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# ***‘From Lisbon to Nice: Implementing SDG 14 with the Communities of Ocean Action’***

□ **Advancing government transparency in marine fisheries management #OceanAction 46529**

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## Sustainable fisheries need transparency

**“Lack of basic transparency could be seen as an underlying facilitator of all the negative aspects of the global fisheries sector – IUU fishing, fleet overcapacity, overfishing, ill-directed subsidies, corruption, poor fisheries management decisions, etc.”**

**United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),  
State of the World Fisheries Report 2010**

## Transparency: Prerequisite for meaningful participation

**“An inclusive process, which incorporates data and views from the full range of impacted stakeholders both within and outside government, is essential to ensure policies and policy changes are accepted and upheld by fisheries actors.”**

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),  
OECD Review of Fisheries 2020, Chapter 5 ‘Governing fisheries’

# Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)



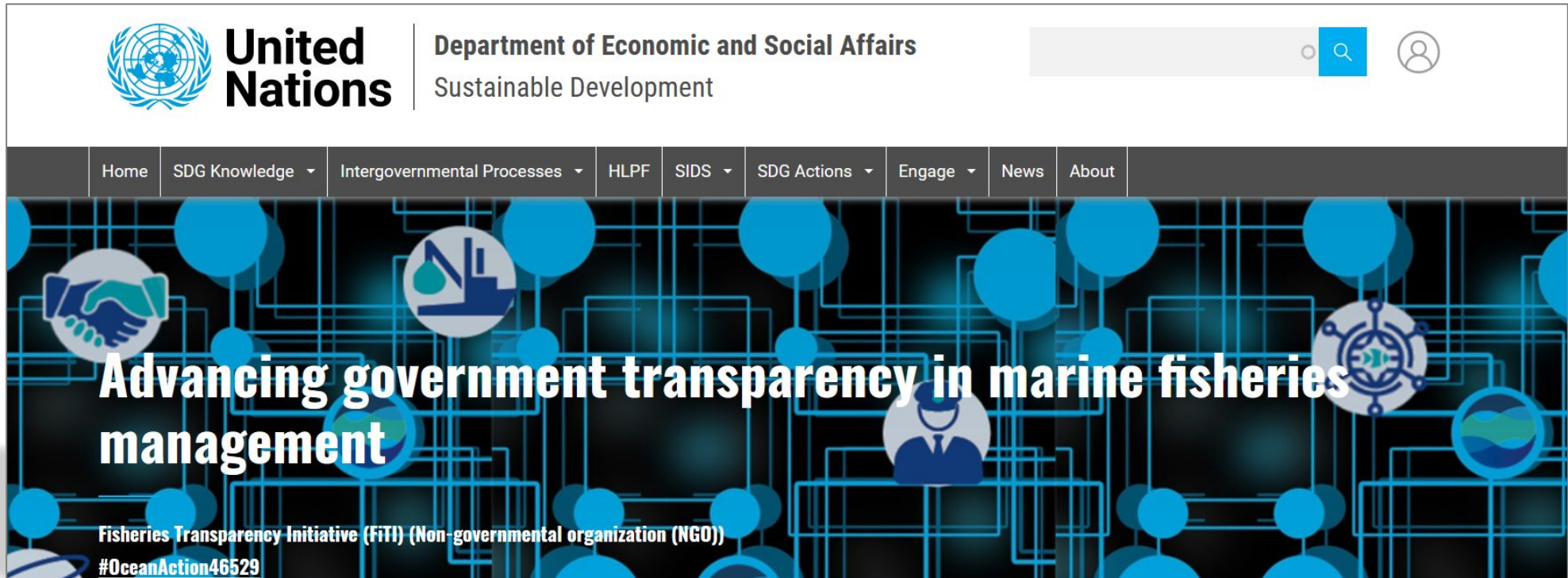
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The FiTI is a global **multi-stakeholder partnership** that supports coastal countries in increasing the **accessibility**, **credibility** and **usability** of national **marine** fisheries management information.



As of November 2023

# SDG 14 – FiTI’s voluntary commitment (#46529)



**Conduct 10 country assessments regarding the level of information that national authorities publish on government websites [by December 2023]**

# TAKING STOCK transparency assessments: Overview

As of 1 November 2023

Assessments completed	Assessments in progress	Assessments planned
1) Bangladesh	1) Chile	1) Bahamas
2) Comoros	2) China	2) Cameroon
3) Ecuador	3) Vietnam	3) Costa Rica
4) Ghana		4) Côte d'Ivoire
5) Mexico		5) Indonesia
6) Panama		6) Jamaica
7) Peru		7) Kenya
8) São Tomé and Príncipe		8) Kiribati
9) United States of America		9) Marshall Islands
10) Ghana		10) Mozambique
		11) Namibia
		12) Nigeria
		13) Papua New Guinea
		14) Sierra Leone, etc.

# Fisheries transparency: Implementation challenges

*Emphasise 'Transparency is a government's duty and a citizen's right!'*

*Move beyond 'buzzwording'*  
 *multi-purpose approach for transparency*



*Address 'data fatigue' through customer-centric data provision*

*Increase information impact through multi-stakeholder involvement*

# Thank you for your attention







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