

WFFP 8th General Assembly

**Official programme endorsed by the WFFP
Coordinating Committee on 13 november 2024**

Brazil, 14-21 November 2024

The 8th General Assembly brings together members from around the world to build solidarity and discuss critical issues affecting ocean, water and fisher peoples. The assembly includes dedicated sessions for youth, women, inland fishing and Indigenous Peoples, followed by three thematic days focusing on ocean grabbing, the climate crisis, and food sovereignty, concluding with World Fisheries Day celebrations.

Pre-Assembly Day

Wednesday, November 13

Coordinating Committee Meeting (14:00 - 17:00)

- CC meeting with WFFP support persons and rapporteurs
 - Support: Carsten and Susan
 - Rapporteurs: Katie and Paula

Day 1

Thursday, November 14

Women Assembly (Women Only)

Morning Session (09:00 - 12:30)

- Coordinators:
 - Jesu Rethinam Christy
 - Ravadee Presertcharunsok
 - Susan Herawati

Indigenous Peoples Assembly (Indigenous Representatives Only)

Afternoon Session (14:00 - 16:30)

- Coordinators:
 - Christiana Saiti Louwa
 - Estefania Narez
 - Jason Jarvis
 - Sherry Pictou
 - Morgan Brimacombe

Inland Fishing Assembly (All WFFP Representatives)

Evening Session (17:00 - 19:00)

- Coordinators:
 - Yasmeen Sha
 - Christiana Saiti Louwa
 - Velia Lucidi

19:00 - 21:00: Meeting of WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Day 2

Friday, November 15

Youth Assembly (up to 40 years)

Morning Session (08:00 - 11:00)

- Coordinators:
 - Jones Spartagus
 - Carmen Mannarino

Inaugural Ceremony (14:00 - 18:30)

Moderated by WFFP Co-chair, Nadine Nembhard

Opening Ceremony Schedule

1. Ancestral greetings - Christiana Saiti Louwa (10 min)
2. Opening speech - Herman Kumara, WFFP General Secretary
3. Welcome by Josana Seraro Pinto - MPP (15 min)
4. Introduction of Mr. Airton Luiz Faleiro (3 min)
5. Speech by Mr. Airton Luiz Faleiro (20 min)
6. Expectations and Objective setting - Co-chair Douda Ndiaye (10 min)
7. Thomas Kocherry Lifetime Award presentation to Naseegh Jaffer (20 min)
8. Program Presentation by Carsten Pedersen (15 min)
9. House Rules and Logistics - Maíra Netto (20 min)
10. Closing remarks - Nadine Orchid Nembhard (15 min)
11. Group photo

Cultural Programme (16:30 - 18:30)

- Brazilian cultural team performance
- Opening of Solidarity Market

Day 3

Saturday, November 16

Early Meeting (08:00 – 09:00) for WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Morning Session (09:00 - 12:00)

- Mystica - MPP / Opening Ceremony
- House rules
- WFFP General Secretary and Treasurer Reports

Lunch (12:00-14:00)

Afternoon Session (14:00 - 19:00)

- Programme Overview
- Country Reports from WFFP Members - 5 minutes per presentation
- Break: 16:30 - 17:00
- Country Reports from WFFP Members (5 minutes per presentation)

Day 4 - Ocean, Coastal and Water Grabbing

Sunday, November 17

Early Meeting (08:00 – 09:00) for WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Morning Session

Opening by co-chair Daouda Ndiaye

- 09:00 - 09:30: Mystica - Africa and Europe
- 09:30 - 11:00: Panel #1 - Aquaculture and Industrial Fishing
- 11:15 - 12:45: Panel #2 - Extractivism: Oil & Gas / Mining

Lunch (12:45-14:15)

Afternoon Session

- 14:15 - 15:15: Youth Assembly Panel
- 15:30 - 17:00: Panel #3 - Spaces and Processes of Governance
- 17:30 - 18:30: Inland Fishing Assembly

Evening Meeting (20:00 - 21:00): WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Day 5 - Climate Crisis

Monday, November 18

Early Meeting (08:00 – 09:00) for WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Morning Session

Opening by co-chair Nadine Nembhard

- 09:00 - 09:30: Mystica - Asia and Pacific
- 09:30 - 11:00: Panel #1 - Climate Crisis Impacts
- 11:15 - 12:45: Panel #2 - False Solutions and Their Threats

Lunch (12:45-14:15)

Afternoon Session

- 14:15 - 15:15: Women Assembly Panel
- 15:30 - 17:00: Panel #3 - Real Solutions
- 17:30 - 18:30: Ocean, Water and Fisher Peoples' Tribunals - Panel

Evening Meeting (20:00 - 21:00): WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Day 6 - Food Sovereignty

Tuesday, November 19

Early Meeting (08:00 – 09:00) for WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Morning Session

Opening by co-chair Daouda Ndiaye

- 09:00 - 09:30: Mystica - Latin America, Caribbean and North America
- 09:30 - 11:00: Panel #1 - Challenges in Food Sovereignty
- 11:15 - 12:45: Panel #2 - Food Sovereignty as Identity

Lunch (12:45-14:15)

Afternoon Session

- 14:15 - 15:15: Indigenous Peoples Assembly Panel
- 15:30 - 17:00: Panel #3 - Mobilizing Food Sovereignty / Nyeleni Global Gathering

Continental Fora Sessions (17:30 - 19:30)

- Europe
- Africa
- Latin America and North America
- Asia and Pacific

Evening Meeting (20:00 - 21:00): WFFP office-bearers and MPP dinner meeting

Day 7 - Official Business

Wednesday, November 20

Early Meeting (08:00 – 09:00) for WFFP office-bearers and MPP

Morning Session

- 09:00 - 10:00: Continental Fora Panel (WFFP members only)
- 10:30 - 12:30: Official General Assembly session (WFFP members only)

Lunch (12:30-14:00)

Afternoon Session – all delegates

Closing Ceremony (14:00 - 16:00)

- Presentation of WFFP Political Resolutions and Statement
- Observers addressing the WFFP GA
- Closing by WFFP General Secretary

Parallel Session (09:00 – 12:00) – observers only

- Observers sharing proposals on supporting WFFP

Day 8 - World Fisheries Day

Thursday, November 21

- World Fisheries Day celebrations
- Mass rally and celebrations

Day 9

Friday, November 22

Coordinating Committee Meeting (10:00 - 13:00)

- CC meeting with WFFP support persons and rapporteurs