



A Webinar on

Recruitment Experiences and Working Conditions of Migrant Fishers in Taiwan

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Overview

Migrant fishers are exposed to some of the most severe, dangerous working and living conditions ever documented, including high vulnerability to forced labor and human trafficking.

Verité Southeast Asia (VSEA) has been implementing a project on **Promoting Responsible Recruitment and Amplifying Worker Voice** since 2018. This project is part of an initiative that Verité is leading to better protect foreign migrant workers from human trafficking and forced labor, by promoting responsible recruitment, and understanding the barriers that prevent responsible recruitment practices from being implemented.

As the project comes to a close, even as the Verité Responsible Recruitment Program continues, VSEA is inviting stakeholders who have been involved in the activities conducted in Taiwan and in the Philippines to this webinar with an aim of sharing the results of the project and the research titled *Recruitment and Employment Experiences of Filipino Migrant Fishers in Taiwan*.

The study shows that all stakeholders—from the government, civil society, and private sector, have an important role to play in addressing recruitment-related issues, establishing and enforcing regulatory worker-protections, tightening supply chain mechanisms to address and prevent root causes of exploitative employment, practices that exacerbate the risks that are already inherent in fishing ventures; and amplifying worker voice to ensure workers are empowered to advocate for ethical recruitment and decent working conditions.

Objectives of the webinar

- To share the research findings and recommendations
- To gather insights, feedback, additional recommendations on next steps from various stakeholders

Program

Schedule:

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| 2:00 - 2:10 PM | Preliminaries and Introductions |
| 2:10 - 2:40 PM | Presentation of project outputs, and research report |
| 2:40 - 3:30 PM | Reactors (7 minutes each) |
| 3:30 - 4:00 PM | Q&A |
| 4:00 - 4:15 PM | Next Steps: <i>How do we sustain momentum?</i> |
| 4:15 - 4:20 PM | Closing and Wrap-Up |

Reactors: (in order of presentation)

- 1. Ephraim Batungbacal**, Greenpeace Southeast Asia
- 2. Fr. Joyalito Tajonera**, Ugnayan Migrant Ministry
- 3. Lennon Ying-Dah Wong**, Serve the People Association
- 4. Peiyu Chen**, Greenpeace East Asia - Taiwan
- 5. Hon. Rustico “Resty” de la Fuente**, Philippine Overseas Labor Office, Kaohsiung