



FISH4ACP Virtual Tour All eyes on aquaculture in Africa



14 June 2023
14:30 – 16:00 (CEST)
Zoom webinar
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Aquaculture is the world's fastest growing food sector. It is also a booming business in Africa, providing jobs and increasingly important in feeding the continents' growing population.

From tilapia ponds in Côte d'Ivoire and in Zimbabwe to Nigerian catfish farmers and oyster producers in The Gambian and Senegal's mangroves, FISH4ACP's virtual tour is turning all eyes on aquaculture in Africa.

Find out more about local initiatives that are ramping up production and support communities. Hear from small-scale producers how they run their aquaculture business and learn about the challenges they face in accessing finance or getting good quality and affordable inputs.

Hosted by FISH4ACP, the virtual tour is bringing together local fisher folk and fish workers, value chain stakeholders, experts, donors and the development community in an online conversation on aquatic value chain development.

The event will cover:

- Videos on catfish farming in Nigeria, tilapia production in Côte d'Ivoire and Zimbabwe and oyster production in Senegal and The Gambia.
- Debate with local stakeholders and experts on aquaculture as a business and the challenges small-scale fish farmers face in running their businesses.
- Discussions – actively engaging the audience – on issues related to aquaculture in Africa, good practices and sustainable aqua-business solutions.



Agenda	
14:30 - 14:35	Welcome and introduction <i>Moderator – Aisha Ibrahim, Nigeria Programme Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)</i>
14:35 - 14:36	Video trailer <i>A visual panorama of FISH4ACP's five aquaculture value chains (Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Gambia, Senegal)</i>
14:36-14:41	Opening remarks <i>Peter Nyongesa Wekesa, Environment and Natural Resources Governance Expert, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)</i>
14:41– 14:51	FISH4ACP support to the upgrading of African aquaculture value chains – conversation with Founnigué Traore , Côte d'Ivoire National Professional Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
14:51– 14:54	Video on FISH4ACP aquaculture value chains <i>Focus on tilapia aquaculture value chains (Côte d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe) and oyster aquaculture value chains of the project (The Gambia, Senegal)</i>
14:54– 15:01	Aquaculture as a business and local innovative solution to scale up – conversation with Augustin Millan , Ivorian fish farmer, member of the tilapia value chain Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) and National Young Fish Farming Entrepreneur Champion
15:01 – 15:04	Video on FISH4ACP Nigeria catfish value chain With Mary Stephen , fish processor, M&S Dry Fish & Farm Resources Limited, and Nurudeen Quadri , catfish farmer and President, IDIPR Aquaculture Farmers' Cooperative Union
15:04 – 15:11	Structuring and professionalisation of the aquaculture sector through capacity building, access to finance and collaboration – conversation with Funmilola Shelika , President of African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET)
15:11– 15:25	Quiz on challenges in African aquaculture value chains
15:25 - 15:55	Panel discussion with audience & panellists on the key drivers behind the ramp-up of aquaculture in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Augustin Millan, Ivorian fish farmer, member of the tilapia value chain Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP)• Aramatoulaye Diatta, Vice-Chair of the oyster value chain Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) in Senegal• Funmilola Shelika, President of African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET)• Ana Menezes, Aquaculture Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
15:55 – 16:00	Closing remarks <i>Xinhua Yuan, Deputy Director for Aquaculture, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)</i>

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).

In line with the [2021 Declaration for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture](#), FAO's [Blue Transformation](#) envisions sustainable intensification of aquaculture to meet global demand for aquatic food making sure that benefits are shared equitably.