domestic and international experts

ICFC 2024

Global Vision and Agenda Development
Established in 2023, presenting the 7 Key Visions in Busan
Participation from 20 countries at Director-General level
(ICFC 2024 generated 42 proposals and identified 17 key agenda items)

National Representatives Meeting

Sharing diverse policy outcomes aimed at transitioning to a blue economy in fishing communities and establishing a sustainable future strategy for fisheries and rural coastal areas
[26] promotional booths in ICFC 2023 / [37] promotional booths in ICFC 2024

Promotional Exhibitions at the ICFC