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GSSI is a global platform and partnership of seafood companies, NGOs, experts, governmental and intergovernmental organizations.

GSSI UPCOMING EVENTS



**GSSI Stakeholder Event
Brussels, Seafood Expo Global,
12.30-2.30pm, 21 April
room 1122, Hall 11,
Expo Brussels**

Get to be part of GSSI's public presentation of the updated Global Benchmark Tool: hear from GSSI Partners on the updates made based on the first public consultation and join us for drinks afterwards.

Register at www.ourgssi.org or RSVP to secretariat@ourgssi.org



**GSSI next public consultation on
the Global Benchmark Tool from
21 April - 19 May**

Don't miss the chance to have your say in GSSI's public consultation until 19 May. Join our Expert webinars on what's new and sign up to share your comments online.

Regional Workshops with FAO

GSSI and FAO are running 3 workshops on certification and to explain how GSSI's Global Benchmark Tool can support sourcing decisions and effective management of production and supply chains.

The workshops will bring together producers, suppliers, traders, government and trade bodies in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Find out more and get involved at secretariat@ourgssi.org



**3-4 June
Bangkok, Thailand**



**20-21 July
Santiago de Chile, Chile**



**5-6 August
Cape Town, South Africa**

GSSI UPDATES

Global Benchmark Tool Pilot

GSSI's Global Benchmark Tool is being road-tested from March - June 2015. 7 seafood certification schemes are participating in the pilot, which is being co-funded by IDH. Independent Experts involved in the pilot have been trained by GSSI. Results from the schemes will not be made public, but lessons from the pilot will be shared in a Report and feed into the updated Global Benchmark Tool that will be launched in autumn 2015

Call for Benchmark Committee Members

GSSI is looking for qualified individuals from across the seafood sector to be part of its Benchmark Committee. Members will review the pilot reports and be part of future Benchmark Committees once the Tool is up and running. They will have a unique chance to be support GSSI's mission and be part of an independent and impartial review process. A training workshop for Benchmark Committee Members will be held in July, dates will be announced.

Apply to be a Committee Member until 31 May 2015 to secretariat@ourgssi.org

Find out more at www.ourgssi.org/benchmark-tool/bmc

GSSI Boston Stakeholder Event

GSSI held a Stakeholder Update on 17 March at the Seafood Expo North America, Boston. Warm thanks goes to all the participants for the lively and engaged discussion. Read our report of the event and the GSSI press release and watch the presentation at: www.ourgssi.org

GSSI NEWS

GSSI welcomes on its Steering Board:

Ron Rogness, Vice President, Corporate Relations, American Seafoods Group. Ron has over 30 years' experience in the seafood industry and has been part of the Fisheries Expert Working Group since its inception.

GSSI says goodbye and thanks to **Joe Misenti**,

Vice President, Trident Seafoods, who leaves the Steering Board. Trident remains an active GSSI Partner.