



# Outcome from ANAF WB, FAO and AFRAQ23 Events

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1. Recommendations of 10th ANAF Technical Committee (AFRAQ21)
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3. AFRAQ23
4. Summary of Key Issues and opportunities for ANAF



## AFRAQ21 – 10th ANAF Technical Committee raised the following:



### Issues

- **What is the AU Policy on Training and education, and what are the mechanisms for knowledge exchange?**
- **What frameworks exist for exchanging good practices** amongst the Member States and business to business cooperation?
- Delegates expressed concern about the **limited information on ANAF activities and the lack of a structured approach to soliciting** input from MS representatives to give feedback from the AFRAQ sessions.
- **How visible is ANAF?** We need the Fisheries and Aquaculture COEs to attend AFRAQ and other platforms to conduct demonstrations
- **What kind of aquaculture does Africa want?** (commercial/industrial-scale production for export markets and domestic consumption, small-scale artisanal, ornamental or environmental...)
- ANAF has been in the formative stage since its inception and **must now move to implementation of its mandate and key activities**



## By consensus gave the following recommendations:

- The African Union should establish **more centres of excellence** to provide advisory services on fish disease control, genetic improvement of Africa's fish stock, and trade facilitation in the context of AfCFTA.
- Move forward quickly to **operationalise the work plan of the already established AU** centres of excellence for fisheries and aquaculture
- **Involve the private sector more in policy development** to promote coherence
- **Implement the already many policies and strategies for aquaculture development** (*notably: AU-IBAR regional environmental, disease control, seed/genetics, feed, business and extension models*)



- National **governments should encourage/provide incentives for financiers** to create credit instruments for the aquaculture sector
- Foster **deliberate policy interventions to increase capacity building for aquaculture development** on the continent
- **Adopt the ecosystem approach policies** to ensure environmental sustainability of the sector
- **Address SPS issues through regionally harmonised** policy and regulatory mechanisms
- It was recommended to have ANAF at the **national levels that feed into regional** and continental platforms of ANAF



### Two Meetings

#### a) 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

The purpose of the meeting was to provide and discuss more details about ANAFA. The agenda will be on:

- (i) Current operational structure of ANAF
- (ii) Challenges facing ANAF and current activities
- (iii) Value proposition for engagement with NACA
- (iv) Next steps



## 2. World Bank/ANAF/NACA



### a) 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

The second meeting sought to build upon the initial deliberations, notably:

- (i) Gain an understanding on the structure of ANAF, visions and current engagements.
- (ii) Gain an understanding of structure of NACA and its operations
- (iii) Be clear on proposed collaboration between ANAF and NACA,
- (iv) Agree on the next steps



## 2. World Bank/ANAF/NACA



### Summary of the meetings deliberations

- AU-IBAR up-dated on the status with regard to its:
  - integration into the AU systems as a public sector network
  - ANAF transiting from its inception to implementation phase
  - Currently all official engagements through the Director AU-IBAR
- The World Bank thus sought to clarify *(i)* whether or not they could officially engage and implement actions directly with ANAF or if such engagements could only be done through the Director AU-IBAR and *(ii)* ANAF's role under the current institutional arrangement.

### Agreed actions on the way forward

- AU-IBAR provide a write-up elaborating the above issues as outlined by the agenda also including its proposals for actions on the way forward
- Thereafter discuss agreed on activities for support and collaboration to strengthen ANAF institutional capacity as continental network and its consequent capacity for promoting the adoption of the continent's sustainable aquaculture development goals.
- It was agreed the discussions be taken forward during the second ANAF General Assembly.





### 3. AFRAQ23 - with WB/FAO to organize special day



#### **ANAF was involved in:**

1. Organizing AFRAQ23 – *(Thanks and congratulations to Director Aquaculture, Zambia and his team for the leading role played by in facilitating the hosting, organization of the event and for the support given by SADC Fisheries and Aquaculture team)*
2. Collaborated with WB/FAO to organize special day on aquaculture development in Africa in collaboration with the World Aquaculture Society African Chapter
3. Participated in FAO/AU-IBAR consultative workshop to establish a continental fisheries and aquaculture information hub



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## ***Unlocking the Potential of Sustainable Aquaculture in Africa***

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

The FAO-WBG Special Day focused on:

(i) **crucial topics for advancing the aquaculture sector in Africa** including:

- relevant global and regional processes,
- technologies and innovations, investment,
- trade, and value chains
- partnerships.

(ii) **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.



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## Section Partnerships for African Aquaculture

- A presentation on ANAF was delivered by Mr. Divine Tombouh, ANAF Focal Point ANAF.
- Outlined ANAF priority actions:
  1. Develop a long-term phased strategic and investment plan to enable ANAF transition to implementation phase
  2. Build partnerships



#### **The specific objective of the workshop :**

- a. **The status, needs and expectations** of the sector for fisheries and aquaculture information and knowledge.
- b. **Evaluate the status and current capacity of fisheries and aquaculture information and knowledge management systems AU-IBAR *vis-à-vis* its capacity to meet the needs of Africa's fishery and aquaculture sector stakeholders.**
- c. **Generate recommendations** to enhance the capacity of AU-IBAR's fishery and aquaculture information and knowledge management systems to deliver and fulfil the continent's policy and industry expectations in coherence with the Blue Transformation and SDG Goals



### 3. AFRAQ23 – fisheries and aquaculture information & knowledge hub



- **A lot of information, knowledge and experiences** from various on-going aquaculture actions on the continent covering all the sectors technical disciplines and development actions.
- Most of this **generated from Africa's own experiences and expertise**, both from the public and private sector.
- The **collation and archiving of the knowledge and information** shared for future public access remains a challenge.
- A **major challenge affecting all-inclusive participation** at AFRAQ's and other WAS regional aquaculture events => **English only** which disadvantages the Francophone, Portuguese, Arabic and Spanish
- As was **recommended by ANAF participants to AFRAQ21**, the presence and contribution of Africa's aquaculture ANAF, AU Centers of Excellence, RECs, RFBs students and youth remains crucial as it would impact on policy, aquaculture development programming and entrepreneurship.



## Kings World Youth Group, Bondo, Kenya



**Ms. Bilah, the chairperson of Kings World Youth Group and members in the background.** The group in 2019 by youth from the area who pooled resources and purchased a cage to start cage culture to employ themselves. They demonstrated how they expanded their business from a single-cage progressively into a cages, hatchery and black-soldier fly operation by re-investing returns, access to right technical support and affordable financial services. The group is conscious of minimising negative impacts of their activities for the environment so as to protect the lake for the benefit of their major source of income, cage-culture. This prompted them to install solar lighting, green house and a bio-digester to minimises amount of disposal waste generated. The group prepared a delicious meal for participants from their own farmed fish . *Below right:* Members of the group present with participants.



# SUMMARY



## Key issues and opportunities for ANAF



1. Private-Public sector driven continental and regional aquaculture conferences and trade fairs exist
2. Collation and improving the accessibility to aquaculture information and knowledge for the sectors stakeholders
3. Lingua franca – ensuring all continental and regional events cater adequately for Africa’s major official languages
4. Develop collaborative linkages and partnerships with private-sector, other similar networks and global and regional development partners
5. ANAF establishing regional units to enhance regional visibility and effectiveness at REC level (transboundary and regional approaches)



# Thank You



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