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## Reflections on Sustainable Fishing of Highly Migratory and Straddling Fish Stocks under the 1995 Fish Stocks Agreement and the Western Pacific Fisheries Commission

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



**Ambassador  
Satya Nandan**

**Ambassador Satya N. Nandan** has had an illustrious career in the international arena, which spans several decades. He has represented Fiji before the United Nations, as Ambassador to several European States, and has led several intergovernmental organisations.

Ambassador Satya Nandan was an active participant in the negotiations for the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). He has served as the UN Under-Secretary-General for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the same (1983 – 1992).

In 1990, he initiated the informal negotiations on Part XI of UNCLOS, convened by the Secretary-General of the UN. These negotiations led to the 1994 Agreement relating to the implementation on Part XI of UNCLOS. He then served as the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority from 1996 – 2008.

Ambassador Nandan, as Chairman of the Conference, played a key role in the negotiations of the 1995 Fish Stocks Agreement. He also served as Chairman of the Conference on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (the Multilateral High-Level Conference). Thereafter, he chaired the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission for two years.

He is currently a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Center for Oceans Law and Policy (COLP), University of Virginia School of Law.

### INTRODUCTION

In the first of three public talks, Ambassador Satya Nandan will share his observations on the discussions that surrounded the design of today's international fisheries regime for living resources. As former rapporteur of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee of the conference on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Chairman of the conference that adopted the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of UNCLOS relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (the Implementing Agreement), Ambassador Nandan is in an incomparable position to explain how the negotiations of UNCLOS led to the Implementing Agreement, how the latter improves the international fisheries regime, as well as to discuss remaining issues.

As former Chairman of the negotiations that led to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and current Chairman of the WCPFC, which was the first regional fisheries management organisation created after the Implementing Agreement, Ambassador Nandan is again in an incomparable position to explain how the WCPFC works to operationalise the 1995 Implementing Agreement in the Western and Central Pacific, detail the main difficulties encountered, discuss remaining obstacles to the full implementation of the Implementing Agreement and share the lessons learned in this process.

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