

FAO/NEPAD WORKSHOP ON THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES AND TO AQUACULTURE (EAF/EAA) IN AFRICA- STATUS, LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

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FAO and the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) are pleased to inform you that the NEPAD-FAO Fish Programme - NFFP, the EAF-Nansen Project and the Sweden-Netherlands Multidonor fund are jointly organizing, in collaboration with other partners, a Workshop on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries and to Aquaculture in Africa. The Workshop will take place in Accra, Ghana from 29 to 31 October 2012.

The overall objective of the Workshop is to create a common platform of understanding of EAF/EAA concepts in Africa.

Specifically, the Workshop aims to:

- Deepen the understanding of the EAF/EAA concepts and processes, and its role and relevance for fisheries and aquaculture management
- Provide an update on current projects/programmes to assist implementation of EAF/EAA in Africa and globally (e.g. the NFFP, the EAF-Nansen Project, the Sweden-Netherlands Multidonor fund)
- Provide an overview and document the current status of EAF/EAA implementation and EAF/EAA-related activities (past, ongoing and planned) in marine and inland fisheries and aquaculture systems in Africa, highlighting lessons learned and best practices, at national and regional level
- Present case studies from other regions, particularly on advances made in joint EAF/EAA implementation in selected areas
- Discuss and plan next steps on how to improve the integration of the principles of EAF/EAA into the management and development of African fisheries/aquaculture systems, including potential additional case study area

Participants will include i) fisheries managers and scientists from relevant national and regional institutions with practical experience or responsibilities in fisheries and aquaculture research and management, ii) representatives from Regional Fisheries Bodies, Lake and River Basin Authorities, LME Programmes, and Aquaculture networks and iii) other relevant stakeholders working on issues or carrying out activities contributing to the implementation of EAF/EAA (including civil society, private industry, development partners and others).

Please note that the workshop will be followed by the FAO/NEPAD workshop on climate change, disasters and crises in the fisheries and aquaculture sector in West and Central Africa that will be held from 1 to 2 November 2012 in Accra, Ghana.

Limited financial support can be provided through the projects for key national and regional participants.

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