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Dear supporters of the Shanghai Declaration,

As your GCA +20 IOC Co-Chairs we are very pleased to share that the Global Conference on Aquaculture Millennium +20 was successfully held in Shanghai, P.R. China from 22-25 September 2021 and online, with over 1700 participants from 113 countries in attendance.

The Conference including the pre-conference workshop triggered great interest. The presentations were very well received; participants congratulated the organizers for the comprehensive coverage as evidenced in the various speeches and reviews, the moderators for the excellent facilitation of the various sessions, and also the LOC for an extremely well-organized logistics, with particular thanks to the superb Shanghai Ocean University team who prepared everything locally in Shanghai.

As you are aware, the participants adopted the “*Shanghai Declaration – Aquaculture for Food and Sustainable Development*” which will require our collective attention to address opportunities and challenges in the sector, increase effectiveness, and achieve development goals. For FAO and NACA, our immediate next step will be to share the outputs of the Conference including the Shanghai Declaration with our constituencies, the FAO and NACA Members, for discussion and guidance at the next session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture.

The vast amount of information generated by the Conference, with three keynote addresses, three invited guest lectures, six regional reviews, a global aquaculture synthesis, nine thematic sessions, 47 expert panellist contributions, 113 poster presentations, and a special topic workshop on *Artemia* is being made available in the form of webcast recordings [here](#). And we know some of you have asked specifically for the link to the session on the adoption of the Shanghai Declaration, the Royal Statement, and the pledges and statements of support, which is available [here](#). Outputs (both printed and online) arising from the Conference will be published in the coming months and include (i) the organizers’ summary report of the meeting, (ii) the six regional aquaculture reviews and the global aquaculture synthesis, (iii) the Conference Proceedings containing the keynote speeches, invited lectures, thematic reviews and workshop presentations, and (iv) the Shanghai Declaration containing the vision, commitments, strategic priorities and Call for Action.

We would like to extend our most sincere gratitude for your great support to the GCA +20 and particularly for the thoughtful and comprehensive pledges and statements you provided. As promised, your statements have been posted [here](#). We hope to be continuing the excellent collaboration with you to achieve our common goal for sustainable aquaculture providing a greater and increasing contribution to the SDGs, leaving no one behind.

Yours sincerely,

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