

## Announcement



**AKTEA Conference:  
Women in Fisheries  
and Aquaculture:  
C o n n e c t i n g  
Communities for  
Building the Future,  
Annalong, Northern  
Ireland, 27 and 28 April  
2007**

The Second Conference and the Second General Body meeting of AKTEA: European Network of Women's Organizations in Fisheries and Aquaculture will be held in Northern Ireland in April 2007. Both events are being hosted by the Northern Ireland Women in Fisheries (NIWIF) network, which groups fisherwomen. The conference has been planned in two parts. The first part will focus on action needed vis-à-vis European institutions. The major issues that will be discussed are: the European Fisheries Policy and women's organizations; the European Fisheries Fund (2007-2013) and women's organizations; and assigning legal status to collaborative spouses (EU Directive 86/613) by all European Union Member States.

The second part of the conference will discuss the AKTEA network programme for the next two years. The main issues to be discussed are: (i) networking, communication and exchange; (ii) solidarity linkages: how to build and sustain the network at the transnational level; (iii) visibility and strengthening of the role of women and women's organizations in sustaining local communities through workshops, training programmes, exchange programmes and research; and (iv) promoting safety at sea through activities such as workshops, training programmes, exchange programmes and research.

On Sunday, 29 April, there will be a special workshop to discuss global issues in fisheries, in particular, the impact of global developments on fishing communities worldwide. This workshop will also discuss how to build solidarity linkages between women of fishing communities in the North and South.

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Please do send us comments and suggestions to make the newsletter more relevant. We would also like names of other people who could be interested in being part of this initiative. We look forward to hearing from you and to receiving regular write-ups for the newsletter.

Writers and potential contributors to YEMAYA, please note that write-ups should be brief, about 500 words. They could deal with issues that are of direct relevance to women and men of fishing communities. They could also focus on recent research or on meetings and workshops that have raised gender issues in fisheries. Also welcome are life stories of women and men of fishing communities working towards a sustainable fishery or for a recognition of their work within the fishery. Please also include a one-line biographical note on the writer.