



Training workshop for members of the African Network
Women from the fishing industry (RAFEP) under the theme:
“Project for the preparation of traditional surimi for the benefit of RAFEP members”

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I. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

The social promotion of actors in the fisheries sector, particularly African women who engage in fishing activities, is a major concern for ATLAFCO.

In almost all its member states, women are omnipresent throughout the fisheries value chain and particularly in the post-capture segment.

His strong involvement is a key asset in the development and marketing of the product.

African women processing fishery products occupy an important place in the local and national socio-economic fabric but remain, however, vulnerable to various induced effects, including lack of financial resources, climate change and decline in fish production.

To strengthen their economic and social capacities, ATLAFCO, through its RAFEP network, has dedicated in its 2025 strategic action plan a significant intellectual and capacity-building component to achieve this objective of carrying out income-generating projects.

Moreover, ATLAFCO had organized on 03-04 February 2025, in Agadir Morocco on the sidelines of the 6th edition of the Halieutis trade fair, a training workshop for the benefit of women members of RAFEP under the theme "Supporting women's entrepreneurship through the improvement of the valorization and marketing of artisanal fishing products".

Key recommendations from this event include reducing post-capture losses and waste, seeking ways to create added value for fished products, particularly by focusing on traditional and local technologies that are both effective and inexpensive, and encouraging diversification and value-added transformations such as the preparation and marketing of traditional Surimi.

In this context, ATLAFCO is organizing a training workshop from June 8th to 9th, 2026 at the Specialized Center for the Valorization and Technology of Seafood Products (CSVTPM) of the INRH in Agadir,

Morocco. This initiative will also provide an opportunity to examine the impact of women's cooperatives on women's economic and social empowerment, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063, which places women's empowerment at the heart of the African continent's development priorities.

II. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

1. General objective

- Promote women operating in artisanal fishing based on the diversification and enhancement of fishery products to contribute to their empowerment;
- To meet the challenge of adding value to fishery resources by providing training to African women on high value-added culinary techniques, particularly those relating to the preparation of traditional surimi with local and inexpensive tools;
- To contribute to food security, job creation and the promotion of micro- enterprises in fishing.

2. Specific objectives

- Promoting the empowerment of women working in the fishing sector necessarily involves improving their well -being and their socio-economic and environmental living conditions;
- Promoting the inclusive development of women in the fisheries value chain through cooperatives;
- Valorization of post-capture products;
- Familiarization with new **digital and electronic sales techniques** for processed products.

III. EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE WORKSHOP

Through the various sessions of the workshop, RAFEP members will be better informed and made more aware of the following aspects:

- Empowering women working in the fishing sector;
- To develop a regional model for culinary innovation in fishery products
- Encourage new e- commerce techniques for locally processed fishery products.

IV. LOGISTICS

The workshop will be held in Agadir. The airfare (economy class) and accommodation (hotel) expenses **for one representative from each Member State, as well as for invited experts/panelists, will be covered by ATLAFCO.**

In addition, each participant will receive a daily subsistence allowance from the Executive Secretariat, in accordance with the rates applicable within International Organizations.

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