

## FISH4ACP Virtual Tour

### Women in aquatic value chains



**13 December 2022**

**14:30 – 16:00 (CET)**

**Zoom webinar**

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Women play a major role in fisheries and aquaculture. Yet, their voices are not always heard and the work they do is often overlooked. That's why FISH4ACP's virtual tour will put a spotlight on women in fisheries and aquaculture value chains.

We will take you to The Gambia to learn about women running the show in oyster production and to Zambia, where women are in charge of processing and selling *kapenta* from Lake Tanganyika.

The event will explore the challenges women face in gaining equal rights and decision-making power, and in improving working conditions. It will also look at initiatives promoting gender equity.

This is the sixth edition of FISH4ACP's virtual tour, an online conversation on fisheries and aquaculture value chain development bringing together local fisher folk and fish workers, value chain stakeholders, experts, donors and the development community.

#### **The event will cover:**

- Videos on oyster production in the Gambia and the *kapenta* sector in Zambia.
- Expert debate with the participation of local stakeholders and experts on the role of women in aquatic value chains, the challenges women face and initiatives to promote gender equity.
- Discussions – actively engaging the audience – on issues related to gender in fisheries and aquaculture value chains, including equal rights, fair representation and working conditions.

## Agenda

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

Time 14h30 – 16h00 (CEST)	
14:30 - 14:35	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> <i>Moderator – Khadidiatou Diallo, FISH4ACP The Gambia National Professional Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)</i>
14:35-14:40	<b>Video on The Gambia oyster value chain</b> With <b>Cecilia Sambou</b> , oyster collector from Memmeh and <b>Elizabeth Badjie</b> , Youth TRY women oyster association representative
14:40 – 14:45	<b>Opening remarks</b> <b>Evangelina Blanco González</b> , Programme Manager, EU Delegation to The Gambia
14:45– 14:53	<b>FAO gender policy objectives and small-scale fisheries</b> – conversation with <b>Jennifer Gee</b> , Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
14:53 – 14:58	<b>Video on FISH4ACP Zambia small pelagics value chain</b> With <b>Davis Sinkamba</b> , Lake Tanganyika fisherfolk and <b>Catherine Kalyati</b> , fish processor
14:58– 15:06	<b>Decision-making power and equal rights to access to services, markets and decent work</b> – conversation with <b>Mariam Ngende</b> , Kigoma Municipality Volunteer Fisheries Officer, Tanzania
15:06 – 15:14	<b>Equal rights, access and control over resources and reduction of women's work burden</b> – conversation with <b>Suzanne Kuria</b> , fish farm owner and 1st Vice President of the African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET)
15:14– 15:25	<b>Quiz on gender influence / challenges on fisheries and aquaculture VC</b>
15:25 - 15:55	<b>Panel discussion with audience &amp; panellists on women in aquatic value chains</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jennifer Gee</b>, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)</li> <li>• <b>Mariam Ngende</b>, Kigoma Municipality Volunteer Fisheries Officer, Tanzania</li> <li>• <b>Suzanne Kuria</b>, fish farm owner and 1st Vice President of AWFISHNET</li> <li>• <b>Masiliso Phiri</b>, FISH4ACP Zambia National Professional Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)</li> <li>• <b>Elizabeth Badjie</b>, Youth TRY women oyster association representative</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusions</b>	
15:55 – 16:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Katharina Stepping</b> , Senior Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

## Background

[FISH4ACP](#) is an initiative of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) aimed at making fisheries and aquaculture value chains in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific more sustainable. FISH4ACP is implemented by FAO with funding from the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Learn more about the four goals of [FAO's gender policy](#) aiming to achieve equality between women and men in sustainable agriculture and rural development for the elimination of hunger and poverty.

Learn more about the gender policies from the EU, consulting the [EU gender equality strategy 2020-2025](#) and the EU gender policy framework in the EU external action [EU Gender Action Plan III - GAP III](#).