



# FOURTH ANNUAL DIALOGUE WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES

FISHGOV2 PROJECT 2024's Workplan - Implementation Progress and Emerging Issues



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## Strategic Objective 1: African Union decisions on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture policies are evidence-based

Output 1.1: AU stakeholders have access to quality knowledge products on African fisheries and aquaculture

Collect and centralize information and research relating to fisheries and aquaculture in Africa as a repository within AU institutions and establish a mechanism for regular updating;

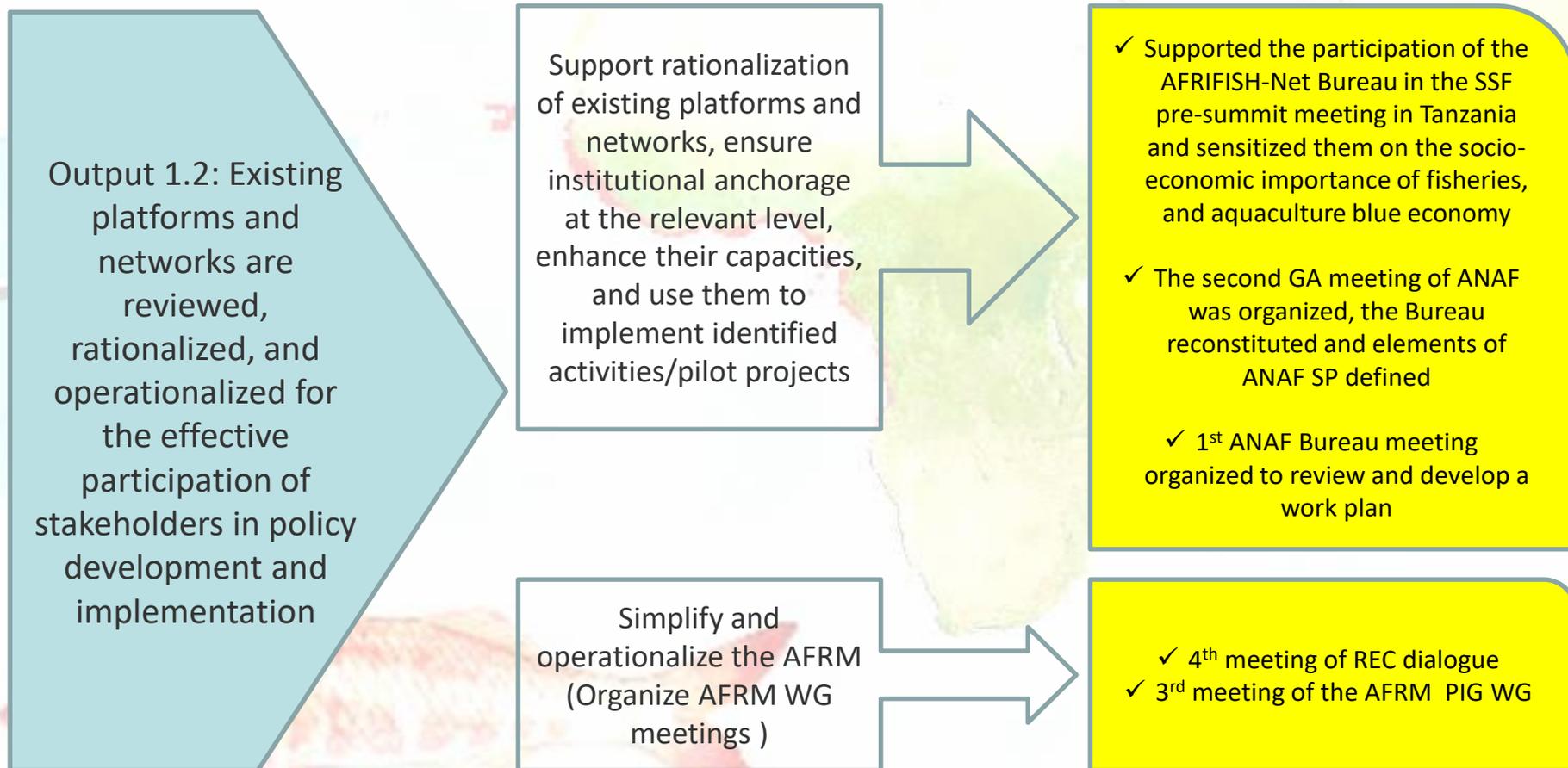
Prepare and present positions, advocacy papers, and policy briefs on fisheries and aquaculture-related issues

- ✓ Capacity Building of AU MS on Database Use, Inputting, Retrieval and Transmission of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Related Data
- ✓ Online capacity building of AFADATA Data Operators on data storage, retrieval and transmission (6-8 Aug 2024)

- ✓ AFRM SSF and Aquaculture WGs identified and developed knowledge products relating to SSF development and aquaculture
- ✓ AFRM expert consultative workshop to develop knowledge products



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Output 1.3: A solid reporting system to STC on the implementation of the PFRS is put in place and integrated into the CAADP process

Develop indicators to monitor the implementation of PFRS in line with the Malabo goals (Translation of indicator fact sheet into French)

- ✓ Indicators to monitor the implementation of PFRS developed and aligned to Malabo goals in 2022
- ✓ Transforming now the report into a handbook

Produce annual snapshot of fisheries and aquaculture performance reports based on identified PFRS indicators

- ✓ The University of Rhodes and the University of Ibadan recruited to develop the snapshot and the activity is ongoing

Actively contribute to the agenda of STC meetings, based on strategic planning and support the organization of biennial African ministerial dialogue on Fisheries and aquaculture

- ✓ Extra-ordinary session of STC in planification



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Output 1.4: Mechanisms are developed to ensure that sustainable fisheries and aquaculture are mainstreamed in the development of AU policies/initiatives affecting the sector

Engage with non-fisheries and aquaculture actors

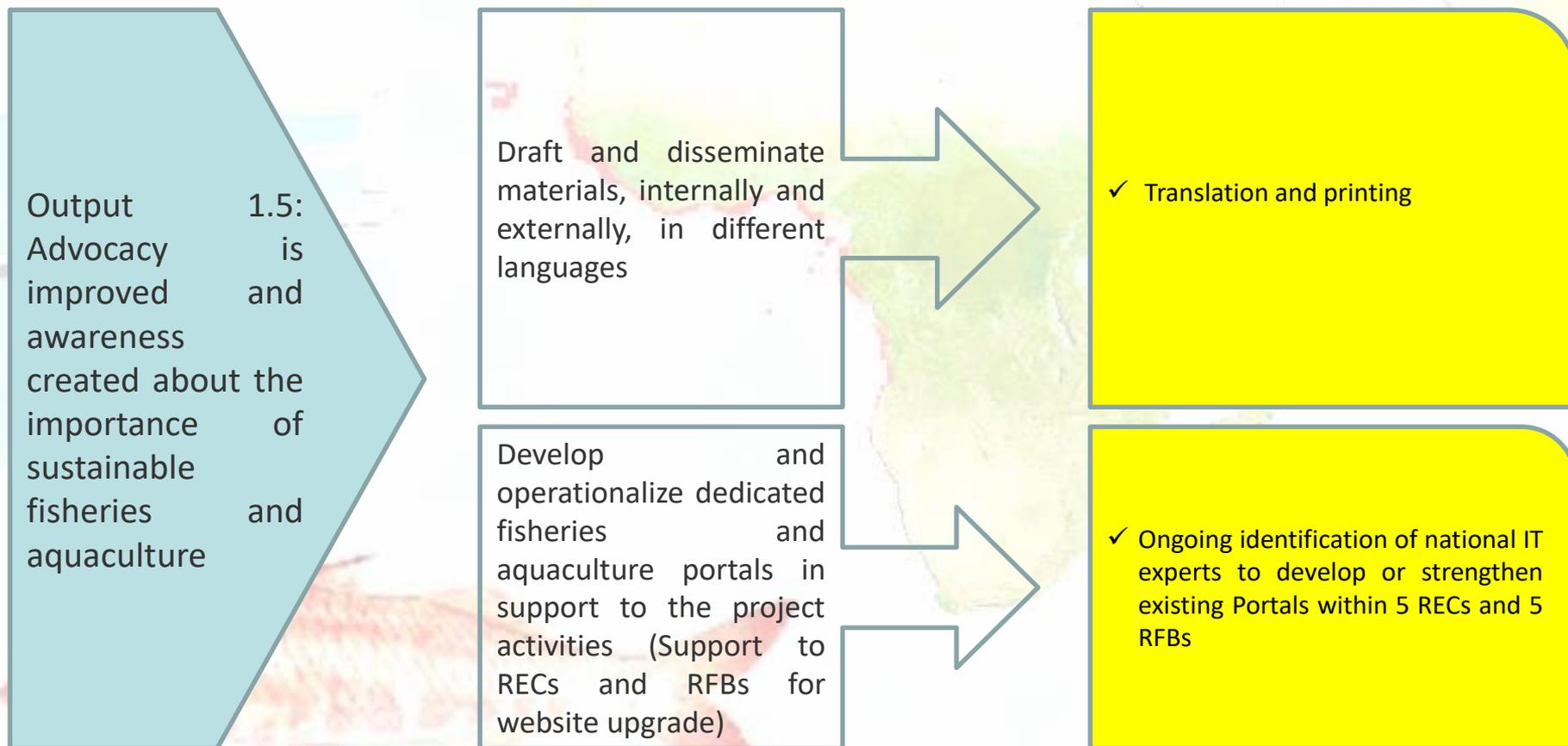
Associate relevant AU services to activities developed (Translation and distribution of meeting reports)

- ✓ A 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was organized in June in Dar Es Salaam involving participants from non-fisheries and aquaculture institutions
- ✓ Awareness was enhanced on socio-economic importance of fisheries, aquaculture, and BE

- ✓ Translation and printing



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**Strategic Objective 2:** Fisheries and aquaculture policies in Africa are coherent with the PFRS and coordinated at continental, regional and national levels in order to maintain healthy and resilient marine, coastal and freshwater ecosystems in the context of climate

Output 2.1: Capacities and systems for regional collaboration and integration regarding shared fisheries and aquaculture resources management are improved and linkages with environmental governance frameworks are enhanced

Facilitate coordination among regional organizations (RECs, RFB, and RSC) through regular exchange of information between the APRIPAAS member

Identify mechanisms for establishing/strengthening linkages between regional organizations in charge of fisheries management (RFMOs/RFBs) and regional organizations in charge of environmental issues (RSC and inland water bodies)

✓ APRIFAAS meeting is being organized for October

✓ Translating and printing



**Strategic Objective 2:** Fisheries and aquaculture policies in Africa are coherent with the PFRS and coordinated at continental, regional and national levels in order to maintain healthy and resilient marine, coastal and freshwater ecosystems in the context of climate

Output 2.2: Capacities of Member States, RECs, and RFBs to develop realistic sustainable fisheries and aquaculture policies in coherence with the PFRS are strengthened

Support member States in reviewing their policies and legislations and aligning them with best international practices and existing continental/regional instruments

- ✓ DR Congo, Liberia supported to review of national policies for alignment with PFRS
- ✓ Ongoing preparation of stakeholders' consultative workshops in 7 AU member states
- ✓ Ongoing identification of national consultants

Mainstream sustainable and climate-resilient fisheries and aquaculture in NAIPS, RAIPs, and other Investment programs

- ✓ Liberia supported
- ✓ Ongoing preparation of stakeholders' consultative workshops in 15 AU member states
- ✓ Identifying national consultants; venue and conference facilities



**Strategic Objective 3:** Africa is adequately represented and effectively participates in international fisheries and aquaculture fora and ably domesticates relevant global instruments

Output 3.1: Capacities of AU Member States – including SIDS - in terms of international negotiations are increased and a mechanism is put in place to coordinate African common positions

Identify specific issues / events on which it is relevant to develop an African voice and plan adequate preparatory workshop; African common positions

Identify specific needs of African SIDS and take them into account in strategic positions in international fora

✓ Third SIDs meeting organized in Rome during FAO 36 Session of COFI

✓ Specific needs of African SIDS and coastal states were identified, including climate change and fisheries, marine pollution

✓ Technical report approved during COFI36



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Identify expertise in the different Member States and set up a consultation mechanism to prepare positions

✓ Recruitment process on going for recruitment of COE

Enhance capacities on international issues and organize specific training for per-identified negotiators

✓ The training for predetermined negotiators conducted in August last year

Prepare African common positions on fisheries and aquaculture using AU processes

✓ II commons positions were prepared through the support of Africa Regional Groups during COFI36



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Output 3.2:  
Mechanisms are put in place to encourage and facilitate the domestication of global instruments and initiatives at continental, regional and national levels

Establish and regularly update their state of ratification and domestication

- ✓ Mechanism developed
- ✓ Liberia supported
- ✓ Pending this year: Madagascar, DR Congo, Burkina Faso, South Sudan, Zambia

Develop inputs for the STCs and high-level AU policy organs

- ✓ Inputs were prepared into the 2023 STC-ARDWE agenda items on:
  - i. PPP in fisheries
  - ii. ANAF
  - iii. Aquatic Animal Health
  - iv. Harmonized Minimum Terms of Access into Fisheries
  - v. Inland fisheries
  - vi. **AFRIFISH-NET**



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Support dialogue and sensitization at the RECs level

Identify mechanisms supporting developing countries' involvement and compliance and promote their use by AU member States

✓ 4<sup>th</sup> RECs Dialogue

✓ A biennial Forum was operationalized and the status or progress of implementation or ratification of the global instrument determined

✓ concept note for monitoring and implementation of EIA and SEA in AU-MS and RECs reviewed

✓ Guidelines/Mechanisms for monitoring the implementation and reporting on EIA and SEA by AU-MS and RECs updated



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Output 3.3:  
Capacities of AU Member States are strengthened to effectively articulate African positions on fisheries and aquaculture in the AU-EU dialogue

Collect information on relevant EU initiatives (Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs, EIP, etc.)

➤ Engage in a regular sectoral dialogue with European Commission services and identify issues of common interest

➤ Prepare technical inputs to relevant AU bodies in view of AU-EU summits

➤ Organize joint technical events or the development of common positions on fisheries and aquaculture at global level

✓ Ongoing

✓ Rhodes University recruited to collect relevant information

✓ Depending on completion of the studies above



- **Extended delay in the conclusion of critical studies and recruitment:**
  - African Fisheries and Aquaculture reports
  - Compilation of materials on relevant EU initiatives for the articulation of coherent African positions during AU-EU dialogue
  - COE to conduct studies to identify expertise and compile a roster of experts in AU member states to facilitate the preparation of common positions – Pending
  
- **Slow procurement process for equipment - AU COEs**
  
- **Budget execution implementation by different partners – AU-IBAR, AUDA and OIE / WOAH**





- Requests by stakeholders for support - valid, but often with no budget provisions
- Primary initiatives by AU based on which FishGov1 and FishGov2 were funded by the EU seem to be under threat of duplications by partners (e.g. AFRM, which is an AU-led platform for coordination and coherence)





- RECs should support the dissemination of knowledge products to their AU MSs - extend the invitation to AU-IBAR to their executive meetings (technical or ministerial)

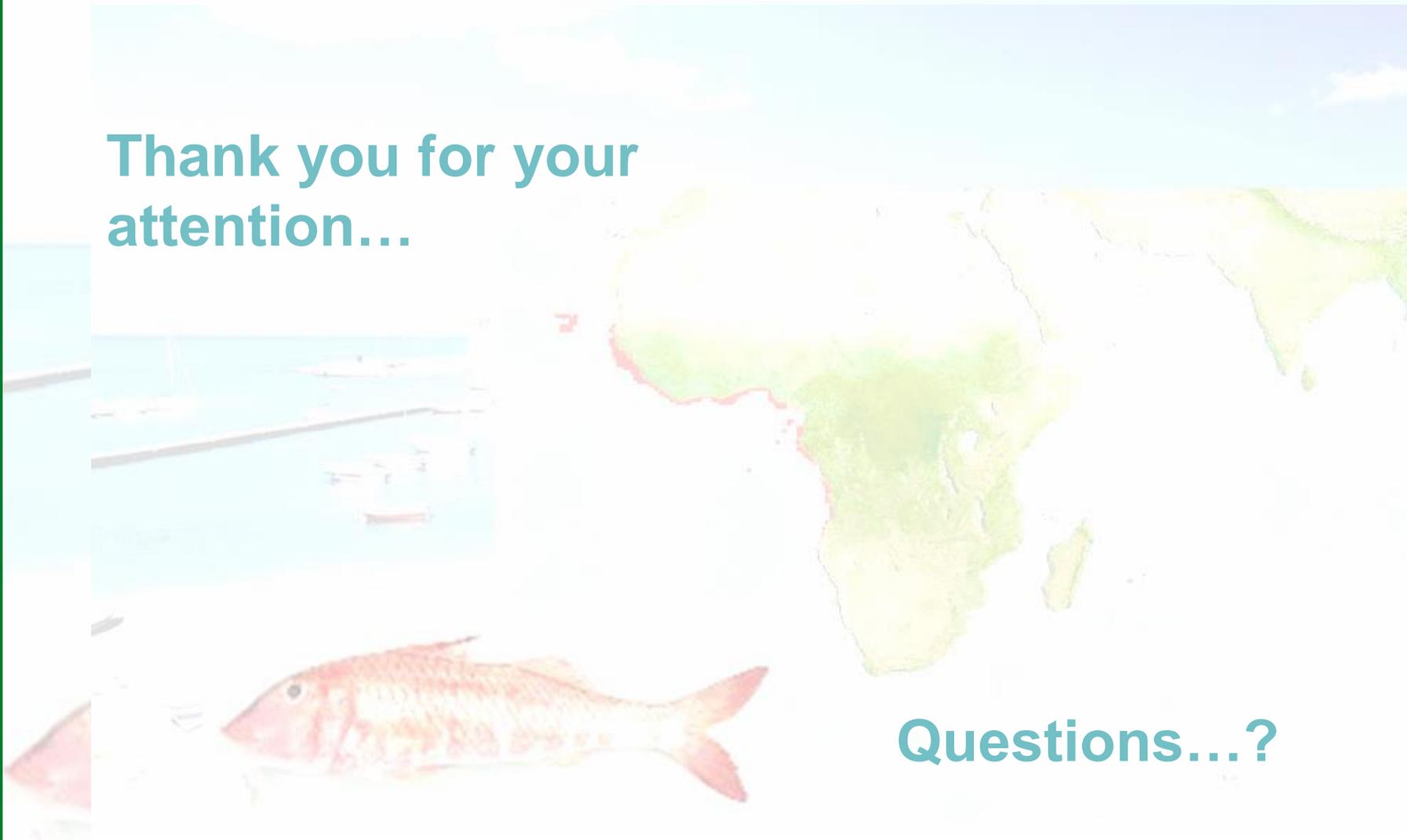


RECOMMENDATIONS

- Domestication of regional frameworks by and through the RECs



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attention...**



**Questions...?**