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AFRAQ24 SPECIAL SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Special Session Title: [Aquaculture for the Benefit of Underserved Communities](#)

Sponsors: *Institut National Agronomique de Tunisie (INAT)* and Virginia Tech

This Special Session focuses upon aquaculture to benefit underserved communities, with an emphasis on climate resilience and climate-smart production. The session highlights research, development, and capacity building as relates to aquaculture for under-represented or otherwise marginalized groups, including youth and women. Appropriate topics include but are not limited to: small-scale enterprises for local economic growth, increasing protein availability to improve household nutrition, incorporating aquaculture into resilience strategies for climate-vulnerable fisher communities, supply chain strengthening for remote communities, and innovative financial tools for low-income aquaculturists. Both technical and socioeconomic presentations are welcome. In addition to topical experts and showcasing ongoing research, extension, and education programming, we highly encourage graduate student participation and presentations. Presentations will comprise 15 minutes for delivery, and 5 minutes for questions.

Anyone wishing further session information kindly reach out to the session chair below. For abstract submissions, kindly submit via:

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