



LAKE VICTORIA AQUACULTURE FORUM

17 October , 2024

Sarova Imperial Hotel, Kisumu

Concept note

Introduction

The Lake Victoria Aquaculture (LVA) Association is proud to host its inaugural Aquaculture Forum, a landmark event designed to unite leaders and influencers from both the public and private sectors within the Lake Victoria region's aquaculture subsector. This event will gather over 200 participants, including fishing company owners, fish feed producers, tech innovators, investors, Beach Management Unit (BMU) leaders, environmental advocates, academics, and senior officials from national and county governments.

This Forum presents a unique opportunity for these diverse stakeholders to engage in structured dialogue on critical issues such as legislation, policy, business development, and other areas that require collective action. It reflects the LVA Association's commitment to fostering resilient and sustainable aquaculture value chains that enhance the quality of life and socio-economic well-being of communities in the Lake Victoria region.

Forum Objectives

The LVA Forum is designed to achieve three key objectives:

1	Facilitate Constructive Dialogue: Engage Lake Victoria aquaculture stakeholders in discussions on enhancing collaboration in the regulation, management, and governance of aquaculture activities on Lake Victoria.
2	Inspire Investment and Partnerships: Encourage new investments, business expansions, and partnerships among local and international companies and organizations.
3	Stimulate Innovation: Promote new thinking and collective approaches to elevating aquaculture as a sustainable economic driver in the Lake Victoria region.

Event Format

The event will feature a combination of two plenary presentations and two interactive panel discussions, all of which will be streamed live and recorded for broader dissemination. These sessions will be led by seasoned aquaculture experts and practitioners who will share their insights on key topics relevant to the sector.

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Draft Program

Registration (7:30 – 9:00)

8:30-10:30	Moderator: Head of Technical Team, PS SDBE & F office
	Welcome and Opening – Hon Ochieng’ Mbeo, Chairman, LVA Association (to 1. Set up the agenda of the meeting 2. introduce association officials and then 3. give remarks) – 10 mins
	Brief Remark by Forum Sponsor (s) – 10 mins
	Introduction of representatives of Riparian County Government Officers – 10 mins
	Introductions of Head of institutions (or representatives) present (Government & NGOs) – 10 mins
	Remarks by Mr Victor Nyagaya, CEO Lake Region Economic Block (LREB)–10 mins
	Introduction of Members of Parliament (MPs) – 10 mins
	Remarks by PS SDBE & Fisheries – 10 mins
	Formal Welcome and remarks by H.E. Governor Prof. A. Nyong’o - 0 mins
	Keynote Address: H.E Hassan Ali Joho, EGH , Cabinet Secretary, Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs (TBC) – 30 mins

10:30–11:00 Refreshments, Media Briefing

11.00-11:30	Presentation: “ <i>Environmental Concerns and Impact on Aquaculture on the Lake</i> ”	Mr. William Omamo , Founder & Director, Utonga Nature Conservancy
11:30-12:50	Panel Discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Christopher Mulanda Aura, Director Freshwater Systems Research, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI)2. Mr. Caesar Asiyo, Chief Development Officer, Victory Farms Ltd3. Mr. Dave Okech, CEO, AquaRech Limited4. Ms Bella Akinyi, CEO, Bolena Tilapia, Inc. Africa Mr.5. Sammy Macaria, Coordinator, Aquaculture Business Dev. Program (ABDP)	

1:00–2:00 Lunch

2.00-2:30	Presentation: “ Aligning National and County Regulations for Sustainable Aquaculture on Lake Victoria”.	Mr. Koome McCourt , Sr. Program Manager, Gatsby Africa
2:30-4:00	Panel Discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Francis Mugo, Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development, State Department of Blue Economy and Fisheries2. Susan Adhiambo, Kisumu County Director of Fisheries3. Hon. Ochieng Mbeo, Chairman, Lakeview Fisheries Ltd.4. Mr. Enos Were – Director, Jewlet Fish Farms Ltd.5. Mr. Albert Altena, CEO African Blue Limited.	

4 -5	Official launch of the LVA Association and Closing
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5:00–6:00pm Refreshments/Networking