



## WA26T: - WISHH Special Session

### ***The WISHH Farmer Education Session: Meeting farmers' needs in Africa***

Date & Location: December 1-4, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Target audience: Farmers, agricultural extension agents, researchers, educationists, policy makers and industry experts.

Session Co-Chairs: John Walakira (John Walakira <jwalakira@ct.soy.org>)

Date: 3 December 2026

Venue: : Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC)

Time: 2 hours

#### **Workshop Outline**

This special session highlights the farmer education and extension initiatives of the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health WISHH, and its various partners throughout sub-Saharan Africa. The purpose is to share knowledge and practical experiences with farmers that can be implemented on-farm and shared with peers.

The World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH) was founded in 2000 to expand the work of the American Soybean Association (ASA) in developing and emerging markets to improve health, nutrition and food security, building the groundwork for future markets of soy. U.S. soy trade in emerging markets is pivotal to improve accessibility, affordability, and acceptability of high-quality plant and animal-sourced proteins in developing economies. WISHH builds opportunity for long-term trade by improving agricultural value chains, human and animal nutrition, and farmer net incomes. The St. Louis based Program operates in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Central America. The Africa Division offers its free extension and advisory services to aquaculture industries in many countries across sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

#### **Program Outline**

The key elements of this session include:

- Soy based feeding trials in Asia;
- Water quality monitoring on Ghana's Lake Volta;
- A 16-week on farm internship program in Ghana, Nigeria, and Kenya;

- Use cases for AI in farm management ; and
- Advice to farmers that are seeking access to financing.

The session will be participatory, with time included for Q&A and discussion.

To learn more, contribute and for further information, please contact:

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*World Aquaculture Tanzania 2026 (WA26T), which is the 5th Annual International Conference and Exposition of World Aquaculture Society and African Chapter of the World Aquaculture Society (AFRAQ2026) is being hosted by the Government of the Republic of Tanzania. The event will take place in Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA, from December 1-4, 2026, at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) - a world class conference and exhibition facility in Tanzania. Since 2022, the WAS has successfully hosted the Annual Aquaculture Africa Conferences (AFRAQs) in Egypt (2022), Zambia (2023), Tunisia (2024) and recently Aquaculture Safari, Uganda (2025). AFRAQs typically attract a diverse group of participants from nearly 100 countries - ranging from aquaculture professionals, producers, researchers, policymakers, industry representatives, development partners, students and various other stakeholders. Nearly 2000 participants are expected at WA26T. The event will feature prominent plenary speakers, cutting-edge research presentations, an exhibition showcasing innovations in the aquaculture sector and much more. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, share knowledge, and collaborate on addressing key challenges and opportunities facing both African landscape and the global aquaculture industry. More information available on <https://was.org/meeting/code/AFRAQ26>.*