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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

THE 7TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICA PLATFORM FOR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND AQUATIC SYSTEMS (APRIFAAS)

THEME: " The global instruments on biodiversity: Opportunity for enhancing regional intersectoral cooperation and coordination "

28 - 29 October 2024, Casablanca, MOROCCO

Day 1: Monday 28th October 2024

TIME	EVENT	FACILITATOR/PRESENTER
09:00 - 09:30	OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION	Moderator
09:00 - 09:10	Self-introductions	All participants
09:10 - 09:15	Welcome Remarks by AU-IBAR	Representative of Director, AU-IBAR, Hellen Guebama
09:15 - 09:20	Opening Remarks by AUDA-NEPAD	Representative AUDA-NEPAD, Bernice Mclean
09:25 - 09:30	Statement by Union du Maghreb Arabe (UMA)	Representative of UMA, Faouzia Chakiri
09:30 - 09:35	Official Opening statement by the Hon. Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO	Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO Mr. Taoufik Elktiri
09:35 - 09:45	Background, Objectives, Expected Outcomes of the meeting	Mr. Delvis Fortes, AU-IBAR
09:45 - 10:00	PHOTO AND COFFEE-BREAK SESSION	ALL
	TECHNICAL SESSION 1: Setting the Scene	CHAIR of APRIFAAS
10:00 - 10:10	Adoption of Agenda and Program	Facilitator
10:10 - 10:20	Update on Progress of Activities of APRIFAAS	Mohamed Sadiki, ATLAFCO
10:20 - 10:30	Presentation of the report and the main recommendations and outcomes of the sixth general assembly	APRIFAAS Rapporteurs (FCWC/COMESA)
10:30 - 10:40	TECHNICAL SESSION 2 Progress of implementation of recommendations from the Sixth General Assembly and Bi-Annual Consultative Meeting APRIFAAS:	AU-IBAR and ATLAFCO (Rafik Nouaili & Mohamed Sadiki)

10:40 - 12:00	<p>Facilitation of the systematic exchange of information between regional institutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on APRIFAAS Media and Communication Activities 2. APRIFAAS members profiles directory, events calendar, 3. Preparation of the 2023-2024 Annual report of APRIFAAS members activities 	<p>Leonce Aissoun, MOSFA</p> <p>Mohamed Sadiki, ATLAFCO</p> <p>Rafik Nouaili, AU-IBAR</p>
12:00 - 12:30	Discussion and recommendations for improving exchange of information between regional institutions	All
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	ALL
14:00 - 15:00	TECHNICAL SESSION 3: Improve dialogue between stakeholders, and facilitate the development of a harmonized work program	Delvis Fortes, AU-IBAR
14:00 - 14:15	The functional and institutional cooperation REC-RFB: ECOWAS/FCWC-SRFC common program	Abdou Khadir Diakhate, SRFC
14:15 - 14:30	<p>Mechanism for coordination or cooperation partnership projects in Africa (outcomes of the Knowledge share fair event by Fishgov2, Aquatic biodiversity project, IGAD, Ecofish, Truefish, PESCAO)</p> <p>Inventory of Projects in Africa</p>	Hellen Guebama & Simon Owani, AU-IBAR
14:30 - 15:00	Discussions and recommendations on improving dialogue between stakeholders and the development of harmonized work program (RECs-RFBs-LME NSA...)	All
15:00 - 17:00	TECHNICAL SESSION 4: The global instruments on biodiversity: Opportunity for enhancing regional intersectoral cooperation and coordination	CHAIR, Mohamed Sadiki
15:00 - 15:15	Overview of relevant global instruments related to aquatic biodiversity conservation and environmental management	Eric Nadiope, AU-IBAR
15:15 - 15:30	Support from the FishGov2 project and Aquatic on national and regional domestication on global instruments	Rafik Nouaili & Eric Nadiope
15:30 - 15:45	Mechanism for Effective Implementation and Ratification of International Instruments related to Fisheries and Aquaculture in AU MS: The case of Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction - 'BBNJ'	Kwame Mfodwo, AU-IBAR

15:45-16:00	Introduction to CITES: Ensuring sustainable use of aquatic species	CITES Secretariat
16:00 - 16:30	Discussions	ALL
16:00 - 16:15	COFFEE BREAK & CLOSURE	ORGANIZERS
Day 2: TUESDAY 29th October 2023		
09:00 - 10:30	<p><i>TECHNICAL SESSION 5: Strengthening the African voice in the international forums and in dialogue process with partners - the role to play in the RFMO by Member States</i></p> <p>Information Sharing on current status, ongoing or planned activities on domestication, ratification or implementation of global instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ FAO-SFS ✓ UMA ✓ SADC ✓ IGAD ✓ EAC ✓ COMESA ✓ ECOWAS ✓ COMHAFAT ✓ SFRC ✓ LVFO ✓ COREP ✓ FCWC ✓ LTA ✓ ZAMCOM ✓ NBI ✓ CSRP ✓ LCBC ✓ CEBEVIRHA ✓ Nairobi Convention ✓ BCC ✓ ECOFISH 	<p>Chair: Hellen Guebama, AU-IBAR</p> <p>5 minutes each</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Discussions Recommendation on enhancing roles of regional institutions in supporting AU member states to enhance domestication	All
11:00 - 11:15	African voice in the international forums	Mr Kwame Mfodwo, AU-IBAR
11:15 - 11:30	COFFEE BREAK	ORGANIZERS
11:30 - 11:45	<p><i>TECHNICAL SESSION 6 - WORKING GROUP SESSIONS</i></p> <p><i>Lead presentation on priority actions to enhance domestication - to inform the working group discussions</i></p>	<p>CHAIR, AU-IBAR</p> <p>Eric Nadiope (15mn)</p>
11:45 - 13:00	1. Mechanism to enhance domestication of global instruments by AU member states on aquatic biodiversity conservation and environmental management	Working Group Sessions

	2. Enhancing regional cooperation for integration of environmental issues in fisheries and aquaculture	
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	ORGANIZERS
14:00 - 15:00	PLENARY SESSION General Discussions and Recommendations The achievements in Enhancing regional cooperation for best integration of environmental issues in fisheries and aquaculture	Chair: Delvis Fortes
15:00 - 15:15	COFFEE BREAK	ORGANIZERS
15:15 - 16:30	Election of the new bureau Date and Venue of the Next Meeting of APRIFAAS	CHAIR, Hellen Guebama
16:30 - 17:00	CLOSING SESSION Presentation of the Communique Closing remarks by AUDA-NEPAD / AU-IBAR COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO	CHAIR; Mohamed Sadiki Rafik Nouaili & Simon Owani AU-IBAR/AUDA-NEPAD Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO