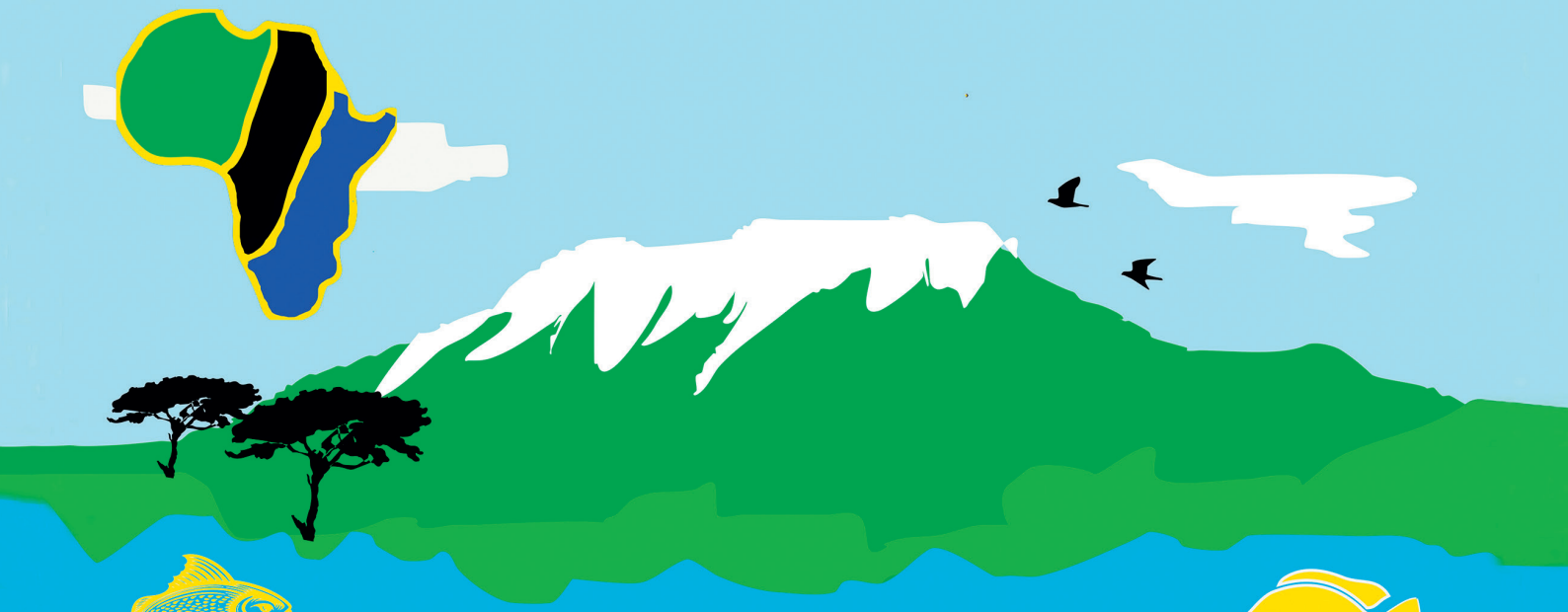


WORLD AQUACULTURE 2026

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

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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 tradeshows

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, and Portuguese. 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:

- **Aquaculture Investment and Financing**
- **Aquaculture and 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**
- **Gender and Youth Development**
- **Aquaculture Engineering**
- **Freshwater Aquaculture**
- **Brackishwater Aquaculture**
- **Mariculture**
- **Ornamental Fish Culture**
- **New/Innovative Systems and Practices**
- **Aquaculture Certification & Standards**
- **Country Reports and 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 are available on the event website https://was.org/meeting/code/AFRAQ26

CALL FOR PAPERS – *SUBMIT YOUR PAPERS NOW!*
DEADLINE: 10 November 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 two other official languages (French and Portuguese) 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: https://was.org/meeting/code/AFRAQ26. 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.



WA26T incl. AFRAQ26

December 1 - 4, 2026

Register online at: www.was.org

Return address for international payments in USD:
Conference Manager
P.O. Box 2302
Valley Center, CA 92082 USA
Tel: +1 760 751 5005
Email: worldaqua@was.org

Online registration is preferred at www.was.org OR fax or mail both sides with payment. Use one form per person.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION

BADGE INFORMATION: (As you want your name badge to read – No titles, please)

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(Limited to 40 Letters & Spaces)

City _____ State/Prov _____ Country _____

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(Include country and city code) (Include country and city code)

REGISTRATION FEES:
- There will be early bird registration fees for Tanzania Nationals, Eastern Africa, Rest of Africa and non- African Nationals (see below schedule).
- WAS members get the membership rate.
- Early rates are valid till around Oct 27, 2026. Usually 1,5 months prior to the event.
- Trade show visitors at 30 USD and upgrades to full conference at the lowest/early membership rate.
- Below the various registration rates.

TYPE OF REGISTRATION **RULL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW** In order to receive the Pre-Registration discount rate, this form and payment must be received by the date above	**Register by 27 Oct. 2026**	**Register after 27 Oct. 2026**
TANZANIA and ZANZIBAR NATIONALS USD (or equivalent to TSHS)		
MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 130	☐ USD 250
STUDENT MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 50	☐ USD 100
Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 190	☐ USD 250
Student Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 90	☐ USD 100
EASTERN AFRICAN NATIONALS (USD) *Applicable to Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan*		
MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 225	☐ USD 370
STUDENT MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 110	☐ USD 150
Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 330	☐ USD 490
Student Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 150	☐ USD 200
REST OF AFRICAN NATIONALS (USD)		
MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 325	☐ USD 490
STUDENT MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 165	☐ USD 195
Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 425	☐ USD 590
Student Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 215	☐ USD 255
NON-AFRICAN NATIONALS (USD)		
MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 395	☐ USD 490
STUDENT MEMBER RATE*	☐ USD 165	☐ USD 195
Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 495	☐ USD 590
Student Non-Member Rate	☐ USD 215	☐ USD 255

EXHIBITOR'S EXTRA'S

ExConf National
☐ **200 USD**

ExConf International
☐ **325 USD**

A special reduced registration fee of
☐ **130 USD**
is offered to:
- **Members of National Organizing Committee**
- **Session chairs of the conference**

* **To qualify for Member Rate you must complete the Association Memberships section on the reverse side.**

Trade Show is included in the Full Conference Registration Rate.

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE

US$ _____

TRADE SHOW PASS
Good for 3 days admission to exhibits only – December 1-4, 2026

(Trade show pass is included with the Full Conference Registration)
☐ USD 30 **TOTAL TRADE SHOW PASS** USD _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES – Enter amount from Membership Application on other side if applicable. **TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES** USD _____

Do not mail registration after Nov. 1, 2026 or fax after Nov. 1, 2026
After Nov. 1, 2026, bring this form with you to register at the show.
Please register online.

➜ **TOTAL AMOUNT USD** _____

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.** **For bank transfer details, contact us.**

☐ Check # _____ ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Diners Club

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Sec Code _____

Name on Card _____ Date _____ Signature _____

Credit Card Billing Address _____

REGISTRATION FORM - SIDE 2

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 Email: KillianH@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
- ❑ **Individual Complimentary** (Applicable to farmers and farm workers) (USD 0/yr)
- ❑ **WAS individual Membership** - 5 Year promotion (USD 400)
- ❑ **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

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 in Bagamoyo, near 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

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Tentative Programme Overview

Tuesday, 1 December

Registration Open	11:00 - 17:30
Exhibitor Move-in	11:00 - 18:00
Poster Set-up	13:00 - 17:30

Wednesday, 2 December

Registration Open	08:00 - 17:00
Sessions	09:00 - 10:40
Exhibitor Move-in	08:00 - 10:00
Poster Set-up	08:00 - 10:00
Refreshment Break	10:40 - 11:00
Trade Show & Poster Open	10:00 - 18:00
Opening Ceremony & Plenary	11:00 - 12:40
Lunch	12:40 - 14:00
Sessions	14:00 - 17:00
Happy Hour & Posters	17:00 - 18:00

Thursday, 3 December

Registration Open	08:00 - 17:00
Sessions	09:00 - 10:30
Refreshment Break	10:30 - 11:00
Sessions	11:00 - 12:30
Trade Show	10:00 - 18:00
Lunch	12:30 - 14:00
Sessions	14:00 - 17:40
Refreshment Break	15:40 - 16:00
Happy Hour & Posters	17:00 - 18:00
WAS AC Business Meeting	18:00 - 19:00

Friday, 4 December

Registration Open	08:00 - 15:00
Sessions	09:00 - 10:40
Trade Show	10:00 - 16:00
Refreshment Break	10:40 - 11:00
Sessions	11:00 - 12:40
Lunch	12:40 - 14:00
Sessions	14:00 - 15:40
Refreshment Break	15:40 - 16:00
Sessions	16:00 - 17:40
Exhibitor Move-out	16:00 - 19:00

WA26T incl. AFRAQ26 Steering and National Organizing Committees

WA26T / AFRAQ26 Conference Chairs:

- Prof. Mohamed Sheikh, Deputy Permanent Secretary (MLF, TANZANIA)
- Prof. Julius Manyala, (JOOST, KENYA)

WA26T / AFRAQ26 Program Co-Chairs:

- Prof. Peter Britz - Program Manager/Advisor (Rhodes University, SOUTH AFRICA)
- Dr Samweli Limbu – National Program Chair (UNIV. DAR ES SALAAM)
- Dr Simon Rukera-Tabaro – French Program Chair (UNIV. RWANDA, RWANDA)
- Prof. Daniel Adjel-Boateng – International Programme Suport (KNUST, GHANA)

TANZANIA

- Dr Nazael Madalla (MLF)
- Mr Geoffrey Rucho (AAT)
- Prof. Sebastian Chenyambuga (Sokoine Univ.)
- Dr. Amelia S. Buriyo (Univ of Dar, Tanzania)
- Dr John Mapunda (Tanzania)

INTERNATIONAL

- Prof. Daniel Boateng (KNUST, GHANA)
- Dr. Victoria Tarus (WAS-AC, KENYA)
- Dr Bernice Mclean (AUDA-NEPAD, SOUTH AFRICA)
- Dr Alexander Kefi (SADC Rep)













CONFERENCE VENUE

Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) is a state-of-the-art, premier conference facility located in the heart of Dar es Salaam.

Address: Kivukoni Front Road, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

https://www.aicc.co.tz/ (under construction) also **https://www.facebook.com/jnicctz/**

ACCOMMODATION

The JNICC is conveniently situated near several hotels, some of which are within walking distance of the conference venue. It is your responsibility to arrange your accommodation, ideally close to the JNICC. When selecting a place to stay, please be aware of heavy traffic along most roads in Dar es Salaam. WA26T is working on an Accommodation Guide that will provide information on accommodation options near the JNICC. **Refer to the website: https://was.org/Meeting/pdf/AFRAQ26_AccommodationOptions.pdf.**

FLIGHTS

Julius Nyerere International Airport (DAR) is the largest airport in Tanzania. The airport offers direct flights to and from many major global destinations and hubs including Eastern and Southern Africa, Europe and the Middle East. **Be sure to book your flights early!**

VISAS

Several African Passport holders DO NOT require visas to enter Tanzania. Visa applications must be submitted online via the official Tanzania E-Visa website: **https://visa.immigration.go.tz/guidelines**
Yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for those from yellow-fever endemic countries.

TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES

Tanzania offers some of the world leading safari opportunities and destinations. To learn more on Tanzania's diverse touristic opportunities, visit: **https://www.tanzaniatourism.go.tz/** or **https://destinationtanzania.tz/portal/getting-to-tanzania**

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