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LAKE VICTORIA AQUACULTURE FORUM

Toward Sustainable Aquaculture

6 October, 2023

8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Sarova Imperial Hotel - KISUMU

Concept Note

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Lake Victoria Aquaculture Forum brings together public and private sector leaders and influencers in the Lake region Aquaculture subsector. The approximately 200 Participants will comprise of owners of fishing companies, fish feed producers, tech companies, investors, BMU leaders, environmentalists, academics and senior officials of both national and county governments.

Forum Objectives

1. facilitate constructive dialogue among Lake Victoria Aquaculture stakeholders on how to enhance collaboration in the regulation, management and governance of Aquaculture on Lake Victoria;
2. inspire new investment, business expansion and partnerships among local and international companies and organizations.
3. stimulate new thinking and new collective approaches to elevating Aquaculture as a sustainable economic driver of the Lake Victoria region.

Background

Lake Victoria is the world's second largest fresh water lake and Africa's largest freshwater body. Proper management and use of Lake Victoria as a precious resource could deliver food, energy, transport and serve as a foundation for sustainable development in the region.

In recent years, fishing on the Lake has moved away from traditional capture fisheries to cage fish farming, which promises to significantly increase productivity, create employment and enhance economic well-being of many people. However, there is increasing recognition of the need for effective regulation and management of fisheries on the Lake. Unregulated cage farming may turn into an environmental disaster whose impact would be felt far beyond the Lake region.

A number of collaborative initiatives have been launched by various private and public bodies recognizing the importance of ensuring sustainability of the Lake resource. In 2022, the Lake Region Economic Block and a number of National Government Agencies developed the *Lake Victoria Blue Economy Multi-Agency Action Plan*. The Plan, which has not been adequately publicized, was ratified by over 30 Agencies and endorsed by 10 Governors in the Lake Region.

More recently, a number of private sector stakeholders of the Lake Victoria Aquaculture subsector came together and formed the **Aquaculture Alliance Group (AAG)**, a collaboration of the various associations, networks and cooperatives representing different interests in the Lake Victoria Aquaculture value chain. The core aim of AAG is ***to champion the proper regulation and use of Lake Victoria as a regional economic resource through partnership with the National and County Governments and all other local and international organizations that share the objective.***

The Lake Victoria Aquaculture Forum is a co-creation by the AAG and Ohala Kenya Foundation. The October 6 event will formally launch the AAG and also provide an opportunity for a broader engagement with stakeholders on how to scale up aquaculture on Lake Victoria and, at the same time, strengthen regulation through effective private-public collaboration on decisions affecting the industry.

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PROGRAM

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Registration (7:30 – 9:00)		
8:30 – 10:30	Welcome and Preliminaries – Pete Ondeng, Chairman, Ohala Kenya Foundation Brief Remarks by Special Guests Keynote Address: HE Salim Mvurya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs	
10:30–11:30 Media Briefing / Refreshments		
11.30-12:00	Presentation: “ <i>The Lake Victoria Fisheries Value Chain: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats</i> ”	Ms. Bella Akinyi, CEO, Bolena Farms Ltd.
12:00-1:00	Panel Discussion: 1. Ms. Angela Odero, CEO And Co-Founder, Rio Fish Limited 2. Fred Obudho – CEO, Greatlakes Feed And Fish Farm 3. Enos Were – Director, Jewlet Fish Farms Ltd. 4. Alfred Achar, CEO, Bayrise Fish Farm 5. Mariam Mohamed,– Associate Director for Development , Victory Farms Ltd	
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2.00-2:30	Presentation: Imperatives for Sustainable Development of Aquaculture on Lake Victoria	Albert Altena, CEO African Blue Limited.
2:30-4:00	Panel Discussion: 1. Ms. Winnie Ouko, CEO, Lattice Aqua 2. Ben Gimson, Director, Gatsby Africa 3. Hon. Ochieng’ Mbeo, Chairman, Lake View Fisheries Ltd 4. Fredrick Juma – Founder and MD, Hydro Victoria Fish Hatchery Farm Ltd 5. Dr. Erick Ogello, Chairman, Department of Animals and Fisheries Sciences, Maseno University	
4:00–4:30pm Refreshments		
4:30-5:30	Business-to-Business Networking Session	
5:30 – 6:00	Official launch of the Aquaculture Alliance Group Closing Remarks, Vote of Thanks and Way Forward	