





NETWORK OF AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS IN AQUACULTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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Unlocking the Power of African Women in Aquaculture R&D: Celebrating their Achievements and Shaping Future Leaders

As African women continue to make remarkable contributions in aquaculture research, development and leadership and their desire to play more eminent roles in the WAS system, the WAS African Chapter (WAS-AC) has recognized the need to establish a dedicated platform aimed at amplifying, championing and advancing the efforts of these changemakers. This voluntary platform for WAS women members will focus on several key areas, including the development of an African Women Fellowship and Awards program, women-led research consortiums, developing students and young women researchers through mentorship, enhancing the visibility of women in aquaculture on continental platforms, fostering partnerships and strategic connections amongst other initiatives.

To express your interest to participate and for more information contact Interim Co-ordinator: Dr Mary Jane Thaela Chimuka Animal Production (Aquaculture Unit) Agricultural Research Council, South Africa thaelamj@arc.agric.za or WAS AC Secretariat: africanchapter@was.org with copy President Foluke Areola foareola@gmail.com