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MEMORANDUM

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To: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation

c.c.: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia and Liberia

From: Arnulfo Franco, Director

Re: Reminder - Scenario Planning Orientation webinar – 14 October 2026

A reminder of the Scenario Planning Orientation webinar, the first webinar of the climate scenario planning exercise “Preparing for Plausible Futures of Eastern Pacific Ocean Tuna Fisheries.” The webinar will take place on Wednesday, 14 October 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time), in a *virtual format*.

This first webinar, titled “*Scenario Planning Orientation*,” is intended to introduce stakeholders to the scenario planning methodology, laying the conceptual groundwork for the in-person workshops planned for 2027. The Scenario Planning Announcement, which includes further details on the project, is attached for reference.

Given the virtual format of this webinar, there are no limitations on participation; all delegation members and other invited participants are encouraged to join remotely.

The registration form will be available on the meeting website. Each participant is requested to register individually in order to receive confirmation and the Zoom access link for the meeting.

Annex: as indicated. -

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INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
SCENARIO PLANNING: PREPARING FOR PLAUSIBLE FUTURES OF EASTERN
PACIFIC OCEAN TUNA FISHERIES

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) is launching a multi-year scenario planning exercise designed to help the Commission and its stakeholders prepare for plausible futures shaped by drivers such as climate and the environment in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). Funded through a \$150,000 award from the Blue Convergence Fund, the exercise will bring together all relevant stakeholders: fishing industry representatives, Commissioners, CPC fisheries managers and scientists, other regional fisheries management organizations, intergovernmental organizations, invited experts, and non-governmental organizations to explore how climate-driven shifts in stock availability and distribution will affect fisheries governance and management over the next 10 to 20 years, and to identify strategies that make IATTC more resilient to these effects.

This effort builds on the IATTC's ongoing Climate Change Workplan (SAC-15-12), endorsed by the EBWG and the SAC on several occasions and developed in response to Resolution C-24-10, which commits the Commission to considering the best available science on the relationships between climate dynamics, target stocks, and associated ecosystem species. Two climate change workshops, held in February 2025 and April 2026, helped define the Climate Change Workplan's main goal, scope, and the Commission's Climate Resilient Fisheries Framework and reviewed a range of climate-related assessment tools (SAC-17 INF-M). IATTC staff recommended scenario planning as one of three priority tools (SAC-17-11) for assessing and preparing for climate impacts at the ecological, fishery, and management levels. Modeled on the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning exercise conducted by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and NOAA on U.S. east coast fisheries, IATTC has engaged an experienced external facilitator, Dr. Angel Saz-Carranza of Esade Business School, Spain, to help guide the process.

The exercise will unfold in multiple phases over roughly two years: a preparatory online phase, followed by two in-person workshops. As set out in Table 1, and ahead of the first in-person workshop, IATTC will host a series of four online webinars. These webinars are educational in purpose: they are intended to build a shared foundation of knowledge and terminology so that all participants arrive at the in-person workshop equally prepared to contribute. The first webinar will be a scenario planning orientation for stakeholders because many stakeholders participating in the in-person workshops may not be familiar with the scenario methodology. The remaining three webinars will be an opportunity for expert marine and fisheries scientists to brief stakeholders on the key physical, biological, and socioeconomic drivers and uncertainties affecting EPO tuna fisheries, providing the technical basis that participants will draw on when they build scenarios in person.

Building on the webinar series, stakeholders will identify key drivers and uncertainties and develop plausible future scenarios during an in-person workshop planned for February 2027 (Table 1). This first workshop will be open to all stakeholders and will follow Chatham Rules. Decision-makers will then convene at a second in-person workshop in August-September 2027, to coincide with the IATTC meeting, to discuss governance, management, and monitoring strategies suited to those scenarios. Results and recommendations will be shared regularly with

the Ecosystem and Bycatch Working Group, the Scientific Advisory Committee, and the Commission, including at the 2027 and 2028 meetings of the IATTC. These in-person workshops will be conducted in both English and Spanish to ensure full participation across the Commission's Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CPCs). CPCs and stakeholders are encouraged to engage throughout this process and are asked to save the dates of the six events listed in Table 1, for which logistical details and connection information will be circulated in advance; further detail on the exercise is provided in the project description (Annex I).

Table 1. Key events, topics, and proposed dates for the scenario planning exercise.

Key Events	Topic	Confirmed Date	Format
Webinar 1	Scenario Planning Orientation	Oct. 14 @ 9:00 AM PST	Virtual
Webinar 2	Drivers (I): Physical/Oceanographic	Oct. 29 @ 9:00 AM PST	Virtual
Webinar 3	Drivers (II): Biological	Nov. 5 @ 9:00 AM PST	Virtual
Webinar 4	Drivers (III): Socioeconomic	Nov. 24 @ 9:00 AM PST	Virtual
Workshop 1	Scenario Building	Feb. 2027 (1 st week – location TBD)	In Person
Workshop 2	Governance, management, monitoring strategies	Aug.-Sep. 2027 (coinciding with the annual meeting)	In Person