

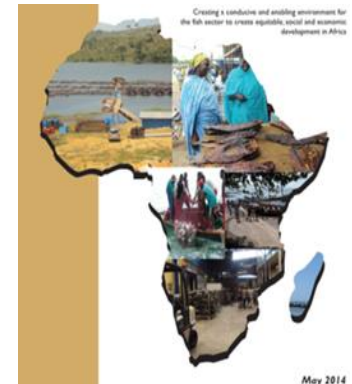


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“Africa Fisheries Reform Mechanism in Perspectives; the Journey and transition to the revised AFRM”



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BACKGROUND

Long-standing concerns in the governance of Africa fisheries and aquaculture (among others):

- **Poor coordination in interventions among actors
=> institutional collaboration**
- **Inadequate Regional cooperation**
- **Limited coherence policies or management measures**
- **Limited evidence-based decision-making at all levels**

Absence of an informed, pan-African mechanism able to take a political and technical leadership in guiding more effective development and the implementation of reforms



RATIONALE FOR REFORM MECHANISM

Continental level

- Defining more effective policies and governance within States- **PFRS**
- considerable and significant investments in the fisheries sector by different organizations and partners
- Limited synergy, collaboration and networking among the various regional fisheries organisation and other fisheries initiatives => duplication of efforts and waste of valuable resources
- Strong leadership

Regional level

- True leadership enabling regional collaboration
- Articulate regional issues on F&A constituting framework for realistic policy formulation based on innovation and best practice.

AU-SUMMIT

- CAMFA in 2010: the need for a mechanism to facilitate better coordination on fisheries development activities on the continent
 - *AU develop and implement a coordination mechanism to ensure coherence of fisheries policies and initiatives and to consider options for fisheries reforms and strengthen institutional arrangements in order to improve the productivity of fisheries and aquaculture*



GENESIS OF AFRM

Year	Activity	Outcomes
2005 - 2011	<p>GEF (World Bank) funded project 'Strategic partnership for Fisheries Investment Fund' (SPFIF) (AU-IBAR, FAO & WWF)</p> <p>Obj.. promote the sustainable management of fisheries resources in the Africa's LMEs</p>	<p>initiated the process for establishment of a coordination mechanism for key players in fisheries sector to ensure coherent development & framework for institutional linkages</p>
Feb 2011	COFI Side Event Rome, Italy	identified potential coordination mechanisms and agreed on way forward
Jun 2011	Post-CAMFA Meeting at AU-IBAR	discuss the establishment of an Africa-wide
Feb 2012	Nairobi, Kenya Meeting	partnership coordination mechanism was proposed to be named ' <u>African Fisheries Reform Mechanism-AFRM</u> '.
Jun 2014	AFRM operationalization meeting	Constituting AFRM Working Groups & AFRM organs and their ToRs



AFRM OPERATIONALISATION – Kenya, 2014 & Cote D'Ivoire, 2015

WORKING_GROUP

1. Policy, governance and institutions
2. Small-scale fisheries
3. Aquaculture
4. Trade and marketing
5. MCS
6. Human capacity development
7. Finance and investment

ARFM ORGANS

Executive Committee

Advisory Council

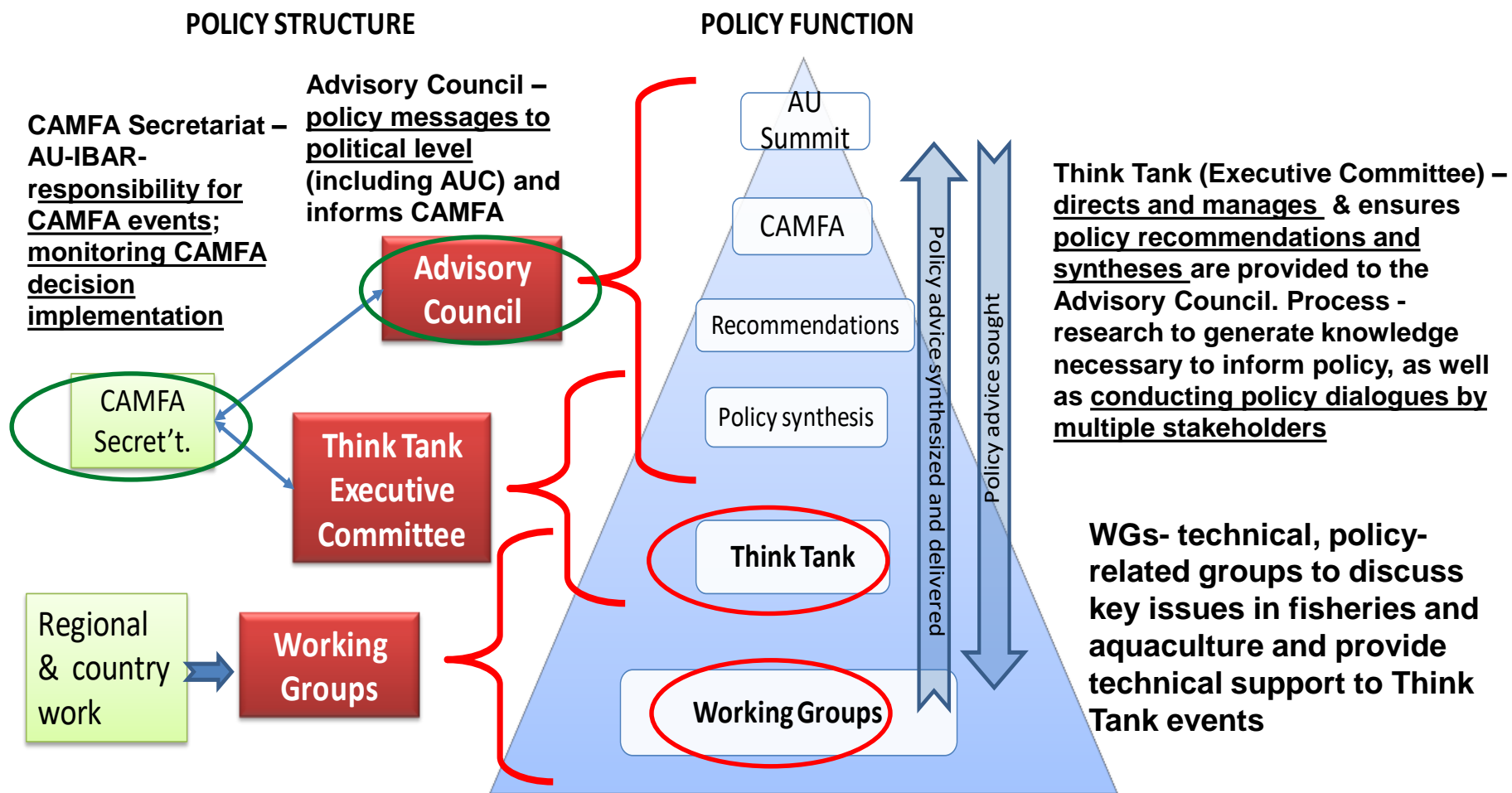
CAMFA Secretariat

ToR & Membership composition & criteria



AFRM & ITS FUNCTION

African Fisheries Reform Mechanism





AFRM FUNCTIONS

- 1. Coordination**
- 2. Information sharing**
- 3. Knowledge generation**
- 4. Advocacy**
- 5. Policy development**
- 6. Resources mobilization**





AFRM ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ **PFRS and its Guide for implementation**
- ✓ **Methodology for fish trade corridor analysis by Fish Trade Working Group**
- ✓ **10-year continental plans of actions for small-scale fisheries**
- ✓ **10-year continental plans of actions for aquaculture development**
- ✓ **The continental Inland fisheries strategy**
- ✓ **The mechanism for exploitation of and monitoring trade in ornamental fisheries**
- ✓ **Supported the formulation of methodology for fish trade corridor analyses**
- ✓ **APRIFAAS, AWFISHNET, PRNFAA, Regional NSAs & AFRIFISH established within the framework of the AFRM**
- ✓ **Disseminating knowledge products- policy briefs, advocacy notes, technical documents**
- ✓ **Facilitated coherent African voice (Common) in global forums such as FAO-COFI**



CHALLENGES

- Full operationalization of all AFRM WGs were not realized; WGs on *Policy, governance and institutions; small-scale fisheries; aquaculture; trade and marketing* were functioning. The WGs on *MCS, human capacity development; and finance and investment were not functioning.*
- WGs had workplans & funds to support implementation were lacking
- Linkage was supposed to be established between AFRM continental WGs and RECS/RFBs WGs; this was not achieved
- Advisory council was never constituted
- A need - strengthen the 'CAMFA' Secretariat





RATIONALE FOR REVIEW THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE AFRM

- Changes in nomenclature in AU Policy organ; Conference of African ministers (CAMFA) are now referred to as **Specialized Technical Committee (STC)**.
- STCs were foreseen in the AU Constitutive Act and only operationalized in 2015.
- The policy functions of CAMFA are now integrated into STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (STC-ARDWE).





RAFIP PROJECT AND SUPPORT TO REVISION OF AFRM

- **GEF/World Bank on Regional Partnership for Africa Fisheries Reform (RAFIP) to AU-IBAR in 2018/2019,**
 - **Strengthening the CAMFA Secretariat**
 - **consultations were conducted with RECs, (COMESA, SADC), partners e.g. FAORAF (Ghana), RFB (e.g. FCWC, SRFC), AU MS (e.g. Ghana, Senegal), NSAs (CAOPA, WADAF)**
- **Revised AFRM structure was developed and endorsed by the 2019 STC-ARDWE and 2020 AU Executive Council –**
 - **taking into account the decision on abolishing sectorial ministerial conferences**
- **=> Recommended that to strengthen the STC on ARDWE by establishing a Sectoral Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture;**
 - **Dedicated session of ministers in charge of fisheries and aquaculture can be organized ahead of the STC-ARDWE.**
- **Hon. Ministers also requested the Commission to mobilize resources for the full operationalization of the revised AFRM structure**



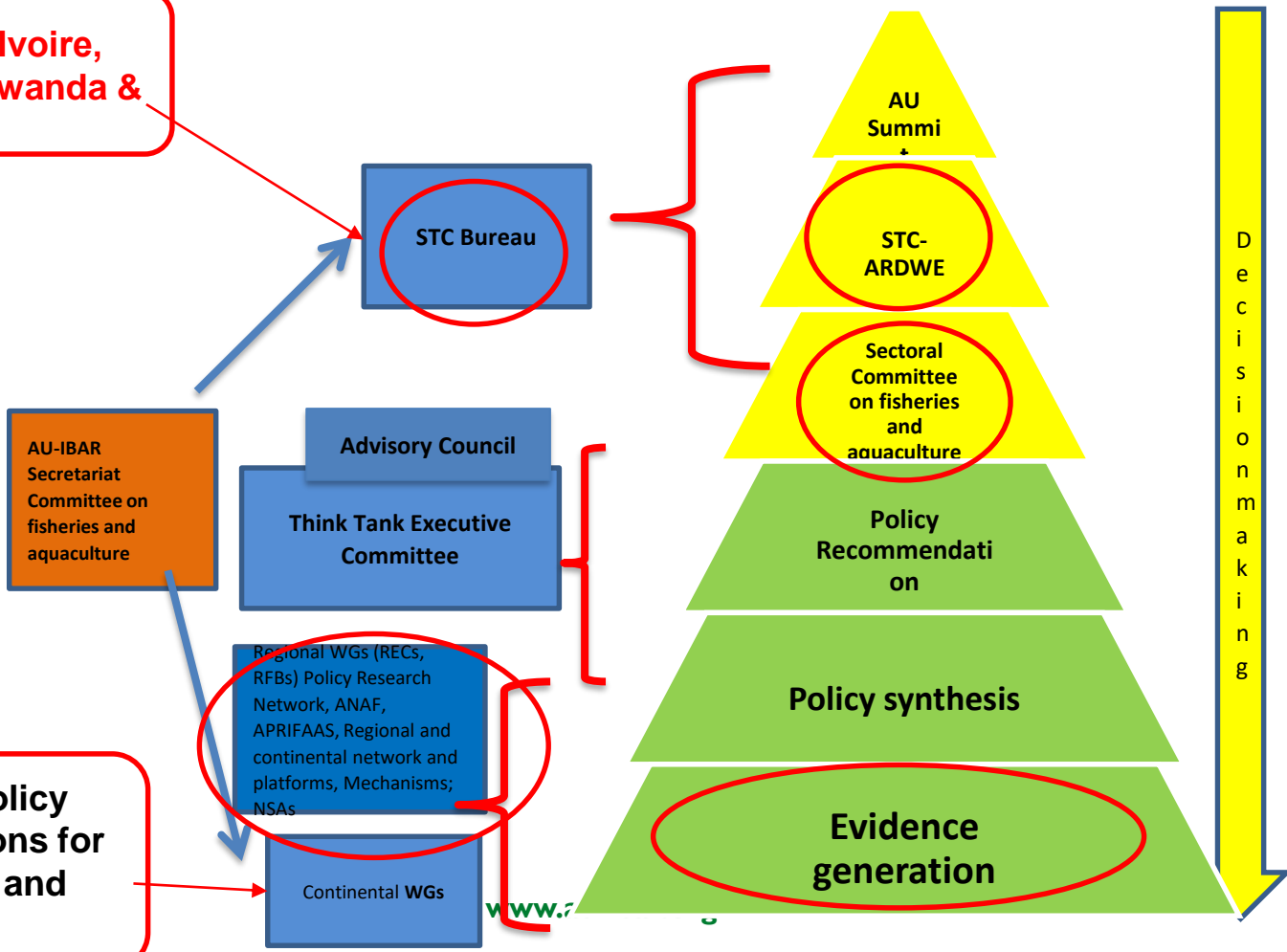
REVISED AFRM

Policy structure

Policy function

Gabon, Cote D'Ivoire, South Africa, Rwanda & Egypt

provide vital policy analytic functions for the Think Tank and the Executive Committee





What are the changes in the revised structure

- The revised structure has accommodated the STC-ARDWE; the Sectoral Committee on fisheries and aquaculture; the 5-member STC-ARDWE Bureau (**Gabon, Cote D'Ivoire, South Africa, Rwanda and Egypt**)
- Expanded stakeholders' consultative mechanism by bringing onboard for evidence generation, **existing platforms, networks, women groups.**





ADOPTED REVISED STRUCTURE

• **VIRTUAL MEETING- 11-12 August 2021, VIRTUAL MEETING**

Rationalised Functions of the AFRM Organs and Composition of Memberships

- **Think Tank Executive Committee**
- **Advisory Council**
- **AFRM Working Group reduced to 4:**
 1. **Policy, Governance & Institutions WG**
 2. **Sustainable Aquaculture Development WG**
 3. **Trade and Enterprise development WG**
 4. **Small-scale Fisheries Development WG**
- **Endorsed ToR for the Establishment Of Sectoral Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Revised CAMFA (Formally) Secretariat – STC ARDWE** www.au-ibar.org



OPERATIONALISING REVISED AFRM

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE REVISED AFRICAN FISHERIES REFORM MECHANISM WORKING GROUPS (AFRM-WGs) , 7 – 8 March 2022 IN ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE

- 4 Policy Briefs on Aquaculture, SSF, Trade And Marketing and Policy Institutions and Governance

9-11 March 2022: THINK TANK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- Generated thematic and formulated policy notes

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN FISHERIES REFORM MECHANISM (AFRM) 15 -16 APRIL, 2022, MARRAKESH, MOROCCO

Advisory council reviewed and adopted policy briefs and recommended for its publication recommendation to the STC-ARDWE

2nd ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN FISHERIES REFORM MECHANISM (AFRM) MEETING- October

consolidate the outcomes of the Inaugural Meeting of the newly constituted AFRM Advisory Council; Develop workplans, link AFRM Advisory Council and AU-COEs Platform

Thank You



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