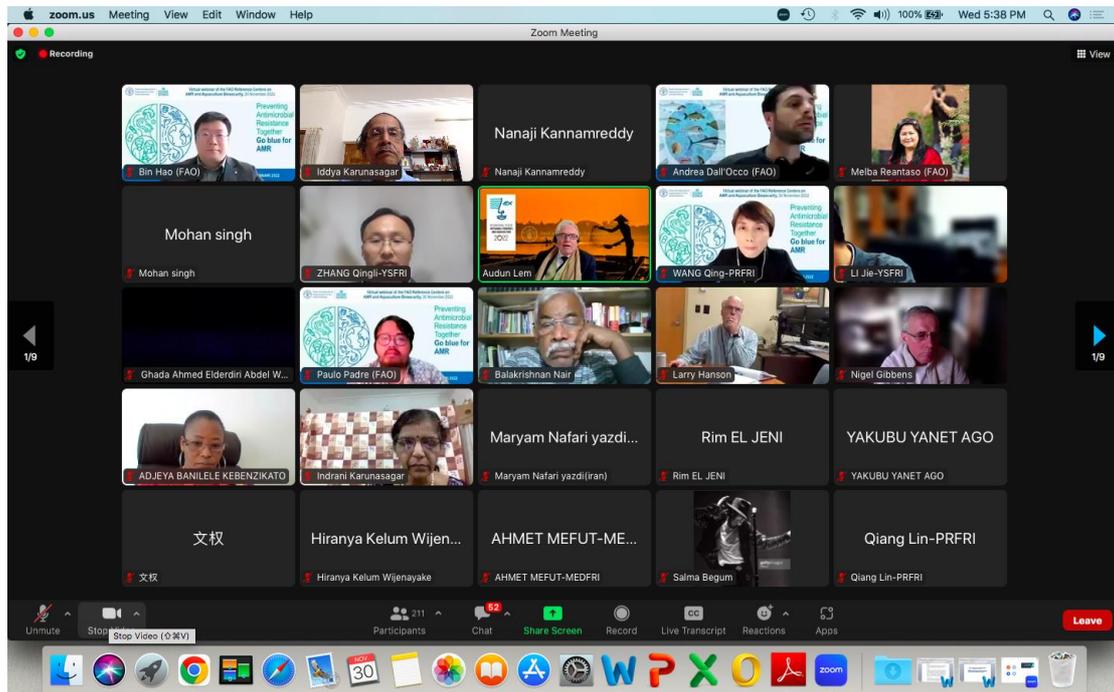


VIRTUAL LAUNCH OF FAO REFERENCE CENTERS IN ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AND AQUATIC BIOSECURITY



Food and Agriculture Organisation of United Nations designated four Reference Centers in antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and aquatic Biosecurity in October, 2022. The designated Centers are (a) Mississippi State University, USA (b) Nitte University, India (c) Pearl River Fisheries Research Institute , China (PRFRI) and (d) Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute (YSFRI). A virtual launch of these Reference Centers took place on zoom platform on November 30, 2022. Dr. Audun Lem, Deputy Director, Aquaculture and Fisheries Division declared the launch open. Dr. Melba Reantaso, Team Leader, Food Safety, Nutrition and Health outlined the main objectives and mandates of the FAO Reference Centers. The meeting was attended by over 200 fisheries and aquaculture professionals all over the globe. Dr. Indrani Karunasagar explained the workplan of Nitte FAO Reference Center and Dr. Iddya Karunasagar introduced the newly adopted Codex Guidelines for risk analysis of antimicrobial resistance.