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Delegates of tripartite constituents from Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, and Cambodia, including the International Labour Organization (Source: Thailand Ministry of Labor - Public Relations and Public Relations Division)

SEA Forum for Fishers Steering Committee convenes after hiatus in its operations during the COVID-19 pandemic

On 18 August 2022, the Steering Committee of the SEA Forum for Fishers¹ convened in Hua Hin, Thailand, for a closed-door, high-level discussion to shape the revitalization of the Forum after the hiatus in its operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nicanor Bon, Chief Labor and Employment Officer of the Bureau of Working Conditions, represented the Philippine Department of Labor and Employment at the said meeting.

The members of the preparatory meeting include tripartite constituents from Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Cambodia.

As facilitated by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Steering Committee discussed its proposed updates to the Terms of Reference of the SEA Forum for Fishers; preparations for the Fair Seas Labour Conference to be held from the 6th to 7th of September 2022 in Bali, Indonesia; and priority strategies of the Forum, in particular, post-pandemic recovery for the fishing and seafood processing sectors and strengthening worker labor protections.

During the meeting, the ILO likewise briefed the members of the tripartite constituents on the importance of labor inspection in fishing and the significance of occupational safety and health as a fundamental principle and right at work.

The members also had the opportunity to observe the conduct of the Port-In Port-Out inspection of Thailand's interdisciplinary inspection team.

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¹ Southeast Asian Forum to End Trafficking in Persons and Forced Labour of Fishers