Executive Secretariat

Agenda

WHAT CONTRIBUTION CAN AQUACULTURE MAKE TO INCLUSIVE GROWTH, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION IN AFRICA ?
October 7-8, 2026 Dakar (Senegal)

Wednesday, October 7, 2026			
RAFAQUA-RAFISMER Joint Workshop of ATLAFCO			
What contribution can aquaculture make to inclusive growth, sustainable development and job creation in Africa?			
	PROGRAM OUTLINE		**SPEAKER**
09:30-09:45	Opening of the activity	Participant reception	steering Committee
09:45-10:15		Adress by the Executive Secretary	ATLAFCO
		Address by the President of RAFISMER	Dr. Mohamed Najih
		Address by the President of RAFAQUA	Dr. Samba KA
		Address by the Acting President of ATLAFCO	Representative of the current president
		Address and opening of proceedings	Her Excellency the Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy of Senegal
		Presentation of the workshop agenda for adoption	Executive Secretariat
10:15 - 10:45	**Group photo - Coffee break and press briefing**		

Session 1: Initiatives for the development of aquaculture in the ATLAFCO region and job creation			
Moderator: Dr. Samba KA, President of RAFAQUA			
11:00- 11:30	Work begins	**Sustainable aquaculture: Why and how?** Sharing Moroccan experience in marine aquaculture	Representative of Morocco Mr. Mohamed AMINE
		Exchange and capitalization	Participants
11:30 - 12:30		**Valorization and marketing:**	Representative of Nigeria Ms. Hafsat Ochuwa
		Nigeria's Experience in Aquaculture: Infrastructure, Production, Value Addition, Processing, and Marketing	
		Exchanges on the Nigerian experience and capitalization	Participants
12:45–14:00	**Lunch break**		
14:00 – 15:00	Work continues	Presentation of Ghana's experience in freshwater fish farming: Infrastructure, production, processing and marketing	Representative of Ghana Mr. Anthony WASIPE
		The Ivorian experience of socio-economic aspects: market research, public perception of aquaculture products, costs and profitability	Representative of Ivory Coast Dr. Nezzi M'BOUA NICOLE EDWIGE
15:00 – 16:15		Sharing national experiences	Other Member States : Angola, Benin, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Sao Tome, Senegal, Togo (5 minutes per speaker)
		Media and aquaculture in Africa	Media Observatory for Sustainable Fisheries in Africa (OMPDA) Mr. Talibouye AIDARA
16:15-16:30		The experience of the Atlantic International Research Center (Portugal)	AIR center
16:30-17:00		Discussions	Participants
17:00-17:30		Summary of work and closing of the first day	Moderator
17:30-18:30		RAFQUA bureau meeting	Executive Secretariat/Bureau Members

Thursday, October 8, 2026			
Session 2: Fisheries research in service of sustainable and inclusive regional aquaculture			
Moderator: Dr. Mohamed Najih, President of RAFISMER			
09:00-09:45	Work resumes	Senegal's experience in the legal and scientific framework of aquaculture	Representative of Senegal Dr. Fambaye Ngom SOW
		Mauritania's experience in scientific research for aquaculture development	Mauritania Mr. Cheikhna Yero Gandega
09:45-11:00		Cameroon's Experience in Research and Innovation for the Development of Shrimp Aquaculture	Representative of Cameroon Mr. Jules Romain NGUEGUIM
		The experience of the National Institute of Fisheries Research of Morocco: Evaluation & potential, health monitoring and technological innovation	INRH Representative, Morocco Dr. Mohamed NAJIH
		Exchanges and capitalization	Participants
11:15–12:00	Work continues	Implementation of a common information system: what role for RAFAQUA and RAFISMER	RAFISMER & RAFAQUA Dr. Mohamed NAJIH & Dr. Samba KA
		Exchanges and capitalization	Participants
12:00–12:45		Summary of work, recommendations and future perspectives	President of RAFISMER
13:00		**Lunch break and end of the workshop**	