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Legal Challenges in Tackling Modern Slavery in Fisheries

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Modern slavery remains a hidden but persistent issue in capture fisheries, especially in distant-water operations. While international law recognises the rights of fishers, protecting those rights at sea remains challenging due to jurisdictional gaps and weak accountability. The speaker will discuss legal options to better protect vulnerable fishers and ensure access to effective remedies. Please pre-register yourself through https://forms.office.com/r/CYu6pLgaJZ or the QR code.

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