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BLUE FOOD FORUM
SEPTEMBER 12-13 2024 DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA

How aquatic food value chains help transform global food systems

PROGRAM

DAY 1

09:00 – 09:30
INTRODUCTION
Welcoming remarks by Gilles VanDeWalle, Chief Technical Advisor, FISH4ACP.

09:30 – 10:30
THE ROLE OF AQUATIC VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT WITHIN NATIONAL AND GLOBAL POLICY
Plenary session

High level international speakers on the contributions of aquaculture value chains within local and global contexts and in alignment with the Blue Transformation and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

10:30 – 11:00
COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30
MAXIMIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF AQUATIC VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT TO POLICY OBJECTIVES
Mini plenaries

Four interactive sessions to generate discussion around the contribution of value chain development to policy objectives.

- Value chain analysis and development approaches to food systems improvements.
- Mobilizing finance for aquatic food systems change.
- The role of aquatic food value chains in food security and nutrition.
- Making aquatic food value chains more resilient.

12:30 – 14:00
LUNCH BREAK

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14:00 – 15:00
SHARING TAKE-AWAYS OF MINI-PLENARIES
Plenary session

Expanding upon discussions and outputs of mini plenaries, sharing lessons learnt and how those can drive policy change.

15:00 – 15:30
COFFEE BREAK

15:00 – 17:00
BLUE FOOD VALUE CHAIN SOLUTIONS EXHIBITION

Practical examples of aquatic value chain
development and how they can trigger food system change, contributing to economic, environmental, and social development.

17:00 – 18:00
WORLD CAFE, EXPLORING KEY TECHNICAL ISSUES OF BLUE FOOD VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

Participants discuss sectoral and cross-sectoral issues in small groups using the World Café methodology.

19:00 – 20:00
BLUE FOOD VALUE CHAIN AWARD CEREMONY

Celebrating impactful achievements of good practices exhibited at the forum followed by dinner of networking amongst colleagues from across the globe.

20:00 – 22:00
DINNER

DAY 2

09:00 – 09:30
SCALING UP GOOD PRACTICES
Plenary session

Introduction to breakout sessions on identifying, systematizing and scaling up good practices.

09:30 – 10:30
GOOD PRACTICE? IDENTIFYING SUCCESS
Breakout sessions

What are the elements that drive the success of value chain development? This session will focus on what works and what doesn't work, and on the lessons that can be drawn from value chain development initiatives.

10:30 – 11:00
COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30
HOW DO WE SCALE IMPACT?
Breakout session continued

Building on the discussions and outputs of the previous session, attention will turn to scaling up good practices for wider impact. What can be learnt about transferability, adaptation, integration and expansion? This session aims to provide perspectives on how to take aquatic value chain development to the next level.

12:30 – 13:10
REPORTING BACK AND DRAWING A THREAD THROUGH THE DISCUSSION
Plenary session

Sharing the knowledge generated during the breakout sessions in an interactive manner. Representatives from each session will pitch their ideas for scaling up good practices in front of experts providing feedback.

13:10 – 13:30
CLOSING SESSION

Circling back to lessons learnt, milestones crossed, and experiences shared, the forum ends with a farewell from the FISH4ACP team.

13:30 – 14:30
FAREWELL BUFFET LUNCH