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Unlocking the Potential of Sustainable Aquaculture in Africa

**FAO-WBG SPECIAL DAY
WAS AFRICA 2023
Lusaka, Zambia | 15 November 2023**

On the occasion of the *Aquaculture Africa 2023* (World Aquaculture Society – African Chapter Conference, Lusaka, Zambia, 13–16 November 2023), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the World Bank Group (WBG) in collaboration with the Aquaculture Network for Africa (ANAF) are hosting a Special Day on Wednesday 15 November 2023.

The FAO-WBG Special Day will focus on crucial topics for advancing the aquaculture sector in Africa including relevant global and regional processes, technologies and innovations, investment, trade, and value chains as well as partnerships. It highlights global, regional, and national development initiatives by FAO, World Bank Group, and partners, aiming to create a resilient and sustainable aquaculture sector across the continent. The event will bring together experts to discuss sustainable practices, innovative technologies, effective resource management, policy frameworks, market access, investment opportunities, and capacity building.

Participants will be invited to engage in fruitful discussions, networking, and partnership building with government representatives, industry leaders, researchers, entrepreneurs, and civil society organizations. The collaborative approach will facilitate knowledge sharing and explore potential collaboration.

The FAO-WBG Special Day seeks to inform participants about ongoing initiatives and catalyze collaboration that will be required to foster sustainable aquaculture development in Africa and to build a sector where particularly small producers and communities, especially women and youth, benefit from the region's rich aquatic resources while ensuring their responsible management and long-term preservation.



Provisional programme:

Opening (09:00-09:10)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome by FAO-WBG Special Day Chairs 	Xinhua Yuan/FAO Valerie Hickey/WB
Fostering Sustainable Aquaculture Growth (09:10-10:20) Moderator: Harrison Charo-Karisa	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture, Blue Transformation, and forthcoming implementation: what it means for Africa 	Matthias Halwart/FAO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank Investment Guidelines 	Thomas Hecht & James McCafferty/Advance Africa/ World Bank Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional capacity and regulatory framework for aquaculture development: FishGov 2 	Nelly Isyagi/ANAF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Aquaculture Frameworks in the Southern African Development Community 	Motseki Hlatshwayo/SADC
Expert Panel discussion: Global and Regional Processes – 30 minutes	
Technology, Innovation and Best Practices (10:40-12:00) Moderator: Matthias Halwart	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquafeeds and alternative raw ingredients 	Emmanuel Ajani/UI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated farming systems for food security and nutrition 	Austin Stankus/FAO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathways to integrating aquaculture into land and seascapes 	Harrison Charo-Karisa/WB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabo Verde Aquaculture Spatial Plan 	Rita Marteleira/Longline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic genetic resources and AquaGRIS 	Graham Mair/FAO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Seaweed New and Emerging Markets: What next? 	Harrison Charo-Karisa/WB
Q&A session: Technology, Innovation, and Best Practices – 45 minutes	
Financing African Aquaculture (13:00-15:40) Moderator: Harrison Charo-Karisa	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in aquaculture value chains: FISH4ACP 	Founnigüe Djire Traore & Abubakar Usman & Paul Mwera/Fish4ACP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEF actions towards sustainable African aquaculture 	Stephen Mouba/GEF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public financing in Africa and the role of World Bank 	Harrison Charo-Karisa & Ruth Garcia-Gomez/WB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private financing in Africa 	Harrison Charo-Karisa/WB-IFC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed finance – public private partnerships 	Rohana Subasinghe/BFC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Development Bank 	Katrina Hilundwa/AfDB
Expert Panel discussion: Financing, trade, and value chains in African aquaculture –40 minutes	
Partnerships for African Aquaculture (16:00-17:15) Moderator: Nelly Isyagi	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Sustainable Aquaculture Advancement Partnership 	Matthias Halwart/FAO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquaculture Network for Africa 	Nelly Isyagi/ANAF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish 	Stephen Reichley/MSU
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative approaches - Farmer Field School case studies 	Shashank Bibhu/CARE
Q&A session: – Partnerships for African Aquaculture - 30 minutes	