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ATLANTIC OCEAN

## Concept note

### **"The contribution of the structured landing points (PDA) to the realization of the artisanal fisheries full potential "**

The artisanal fisheries represents almost half of the world catch. It also represents the two thirds of fishery products intended for direct human consumption.

It employs, at the global level, more than 90% of fishermen and other workers of the fishing, of which about half is made up of women.

At the level of the African continent, the artisanal fisheries account for more than 60% of the production of the fishermen of Africa and the quasi-totality of the catch in the sector is intended for human consumption. The sector provides jobs and significant revenues for poor rural communities. Ten million Africans rely on artisanal fisheries as their main livelihood, and another 90 million (farmers and the poor in resources) depend on in the framework of a diverse subsistence strategy. Approximately 200 million Africans depend on fish as affordable protein source and of important micronutrients, and in most of the countries of Africa; the Artisanal Fishermen provide the major part of the supply of fish in the region. Women play an essential role in the artisanal fisheries in Africa, mainly in the fish transformation

However in the African context, the sub-sector of artisanal fisheries knows burdens that impede its contribution in the socio-economic development. In this regard, we can mention the main findings:

- ✓ The communities living in the artisanal fisheries, in many countries of Africa continue to be marginalized and vulnerable, often located in isolated areas and usually have only a limited or difficult access to markets, with insufficient structures of organization without counting that they sometimes have a poor access to health, education and other social services.
- ✓ The potential contribution of the artisanal fisheries to food security and nutrition, to the poverty eradication, to equitable development and the sustainable use of resources is not fully realized. Considering the importance of the artisanal fisheries in Africa and the need to promote its sustainable development, the African Union has elevated the artisanal fisheries to the rank of priority arena of *Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy framework and Reform Strategy, adopted in June 2014*. The main objective of this Pan-African policy is to strengthen the contribution of the artisanal fisheries to the poverty reduction, the food and nutritional security and to the socio-economic benefits, mainly for the fishermen. communities

Artisanal fisheries is called to realize its full potential to contribute to the achievement of the June 2014 Malabo Declaration commitments, aimed at the eradication of hunger and poverty reduction in Africa by 2025, by the accelerated, Agricultural transformation including fisheries and aquaculture.

These same objectives are also included in the Sustainable Development Program 2015-2030, adopted by the Organization of the United Nations, in 2015.

This priority given to artisanal fisheries at the level of the Pan-African policy, is in perfect adequacy with the initiatives adopted at the international level, in particular, *the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication* developed in 2014 by the FAO, in addition to *the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries* of 1995.

To release the potential of the African fisheries in general and particularly its artisanal segment, and increase its contribution to the socio-economic development, the strengthening of the South-South cooperation between African States, in the framework of an acting partnership and solidarity is a leitmotiv consistently advocated by the reform strategy of the fisheries and aquaculture in Africa.

It is as well as aware of the importance of the artisanal fisheries in Africa, Morocco, has initiated, with a few countries of ATLAFCO region (Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Senegal), concrete projects to improve the living conditions of artisanal fisheries communities, and ensure by the same occasion, a sustainable management of the resource at the social economic and environmental levels,.

These projects focus on the achievement of host structures, called structured landing points (PDA), which provide services related to the landing of catches made by artisanal fishermen. Morocco is thus using the partner countries to benefit from its expertise, from the conception to the realization and the implementation of the PDAs

These projects are likely to affect directly and immediately the daily lives of artisanal fishermen and to promote visibility, recognition and enhancement of the role of artisanal fisheries in the integrated and inclusive development.

It should be recalled that Moroccan expertise is itself the result of a transfer of know-how acquired during the fishing villages (FV) projects initiated during the second half of the 1990s, within the framework of Bilateral cooperation with Japan.

Based on its fisheries development strategy and based on the Japanese model and experience in the matter, Morocco has been set from 2001, the National Program Coastal Planning (PNAL), which reflects the willingness to strengthen support for artisanal fisheries, by achieving sixty PDAs.

The PNAL thus enabled to integrate artisanal fishing in the local economy by creating of socio-economic development micro pole through the establishment of infrastructures, the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and safety and the improvement of *communities of fishermen* incomes.

### **Presentation of the workshop:**

The organization of this workshop is in the framework of 2017 ATLAFCO action plan and aims to be a contribution to the realization of the full potential of the artisanal fisheries in the region, based on the successful experience of the PDAs and an approach to South-South cooperation.

### **The objectives of the workshop:**

The workshop aims to promote an exchange of information and experiences on the development of the artisanal fisheries and the achievement of the objectives set out in the framework of the pan-African policy.

Special attention will be paid to the importance of South-South cooperation and its role in promoting projects for the development of artisanal fisheries, through the Moroccan experience in the construction of PDAs and their duplication in some West African countries.

### **Expected Results:**

The workshop will allow:

- To identify the best governance practices of artisanal fisheries at the regional and national levels;
- To appreciate the importance of South-South (bilateral, regional) cooperation in the development of artisanal fisheries and to examine the modalities of its strengthening;
- To present the Moroccan experience in the construction of the FV and PDAs
- To confront the case of Moroccan model to the regional and local realities of artisanal fisheries in Africa;
- To make recommendations on the priorities for action at the level of the region to catalyze the development of the artisanal fisheries sector.

### **Conduct of the workshop**

The workshop will take place on 3 days. The first two days will be devoted to:

#### **First session: the importance of artisanal fisheries in the world and in Africa**

- Presentation of the Artisanal segment of fishing in Africa
- Presentation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (FAO):
- The African Policy on Artisanal Fisheries:
- Artisanal fisheries in Africa: between poverty and hopes

## **Second session: Current situation of artisanal fisheries in ATLAFCO member countries**

- Presentations of each country on the situation of the artisanal fishery (10 mn)
- Discussion

## **Third session: The PDA, a solution for artisanal fisheries in Africa**

- The PDA, a Japanese idea
- Presentation of the National Program for the development of the coastline (Morocco)
- The lessons learned from the experience of Morocco: the creation of socio-economic development micro-poles.
- The Civil Society testimony
- The PDA, a model of South-South Cooperation

## **Fourth session: Proposal of strategic axes and proposal of an action plan: Round table should address the following aspects:**

- Strategies for the development of artisanal fisheries in the region;
- Contribution of artisanal fisheries to food security and population nutrition;
- Incentives and administrative facilities for the implementation of accompanying projects;
- Marketing and marketing policy for artisanal fisheries products;
- Strengthening of the development of sustainable artisanal fisheries regional cooperation
- Role of artisanal fisheries organizations for better involvement in the management.

The third day will be devoted to the visit of a PDA (Dalia).