



AFRAQ25 Special Session



## ***Scaling commercial SME aquaculture in Africa***

### ***Call for Contributions***

**Session Chairs: Anton Immink, ThinkAqua; Roy van Daatselaar, Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)**

**Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 09h00-12h00**

**Venue: Bwindi Hall (Provisional)**

Commercial aquaculture remains dominated by vertically integrated companies in many parts of Africa. This has helped to increase production, develop local markets and create jobs. In some countries small and medium scale farms have flourished, but what enables this success and how can it be scaled on commercial terms across the continent? In this session we will present case studies of success and host panel discussions to understand how local value chains can be developed that proactively enable small and medium enterprises to flourish - not just farms, but service providers, hatcheries, feed suppliers and traders.

Delegates are invited to submit experience papers on this theme. Please email the chairs with your abstract and submit it through the conference website.

#### **Agenda and provisional titles – speakers to be confirmed**

1. What were the enablers for SME cage aquaculture development (local feed, equipment availability, hatcheries?).
2. Supplying SME pond farmers with feed and technical support.
3. Developing commercial fingerling supply chains.
4. Anton Immink (ThinkAqua) / RAD - Service delivery models for smallholder success.
5. Jacob Adzikah (Ghana National Aquaculture Chamber) & Roy van Daatselaar (ASC) – Driving industry.
6. Scaling SME commercial aquaculture businesses on Lake Victoria through the implementation data-led management training and mentorship.

**Panel discussion and Q&A. 50min**