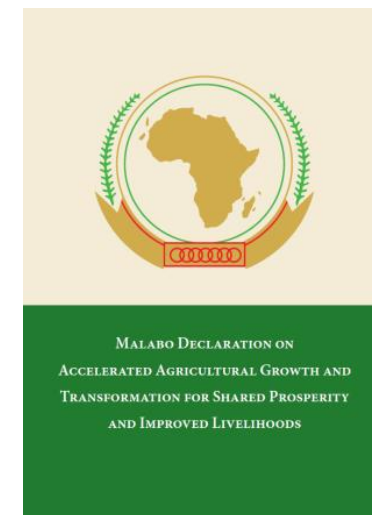
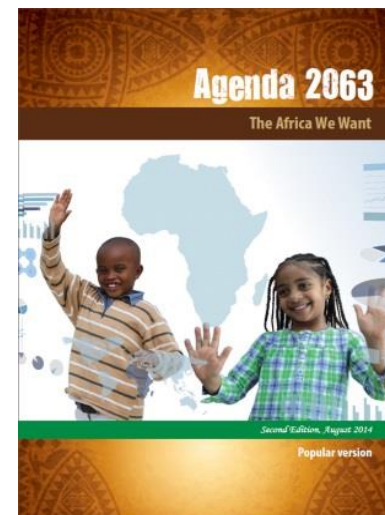
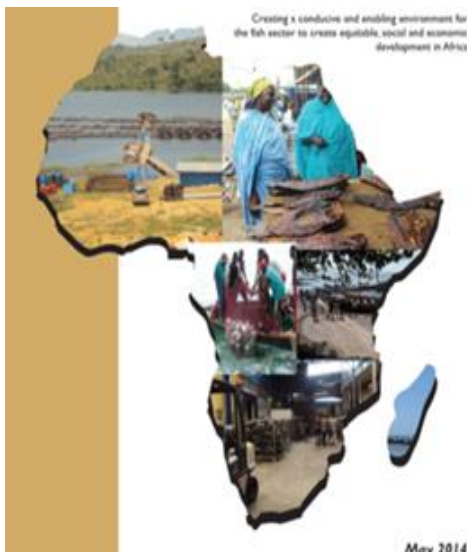


# ENGAGEMENT OF NON STATE ACTORS (NSAs) FOR SMALL SCALE FISHERIES AND FISHERIES WOMEN IN AFRICA

*AU-IBAR PRESENTATION*  
*Hellen Moepi-Guebama, Fisheries Officer*

**RABAT, MOROCCO**  
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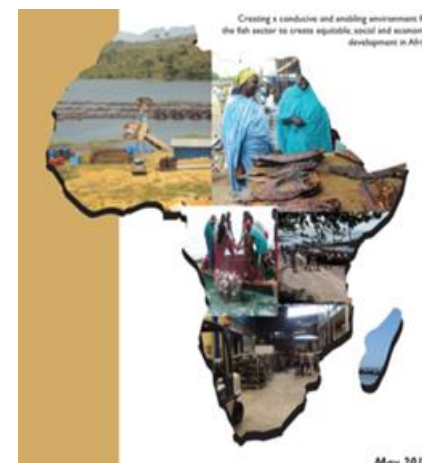




# AU DECISION

**CAMFA II**  
**1-2 May**  
**2014**

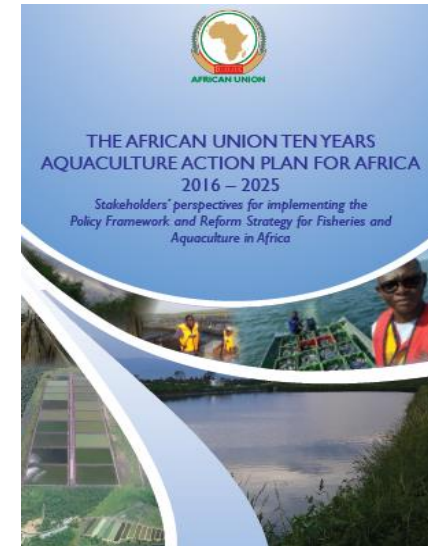
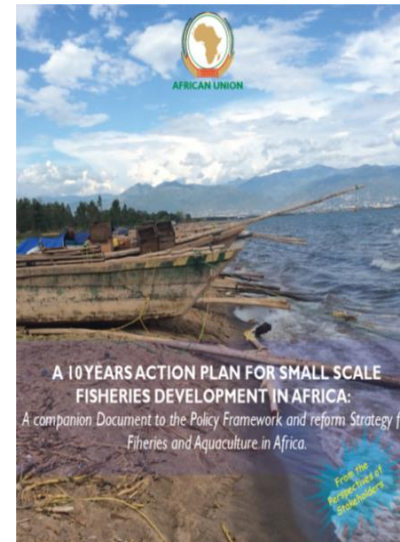
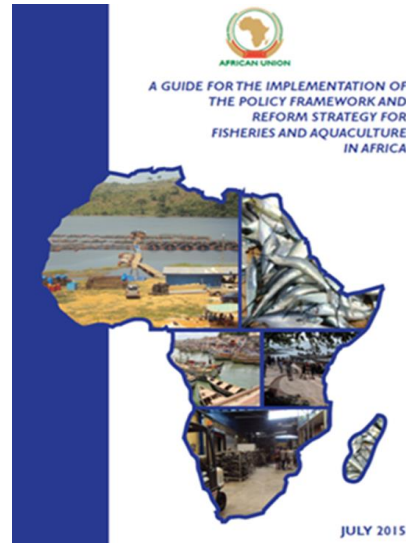
recommended to AU, RECs and MS “to facilitate the participation of NSAs in fisheries and aquaculture decision-making processes”



**Endorsed**  
**HSG**  
**June, 2014**



# Policy Framework & Reform Strategy in Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (PFRS)



## Implementation Guideline 2015

## SSF & Aquaculture 10 yrs Action plans

➤ Purpose: Facilitate transformation of Africa's fisheries and aquaculture for food, livelihoods and wealth

➤ Objective: Provide structured guidance to Africa's fisheries to facilitate reforms towards coherent national and regional policies for sustainable social, environmental and profitable outcomes for Africa and its peoples





# Main Policy Arenas





# Cross-cutting Issues

## Cross-Cutting Issues in African Fisheries and Aquaculture

To Strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerabilities to climate change in African fisheries and aquaculture

Strengthening Resilience and Reducing Vulnerabilities to Climate Change in African Fisheries and Aquaculture



Private Sector Investments and Financing Mechanisms for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa



To promote enabling environment for business and investment

- Enhancing information, knowledge and communication systems
- Building adaptive capacity at the local level
- Improving policy coherence and coordination at the national and regional levels
- Identifying funding opportunities

Gender and Youth

To promote safe working conditions, and effective and equitable participation of women and youth

- Inclusive access to resources, policy and decision making processes
- Reduced gender based violence
- Compliance with labour laws

- Ease of doing business
- Conducive investment climate
- Dispute resolution mechanisms
- Choice of business structures



# PFRS STRATEGIC ACTION

- **inclusive and participatory process involving NSAs**
- **need for empowerment of NSAs**
- **development of advocacy strategy**
  - Fishers are organized to foster good fisheries governance, sustainable development and responsible use of natural resources
  - Promote the preferential treatment of marginalized groups (women and youth), for the provision of services and imposition of duties
  - **facilitate their inclusion** in fisheries management & **decision-making process** at national, regional and continental level





# ROLE OF NSAs

- **Building local capacity and empowering communities**
- **Articulating fishers, fish farmers and producers' interests and demands**
- **Organizing workers into viable community or producer organizations**
- **Promoting developmental or social action**
- **Defending fishers, fish farmers and producers' rights**
- **Providing goods and services directly, without recourse to state agencies**
- **advocating for recognition of fisherman/farmers as private investors**
- **need for stakeholder engagement processes that place the smallholder fisherman/farmer at the centre of decision making**
- **Implementing sectoral transformation agenda and PFRS/SSF & Aquaculture action plan/ VGSSF**

Power

Influence

Change agents

Lobbyist

Human rights activists

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Dialogue & mutual obligations

Equality of partners and ownership of dev. strategies

Participation

Differentiation & regionalization





# STARTING POINT....



**Coordination meeting of **Regional Non-States Actors Organizations** active in Fisheries and Aquaculture sector in Africa, from 06-08 August 2015, Nairobi, Kenya**





# FishGov 1 => FishGov 2 Project

## Continental NSA Coordinating Platform

**FishGov 1  
Project  
(‘14-’18)**

**Stakeholders  
Consultations**

**FishGov 2  
Project  
(‘21-’24)**

**Strengthen  
NSAs  
organization &  
promotion of  
participatory  
FM**

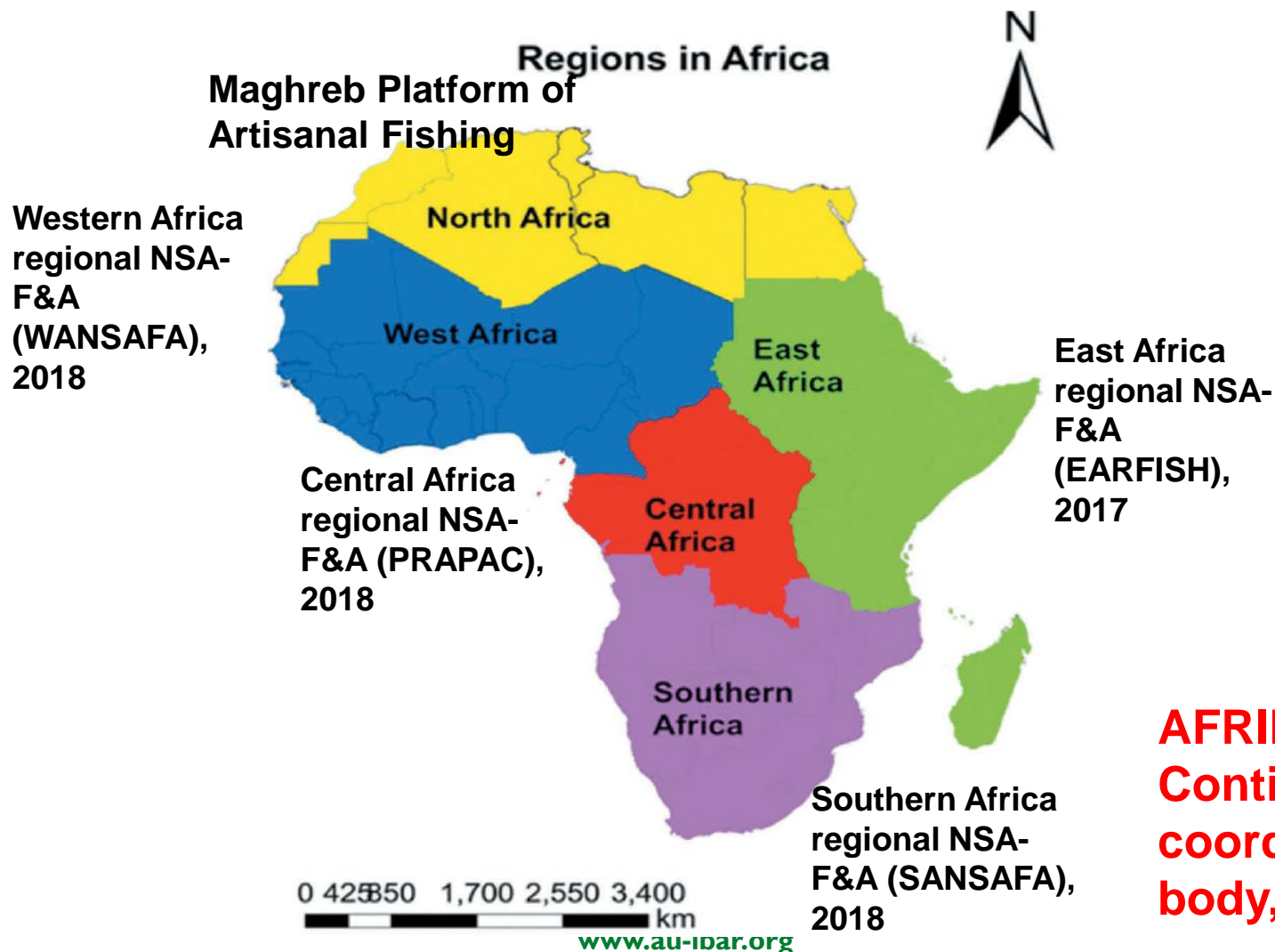
**NSA coordination  
Meeting 2015**

**Gov. framework &  
Advocacy strategy for  
the continental NSA  
platform**

**mapping study and  
inventory of NSA 2015  
=> over 1000**



# REGIONAL NSA PLATFORM





# WOMEN GROUP



**AWFISHNET**

**ESTABLISHED IN 2017  
NATIONAL CHAPTERS IN 25 AU MS  
ENDORSED BY THE STC 2019 [www.au](http://www.au.org)**







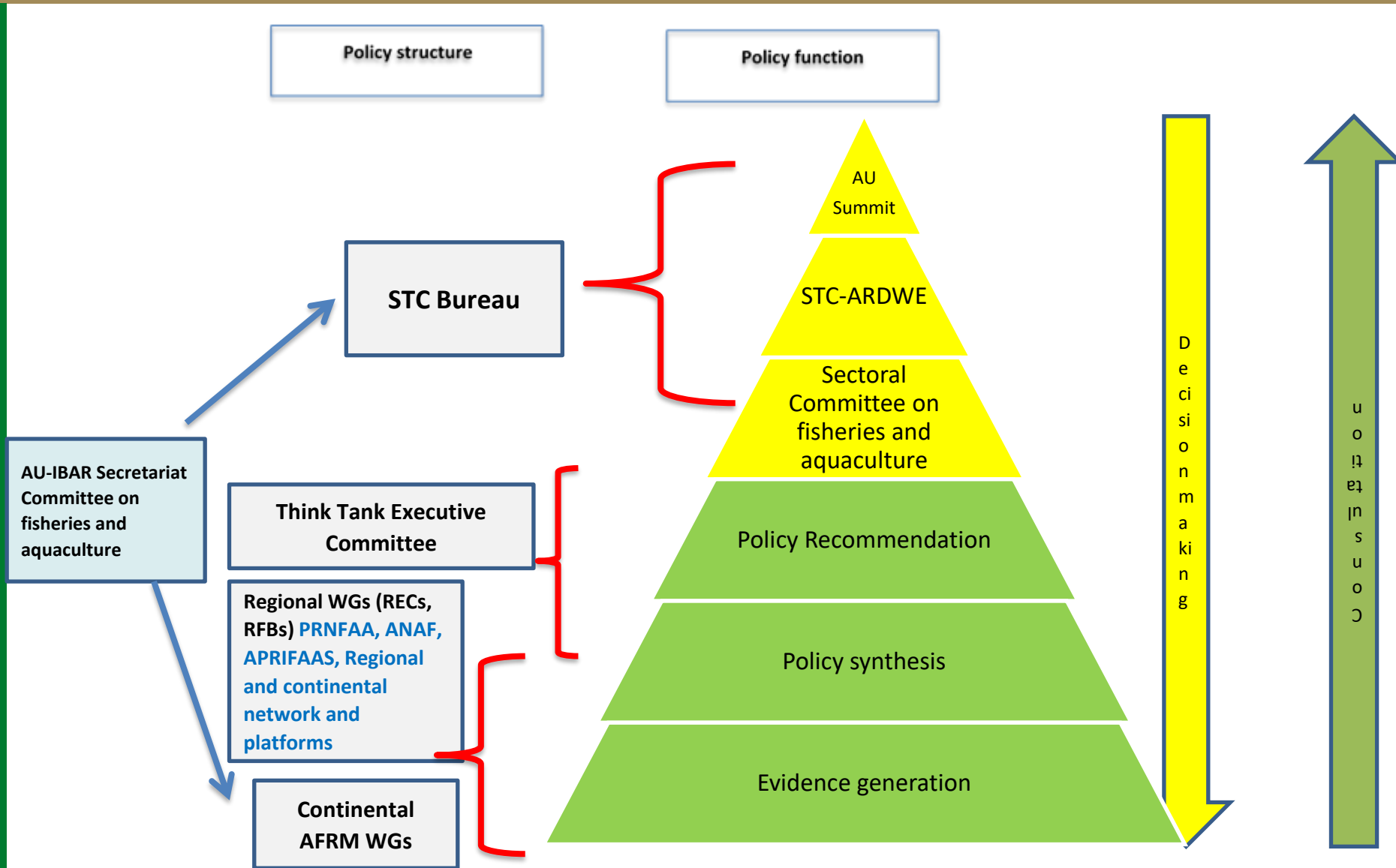
# CONTINENTAL PLATFORMS & NETWORKS



# APRIFAAS



# African Fisheries Reform Mechanisms (AFRM)





# FishGov 2 Project => Future projects....

## Continental Coordinating Platform & Network



FishGov 2  
Project  
(‘21-’24)

NSAs  
key partners

Continental  
Platform &  
networks

1. functional review of existing platforms
2. Institutional anchorage
3. effective communication and advocacy strategy
4. Uptake and implementation of knowledge, innovations and best practices





# FISHGOV 2 PROGRESS....

## AU CoE - NAFIRRI:

- 1. Mechanisms for rationalisation of F&A platforms and networks**
- 2. Mechanisms for anchorage of F&A platforms and networks to appropriate regional institutions**
- 3. Updating the mapping studies and inventory of NSA F&A**



# Thank You

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022  
DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

