

***Sustainable Development of Small Scale Fisherees: A Key Pillar of Policy Framework and Reform Strategy of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector in Africa***

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**“Ten-year Action Plan for the Development of small scale Fisheries in Africa 2017-2027, State of Implementation and Prospects for the Continent”**

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# Global Reform Context of SSF in Africa

- Small-scale fisheries account for more than **60 % of Africa's fisheries production** and almost all the catches from the sector are destined for **human consumption**,
- The **information on the SSF** for formulation of management decisions is often not **available or inadequate**,
- The **centralized approach** to managing fisheries resources has proven inadequate in preventing stock depletion,
- The **low level of organization** of Small-Scale Fisheries actors and Communities in most countries in Africa has hindered their **effective participation** in fisheries Governance.





# Second Pillar of PFRS: Small-Scale Fisheries/Artisanal Fisheries

Policy Arena	Objectives	Summary of Strategic actions
<b>Sustainable Development of Small-Scale Fisheries in Africa</b>	<b>To <u>improve and strengthen</u> the contribution of small-scale fisheries to poverty alleviation, food and nutrition security and socio-economic benefits of fishing communities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Enhance effective <u>bilateral and regional cooperation</u> in the management of shared resources</b></li><li><b>2. Promote, support and coordinate <u>sustainable pro-poor development</u></b></li><li><b>3. Improve fisheries governance through <u>participatory management</u></b></li><li><b>4. Build on <u>traditional fisheries management systems</u>, promotion of selective and location-specific fishing gear</b></li></ol>



# Expected Outcomes from SSF Reform (PFRS)

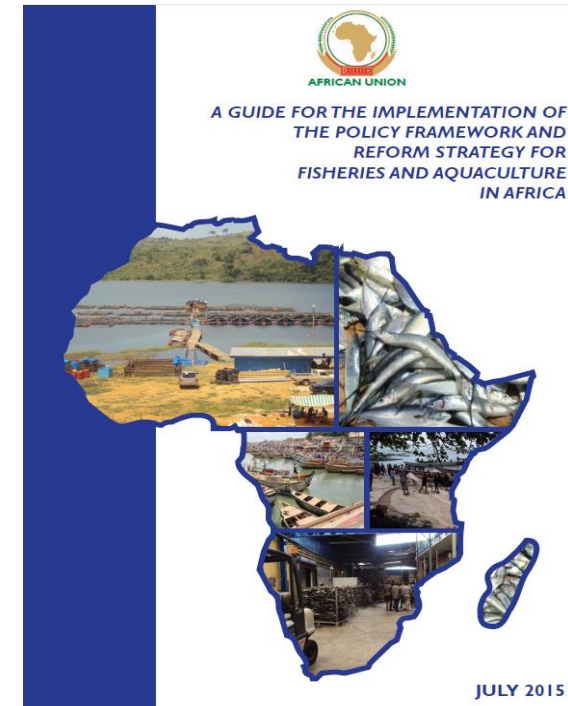
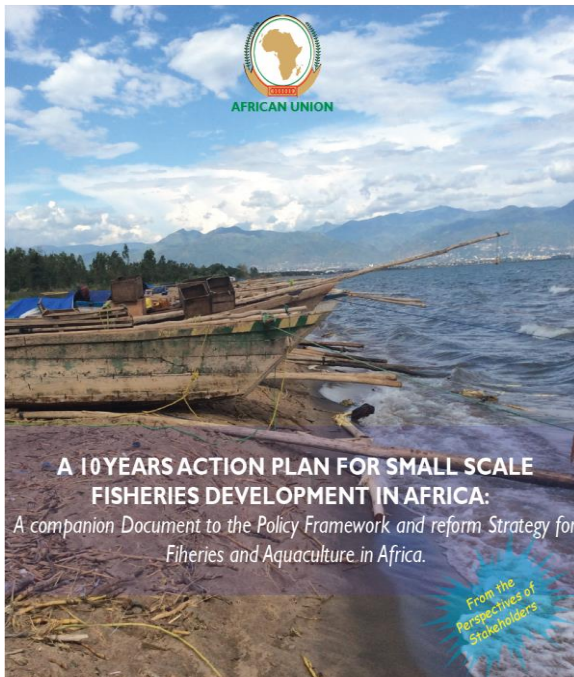
1. The **role and importance of SSF** for improved livelihoods, food and income of fishing communities and related operators are **more recognized and secured** in Member States.
2. Potentials of the SSF to generate **socio-economic benefits** are **unlocked and unleashed**.
3. Bilateral and regional **cooperation/collaboration** for management of **shared fishery resources** and **ecosystems** is strengthened.
4. Fishing communities and fish-workers have **decent working conditions**.





# PFRS COMPANION DOCUMENTS

- **A Guide for implementation of the PFRS:**  
**Elaboration and validation of the **criteria for alignment of national and regional policies and strategies** for SSF sustainable development to the Pan African PFRS**



**10 years Action Plan: facilitate the **implementation of the PFRS** as well as **assist member states and other stakeholders** to increase benefits from the small-scale fisheries sector consistent with particularly the food security goals of the Malabo Declaration. **Endorsed by the STC-ARDWE 2019****  
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# CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

- **Continental TT meeting on small-scale development- Dakar, Senegal on the 18-22 January 2016**
  - Priority areas for increased governance of the sector, food security and economic growth, strengthening regional cooperation, capacity building and investment
- **AFRM working group on SSF (AU-IBAR offices)**
  - Refined the priority areas and packaged them into an Pan African Plan of Actions
- **Adopted in 2017**





# SSF ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW

**PRIORITY AREA 1:** Role and importance (contribution) of fisheries for improved livelihoods, food and income of small scale fishing communities and related operators are evident, recognized and secured in Member States

1. Enhancing the role and importance to Food and Nutritional Security (2)
2. Enhancing the role and importance to Economic Growth and Wealth creation (3)
3. Enhancing evidence based advocacy (1)
4. Strengthening Resilience and Adaptability of SSF to Climate change and other related risks in Africa (2)

**PRIORITY AREA 2:** Bilateral and regional cooperation for effective management of shared fishery resources and ecosystems is strengthened

1. Strengthening good Governance of Small-Scale Fisheries in African Context (1)
2. Strengthening Institutional Arrangement and Partnerships at Sub-Regional and Regional level (1)

**PRIORITY AREA 3:** Fishers are organized to foster good fisheries governance, sustainable development and responsible use of natural resources

1. Enhancing Capacity Development and Stakeholders participation (2)



**PRIORITY AREA I: Role and importance (contribution) of fisheries for improved livelihoods, food and income of small scale fishing communities and related operators are evident, recognized and secured in Member States**

## **I. Enhancing the role and importance to Food and Nutritional Security**

### **PRIORITY ACTIONS**

### **ACTIVITIES**

**increase sustainable production and productivity in small scale fisheries**

- **Access to appropriate fishing technologies/gears**
- **Restock and restore water bodies**

**Increase utilization and consumption of fish and fishery products**

- **Eat more fish campaigns**
- **Product diversification**
- **Improve fish marketing and distribution networks**
- **Promote the respect for the rights of migrant fishers**





**PRIORITY AREA I: Role and importance (contribution) of fisheries for improved livelihoods, food and income of small scale fishing communities and related operators are evident, recognized and secured in Member States cont.**

## **2. Enhancing the role and importance to Economic Growth and Wealth creation**

<b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>Promotion of Value addition and reduction of postharvest losses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research and development of fish processing technologies</li><li>• Adopt new fish processing technologies</li><li>• Provide cold chain facilities</li><li>• Development of fish and fish products standards</li><li>• Create awareness on the African eco-labelling mechanisms</li><li>• Infrastructure development and marketing systems</li><li>• Provide cold chain facilities in landing sites</li><li>• Improve basic infrastructure (road, electricity, potable water and sanitary facilities)</li></ul>
<b>Increased budgetary and resource mobilization for support to the Small Scale Fisheries sector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lobby for increased budgetary funding to the fisheries sector</li><li>• Calculating the GDP contribution</li><li>• Establish sustainable funding mechanisms (trust funds)</li></ul>



**PRIORITY AREA I: Role and importance (contribution) of fisheries for improved livelihoods, food and income of small scale fishing communities and related operators are evident, recognized and secured in Member States cont.**

## **2. Enhancing the role and importance to Economic Growth and Wealth creation cont.**

<b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>Inter/intra-regional fish trade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better understanding of market trade corridors</li><li>• Strengthen inter/intra-regional fish trade</li><li>• Assess the existing trade volumes</li><li>• Promote women and youth investments in fisheries trade</li></ul>



**PRIORITY AREA I: Role and importance (contribution) of fisheries for improved livelihoods, food and income of small scale fishing communities and related operators are evident, recognized and secured in Member States cont.**

### **3. Enhancing evidence based advocacy**

<b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>improved research, data collection and information dissemination in SSF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Develop and harmonize data collection and sharing protocols</b></li><li>• <b>Involve fisher-folk in data collection</b></li><li>• <b>Build capacity for fisheries research and information dissemination</b></li><li>• <b>Joint research collaborations between MS</b></li></ul>

### **4. Strengthening Resilience and Adaptability of SSF to Climate change and other related risks in Africa**

<b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>Vulnerability, adaptation and resilience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Build capacity for adaptation and resilience</b></li></ul>
<b>Prevention &amp; Mitigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Establish early warning system</b></li></ul>



## **PRIORITY AREA 2: Bilateral and regional cooperation for effective management of shared fishery resources and ecosystems is strengthened**

### **I. Strengthening good Governance of Small-Scale Fisheries in African Context**

#### **PRIORITY ACTIONS**

**Align national & regional policies to the PFRS**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- **Review & harmonize existing policies and legal frameworks**
- **Develop strategies**
- **Develop Fisheries management plans**
- **Sensitize policy and decision makers on the important contribution of SSF to food and nutrition security**



## **PRIORITY AREA 2: Bilateral and regional cooperation for effective management of shared fishery resources and ecosystems is strengthened cont.**

### **2. Strengthening Institutional Arrangement and Partnerships at Sub-Regional and Regional level**

#### **PRIORITY ACTIONS**

**Strengthening of Institutions responsible for fisheries governance**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- **Review and establish/ strengthen institutions as appropriate (Fishers Associations/Network, MCS (IUU), Management, RFBs and Research Institutions**
- **Improve knowledge, skill and attitudes of the fisheries managers to manage SSF**
- **Linkages between RECs and RFBs**
- **Coordination of Strategic partnership**



## **PRIORITY AREA 3: Fishers are organized to foster good fisheries governance, sustainable development and responsible use of natural resources**

### **I. Enhancing Capacity Development and Stakeholders participation**

<b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>Promotion of participatory fisheries resources management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strengthen capacity of the fisher community management groups</b></li><li>• <b>Limit access to SSF</b></li><li>• <b>Establish MPAs</b></li><li>• <b>Review the existing Bilateral &amp; multi-lateral fisheries access agreements</b></li><li>• <b>User Right Approach</b></li></ul>
<b>Development of Professional identity for SSF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Education, exposure tours, awareness, new sustainable technologies</b></li></ul>

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