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Unlocking the Potential of Sustainable Aquaculture in Africa

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

Concept note

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 catalyse collaboration that will be required to foster sustainable aquaculture development in Africa and to build a sector where 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:

- a. Global and regional processes
- b. Technologies, innovations and practices
- c. Financing African aquaculture
- d. Partnerships in aquaculture

Fostering Sustainable Aquaculture Growth (09:00-10:20h).	
Moderator: FAO	
• FAO Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture, Blue Transformation and forthcoming implementation: what it means for Africa	FAO
• World Bank Investment Guidelines	WB
• Institutional capacity and regulatory framework for aquaculture development: FishGov 2	ANAF
• Regional Aquaculture Frameworks in the Southern African Development Community	SADC
Panel discussion: Global and Regional Processes – 35 minutes	
Technology, Innovation and Best Practices (10:40-12:00h)	
Moderators:	
Table 1: FAO	
Table 2: WB	
Table 3: FAO	
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○ Aquafeeds and alternative raw ingredients	UI
○ Integrated farming systems for food security and nutrition	FAO
Q&A session	All participants – 50 minutes
Table 2: Moderator WB	
○ Integrating aquaculture into Land- and seascapes management	WB
○ Cabo Verde Aquaculture Spatial Plan	Longline (tbc)
Q&A session	All participants – 50 minutes
Table 3: Moderator FAO	
○ Desert and arid zones aquaculture	FAO
○ Aquatic genetic resources and AquaGRIS	FAO
Q&A session	All participants – 50 minutes
Financing African Aquaculture (13:00-15:40)	
Moderator: WB	
○ Investing in aquaculture value chains: FISH4ACP	National Coordinators (tbc)
○ Public financing in Africa and the role of World Bank	WB
○ Private financing in Africa	IFC
○ Mixed finance – public private partnerships	BFC
○ African Development Bank	AfDB
Expert Panel discussion: Financing, trade, and value chains in African aquaculture – 50 minutes	
Partnerships for African Aquaculture (16:00-17:40)	
Moderator: ANAF	
• Global Sustainable Aquaculture Advancement Partnership	FAO
Q&A session	All participants – 10 minutes
• Aquaculture Network for Africa	ANAF
Q&A session	All participants – 10 minutes
• Collaborative approaches - Farmer Field School case studies	CARE (tbc)
Q&A session	All participants – 10 minutes
• Seaweed farming technology, knowledge sharing	WB
Q&A session	All participants – 10 minutes