



WORLD AQUACULTURE 2026

Tanzania - with AFRAQ26

Dar es Salaam, December 1 - 4, 2026

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**5th Annual International Conference & Exposition
of the African Chapter of the World Aquaculture Society**

"Aquaculture Driving Blue Transformation"

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Conference Venue

Dar es Salaam (somehow loosely translated to 'haven of peace') is East Africa's fastest growing city, with a population of over 4 million inhabitants. A commercial hub located along a natural harbor on the Indian Ocean, Dar es Salaam boasts a multicultural home to Tanzanians, Africans, Arabic, South Asian and European communities. The city straddles some of the most important sea routes in the world. It is East Africa's second-busiest port and boasts several beautiful beaches as well as an interconnection with the perfect touristic destination, Zanzibar.

The Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) is one of the largest Convention Centres in Tanzania. This state-of-the-art convention centre lies in the heart of Dar es Salaam's CBD and can accommodate over 1000 delegates. It is surrounded by a wide range of budget and luxury hotels and a number of traditional and international restaurants offering rich diversity of local, African and international cuisine. JNICC has of recent become a global destination of choice for hosting many global professional conferences and tradeshow

WA26T offers a great opportunity for aquaculture researchers, practitioners, decision makers and other stakeholders to meet, network and discuss all aspects of aquaculture in Africa. Exhibitors from all over the globe are expected to exhibit their products in the state-of-the-art exhibition Center. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore some famous touristic attractions in Dar es Salaam and countrywide. Special excursionary or aquaculture tours will also be arranged to nearby fish farms (both large, medium and small scale), fish markets and some aquaculture R&D centres. Be sure to schedule time for this unique scientific, business and social event!

WA26T incl. AFRAQ26 Programme Themes

WA26T technical program will aim to cover developmental issues including latest research and developmental aspects on aquaculture in Africa and globally. The thematic plenary and technical parallel sessions will comprise submitted oral and poster presentations in English, French, Portuguese and Arabic. WA26T will feature an international trade exhibition, industry forums, student sessions and activities, satellite workshops (and training sessions) and various meetings/forums on aquaculture development in Tanzania and globally. The international conference will be centred around the theme "Aquaculture Driving Blue Transformation", and will feature lessons learnt from Tanzania and other countries on the role sustainable aquaculture continues to play in building sustainable food systems for economic growth.

Sample topics will include: (This is an intial theme list, subject to change)

- Aquaculture Investment and Financing
- Aquaculture & the Blue Economy
- Feed, Nutrition & Physiology
- Species, Genetics & Reproduction
- Aquatic Animal Health, Welfare & Biosecurity
- Environmental Management
- Sustainability , Livelihood & Food Security
- Post Harvest, Processing and Value Addition
- Food Quality & Safety
- Aquaculture Engineering
- Gender and Youth Development
- Aquaculture Engineering
- Freshwater Aquaculture
- Brackishwater Aquaculture
- Mariculture
- Ornamental Fish Culture
- New/Innovative Systems and Practices
- Aquaculture Certification & Standards
- Country Case Studies
- Aquaculture Networks & Associations
- Aquaculture Governance
- Other Special Topics

Details regarding online submissions of abstracts (including full guidelines for abstract preparation and an abstract sample will be available soon on:

www.was.org

CALL FOR PAPERS - SUBMIT YOUR PAPERS NOW!

DEADLINE: 15 October 2026

WA26T incl. AFRAQ26 encourages the submission of high quality oral and poster presentations. We strongly encourage authors to consider poster presentations because poster sessions will be an integral part of the program. Papers submitted for "oral presentation only" may not be accepted as oral presentations due to the limited number of available time slots. English is strongly encouraged, but three other official languages (French, Portuguese and Arabic) are accepted.

PowerPoint Presentations/Slides are strongly encouraged in English for everyone to follow through.

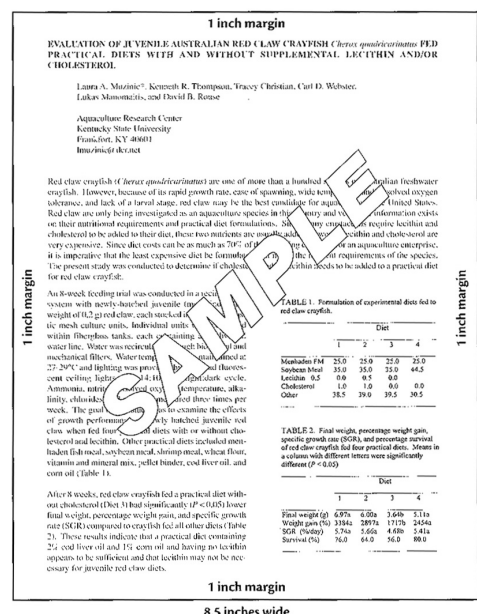
Each oral presenter shall be entitled to no more than 20 minutes comprised of 15 minutes for a presentation, plus 5 minutes for questions. Authors of studies involving proprietary products or formulations should present this information in workshops or the trade show. Oral presentations can only use PowerPoint. Overhead projectors, slides and video players will not be available or allowed.

All presenters are required to pay their own registration, accommodation and travel expenses. WA26T incl. AFRAQ26 cannot subsidize registration fees, travel or hotel costs

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

Extended Abstract Format – Please refer to the sample.

- 1. TITLE OF PAPER :** The paper title is printed in CAPITAL LETTERS, with the exception of scientific names which should be Upper/lower case and italicized. Scientific names should not be preceded or followed by commas or parentheses or other markings.
- 2. AUTHOR(S) :** The first name should be the presenting author. Use *after the presenting author. Type in upper/lower case.
- 3. ADDRESS AND EMAIL :** Type only the presenting author's institution, address and email. Type in upper/lower case.
- 4. MAXIMUM LENGTH :** One Page
- 5. PAGE SIZE :** Standard 210mm x 297mm A4 paper (portrait)
- 6. MARGINS :** 1-inch margin throughout(left/right/top/bottom)
- 7. SPACING :** Single spaced
- 8. PARAGRAPHS :** Paragraphs should be separated by a blank line and should not be indented.
- 9. FONTS :** Character fonts should be 12 point type.
- 10. FIGURES & TABLES :** Figures and tables are highly recommended. They should be reduced to the appropriate size for a one page abstract and should be clearly readable at the reduced size in black print only. The reduced figures and tables should be included in the abstract in camera-ready form.
- 11. MEASUREMENTS :** Use metric units of measurement. When needed, English equivalents may be given in parentheses.



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT ONLINE

Submit abstracts via the internet at the meeting website : www.was.org Follow the complete instructions on the online submission.

If you are unable to submit your abstract online, contact the Conference Manager for alternative methods at : worldaqua@was.org or Fax: +1-760-751-5003



WA26T incl. AFRAQ26

December 1-4, 2026

Register online at: www.was.org

Return address for international payments in USD:
Conference Manager
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Online registration is preferred at www.was.org OR fax or mail both sides with payment. Use one form per person.

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REGISTRATION FEES: In order to receive the discount rates as listed below, this form and payment must be received by the date listed.

See brochure for what is included in registration fees.

TYPE OF REGISTRATION FULL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW	Register by 15 Oct. 2026	Register after 15 Oct. 2026	
In order to receive the Pre-Registration discount rate, this form and payment must be received by the date above			
AFRICAN NATIONALS			
MEMBER RATE*	☐ US\$ 325	☐ US\$ 490	* To qualify for Member Rate you <u>must</u> complete the Association Memberships section on the reverse side.
STUDENT MEMBER RATE*	☐ US\$ 165	☐ US\$ 195	
Non-Member Rate	☐ US\$ 425	☐ US\$ 590	• • • • • Trade Show is <u>included</u> in the Full Conference Registration Rate.
Student Non-Member Rate	☐ US\$ 215	☐ US\$ 255	
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NON-AFRICAN NATIONALS			
MEMBER RATE*	☐ US\$ 395	☐ US\$ 490	TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE
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Student Non-Member Rate	☐ US\$ 215	☐ US\$ 255	
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TRADE SHOW PASS (Trade show pass is included with the Full Conference Registration)			
Good for 3 days admission to exhibits only - December 1-4, 2026	☐ US\$ 30	TOTAL TRADE SHOW PASS	US\$ _____
INDUSTRY TOURS - Details to come		TOTAL INDUSTRY TOURS	US\$ _____
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Registration Confirmation and Receipt will be emailed after processing.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation of registration must be received - in writing - no later than October 31, 2026. Refunds for registration fees will be subject to a 20% handling fee. Refunds are processed after the conference. No refund will be made for cancellations received after October 31, 2026 or for "no shows". After October 31, 2026, no refunds will be made for professional or personal emergencies, flight cancellations, denied visa, weather related cancellation or other travel emergencies. Fees for memberships are non-refundable.

PAYMENT METHOD: All fees must be paid to the order of AFRAQ2026.

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Name _____

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS: Please check all boxes for associations for which you are a current member. Membership in any of those associations qualifies you for the Member Rate* on the Registration Fees. You can join an association at any time before registering to qualify for the Member Rate.

MEMBERSHIPS: ☐ WAS ☐ USAS ☐ APC ☐ Korean ☐ LACC ☐ African Chapter

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS: ☐ European Aquaculture Society
☐ Global Aquaculture Alliance

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ☐ NEW APPLICATION ☐ RENEWAL

WORLD AQUACULTURE SOCIETY (WAS) APPLICATION www.was.org

For details on the different types of memberships and options, please contact the WAS home office at

Tel: +1-225-347-5408 Fax: +1-225-347-5408 Email: judya@was.org

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: (Indicate only one)

- ☐ **Individual** (USD 45/yr) Applies to an individual from Africa
- ☐ **Individual** (USD 90/yr) Applies to an individual only
- ☐ **Full Student** (USD 45/yr) Has all benefits and rights of regular membership including voting for all candidates on the ballot (Copy of Student ID or Signature of Professor required)
- ☐ **Comp Student** (No charge) Has all benefits of regular membership but voting only allowed is for the Student Director and not for the full ballot. (Copy of Student ID or Signature of Professor required)
- ☐ **Sustaining** (USD 155/yr) Applies to any one individual from a company
- ☐ **Corporate** (USD 295/yr) Allows all employees of one company to attend meeting at Member Rate
- ☐ **Lifetime** (USD 1400 with one chapter) Applies to an individual only

**Discounted rates available for individuals in countries based on World Bank List of Low Income Economies. Must sign-up on website only for this category.

CHAPTER OPTIONS:

*One chapter included in membership.
Mark the chapter you choose.*

- ☐ **African Chapter**
- ☐ **Asian Pacific**
- ☐ **Korea**
- ☐ **Latin American/Caribbean**
- ☐ **United States (USAS)**
- ☐ **None** (deduct USD 5)

You can add extra Chapters for USD 5

Fees for memberships are non-refundable.

Total Amount for WAS Membership USD _____
Please enter this amount under "Membership Dues" section on opposite side of this form.

For membership in other associations, please contact them directly.

Engaging with Industry

The Aquaculture Africa events are all about communication with the sector. WA26T/AFRAQ26 will feature a special international trade exhibition, where Tanzanian and international organizations will present their latest technologies, products and services. Both Standard and Corner booths will be available. Each booth is 6m2 (2x3m) and features walls, carpet, two chairs and one table, spotlights, one power outlet, fascia identification sign and two free passes for the conference. We can provide meeting points for industry associations, organization/ industry panels or B2B meetings, farmers forums etc. Organization/industry panel meetings will take place around the trade exhibition, and aquaculture tours will be organized after the Conference.

Platform for Developmental Organizations

WA26T/AFRAQ26 will also be a meeting hub for developmental agencies, NGOs and institutions in Africa – where they can hold plenary talks, meetings, seminars, finance and investment forums and satellite workshops of African and global aquaculture projects and activities.

Networking for Students

Special forums and events will be arranged for students attending WA26T to enable networking and exchange of ideas amongst students and student mentors. The forums/ events will have a dedicated programme that includes a special student reception, student contests/awards. Students receive the full registration package plus the student reception. To qualify for the student rate, a copy of your Student I.D. is required. To learn more on WAS Student Program, visit <https://www.wasstudents.org>

Farm Tours

Aquaculture tours have been organized at some interesting fisheries and aquaculture facilities around Dar es Salaam. More details will be made available on the event website.



FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Admission to all sessions (including reception), seminars and the trade show.
- Conference bag and Show Directory
- Refreshment breaks (including lunch)
- Abstract App and/or Abstract Book

*To qualify for Member Rate, you must be a WAS member in good standing

Trade Show Pass only –
Valid whole period: USD30

WAT incl. AFRAQ26 Tentative Programme Overview

Tuesday, 1 December

Registration Open	1100 - 1730
Exhibit Set-up	1200 - 1700
Welcome Drink	1700 - 1730

Wednesday, 2 December

Registration Open	0800 - 1700
Exhibitors Move-in	0800 - 1000
Poster Set-up	0800 - 1000
Sessions	0900 - 1040
Refreshment Break	1040 - 1100
Trade Show & Poster Open	1000 - 1800
Opening Ceremony & Plenary	1100 - 1240
Lunch	1240 - 1400
Sessions	1400 - 1740
Break	1540 - 1600
Sessions	1600 - 1740
Happy Hour & Posters	1700 - 1740

Thursday, 3 December

Registration Open	0800 - 1700
Sessions	0900 - 1030
Break	1030 - 1100
Trade Show	1000 - 1800
Sessions	1100 - 1230
Lunch	1230 - 1400
Sessions	1400 - 1740
Break	1540 - 1600
WAS AC Business Meeting	1800 - 1900

Friday, 4 December

Registration Open	0800 - 1500
Sessions	0900 - 1040
Break	1040 - 1100
Trade Show	1000 - 1600
Sessions	1100 - 1200
Lunch	1240 - 1400
Sessions	1400 - 1540
Break	1540 - 1600
Sessions	1600 - 1740
Posters	1000 - 1600
Exhibit Move-out	1600 - 1900

WA26T incl. AFRAQ26 Steering and National Organizing Committees

WA26T / AFRAQ26 Conference Chairs:

- Prof. Julius Manyala, (JOOST, KENYA)
- Prof. Riziki Shemdoe (MLF, TANZANIA)

WA26T / AFRAQ26 Program Co-Chairs:

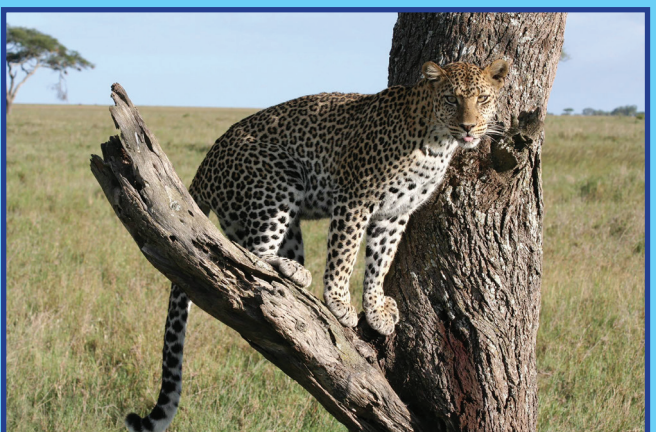
- Prof. Peter Britz - Program Manager/Advisor (Rhodes University, SOUTH AFRICA)
- Jean Claude Ndorimana – French Program Chair (MAAR, RWANDA)
- Dr Samweli Limbu – National Program Chair (UNIV. DAR ES SALAAM)

INTERNATIONAL

- Prof. Daniel Boateng (KNUST, GHANA)
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- Dr Bernice Mclean (AUDA-NEPAD, SOUTH AFRICA)

TANZANIA

- Dr Nazeel Madalla (MLF)
- Mr Geoffrey Rucho (AAT)
- Prof. Sebastian Chenyambuga (Sokoine Univ.)
- Dr Flower Msuya (Zanzibar Cluster Seaweed)



Location – Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC)

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<https://www.aicc.co.tz/julius-nyerere-international-convention-centre/>

TRAVEL

ENTRY VISAS FOR TANZANIA

- VISA INFORMATION: <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/guidelines>
- It is your responsibility to secure your visa to travel to Tanzania, if needed.
- Several African countries are eligible for visa free entry to Tanzania
- Tanzania operates an **Online Visa and On-Arrival Visa Platforms**

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

- More details on travel, accommodation and Airport transport will be made available on the Conference website

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