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Sub-Regional Working Group Terms of Reference



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BACKGROUND

- The working group terms of reference were :
 - Drafted by the TT (FCWC/MIRAH/JICA)
 - Shared individually with Member States for their input
 - Adjusted base on inputs received and clarification provided where needed.
 - validation meeting was arranged online with MS representatives.
- As final document, this will be endorsed by the next FCWC conference of Ministers and recorded

□ General Objective

- The working group generally will be:
 - ❖ Creating a coordinated regional networking initiative of all stakeholders to support aquaculture development actions in accordance with ECOWAS regional fisheries and aquaculture strategic framework.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Specifically this working group will:

- ❖ Serve as a **platform for reflection and experience sharing** for aquaculture development benefit in FCWC Member States.
- ❖ **Capitalize and promote good practices** (technology, scientific research, economics, policy, etc.) for aquaculture development in FCWC Member States;
- ❖ Strengthen the **partnership between the private and public** and contribute to the promotion of private investment in aquaculture and
- ❖ Contribute to the promotion of **regional aquaculture trade**.

❑ MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP

This group will be :

- ❖ Serving as the sub-region's aquaculture **framework for reflection and capitalization** of good practices on technical, economic and policy aspects;
- ❖ Creating synergies between **Member States and partners** to achieve the sector's sustainable development;
- ❖ Addressing the Member States through the **FCWC's relevant recommendations**;
- ❖ Analysing **all aquaculture development strategies** and identify the most relevant **options to promote**;

❑ MANDATE CONT...

- ❖ **Contributing to the elaboration and implementation of a sub-regional aquaculture development action plan** in order to strengthen cooperation, sharing of experiences and good practices, to coordinate and follow up with identified actions;
- ❖ **Identifying common and regional problems/difficulties in aquaculture development** with a view on proposing solutions using the knowledge provided through the sub-regional platform;
- ❖ **Making a prospective analysis** of the situation of aquaculture
- ❖ **Seeking and developing technical and financial partnerships** in support of aquaculture development.

❑ EXPECTED RESULTS

As expected outcomes, the working group aims at :

- ❖ Consolidating a regional platform for exchange, information, communication and commitment **between public and private actors in the aquaculture sector ;**
- ❖ Capitalizing, disseminating and **publishing regional good practices** on technical and economic aspects
- ❖ Publishing, disseminating and capitalizing **regional public policies** favorable to aquaculture development
- ❖ Enhancing **private investment in aquaculture** and
- ❖ Strengthening **regional trade in aquaculture** products.

❑ FUNCTIONING OF THE WORKING GROUP

- This working group will have in general three types of stakeholders:

- ❖ **Institutional Actors:** Ministry or authority in charge of aquaculture, Ministry of economy and finance, Ministry of planning, environmental protection agency and development (depending on the FCWC member states), Ministry of scientific research, FCWC secretariat ;
- ❖ **Private Sector Actors:** banks, micro-finance institutions (MFI), economic operators (representatives of aquaculture associations, heads of aquaculture companies, industrialists (e.G. Feed manufacturers or importers, etc.);
- ❖ **Development Partners:** FAO, JICA, ECOWAS, ATLAFCO, ADB, AFDB, EU, USAID, World Bank, AFD, EICA, WFC, AU-IBAR, ANAF, Worldfish.

Specifically, the working group will distinguish:

❖ Permanent Members (PM):

- One from **the ministry in charge of aquaculture** and
- **Other two (2) will be selected** with FCWC support based on their competence.

❖ Technical Team (TT):

- A support team to the WGAq.
- Supports the initiatives of the WGAq and provides it with the technical, logistical and financial assistance necessary to fulfil its mandate.
- Composed of FCWC Secretariat, experts from the ministry of animal and fishery resources **(MIRAH) of Cote-d'Ivoire and JICA.**
- This team will be extended **according to the needs** of the working group

❑ SOME THEMES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE WG.

Once established, the WG will prior to identifying issues to address in the region, first treat recurrent often raised issues, such as issues surrounding :

- ❖ Public aquaculture policies and regulations at national and regional level (relevance, effectiveness, etc.);
- ❖ Private investments (analysis of constraints and opportunities, how to promote them, intensify private investment, etc.)
- ❖ Innovative production techniques ;
- ❖ Aquaculture economy (benefit, etc.) ;
- ❖ Strengthen market linkages at national and regional levels ;

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- ❖ **Extension and coaching of stakeholders** (how to make them perform, capacity building, organisation of stakeholders, technical and financial performance of farms, recognition of stakeholders, etc.) ;
- ❖ **Aquaculture scientific research** (identification of needs, research and development, transfer of research results, knowledge sharing, etc.) ;
- ❖ **Network and partnership development** for the benefit of aquaculture development ;
- ❖ **Analysis of common/regional problems/difficulties and solution.**

❑ THE WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

As Operational Procedures, the Working Group will:

- ❖ Established its headquarters within the FCWC Secretariat.
- ❖ Set up an office to optimize its functioning.
- ❖ In coordination with the technical team will establish the priority list of topics to be discussed either on the platform (online conference) or in person.
- ❖ Meet every six months (twice a year) face-to-face and will be enlarged to include proven competences in relation to the addressed theme.
- ❖ If absolutely necessary, use the services of a consultant.

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- ❖ Record the minutes of the WG meetings recommendations and submit to the FCWC
 - Conference of Ministers for final decision.

- ❖ Produce a brochure and publish the results of each meeting to promote the contribution of the WG through media coverage.

- ❖ Work with FCWC to conclude the partnership with development partners to carry out the planned activities.

- ❖ Contribute through its work to the development of a sub-regional action plan.

Thank you!!

