



Special Session: Aquaculture Development Partnerships

Call for Contributions

This session will explore how governments, development partners, the private sector, research institutions, financial institutions, and farming communities can strengthen strategic partnerships to accelerate sustainable, climate-resilient, and inclusive aquaculture development across Africa. This year's session will include a panel discussion around the topic: **Partnerships for Blue Transformation: Accelerating Sustainable Aquaculture Development in Africa**. Panelists will share insights from around the continent and share solutions that will be useful spur aquaculture development.

Session Objectives:

1. **Highlight the Importance of Partnerships:** Showcase how collaborations between governments, private sector, research institutions, and NGOs can drive innovation and sustainable aquaculture growth.
2. **Explore Financing and Investment Models:** Discuss funding mechanisms, public-private partnerships (PPPs), and impact investment opportunities for aquaculture development.
3. **Enhance Knowledge Sharing and Technology Transfer:** Identify ways to facilitate research collaboration, digital innovation, and capacity-building initiatives.
4. **Promote Policy and Regulatory Coordination:** Discuss the role of policy frameworks and regional cooperation in creating an enabling environment for aquaculture partnerships.

Format:

- **Panel Discussion:** Experts from government agencies, industry leaders, researchers, and NGOs will share insights on effective partnerships.
- **Q&A Session:** Open floor for audience engagement and knowledge exchange.

Call for Contributions:

Development partners, governments, Industry NGOs and stakeholders are invited to submit abstracts of presentations or expressions of interest in participation in the session. Please contact Session Chair: Dr Victoria Tarus at vctarus@gmail.com.

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