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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Trade plays a major role in the fisheries and aquaculture sector as an employment creator, food supplier, income generator, and contributor to economic growth and development, and to food and nutrition security (with fish constituting an important source of nutrients for the poor and often being the cheapest form of animal protein).

The African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is implementing two fisheries projects: Fisheries governance Project and the Fish trade Project.

The Fisheries Governance Project “Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Enhance Governance of the Fisheries Sector in Africa” currently implemented by AU-IBAR and NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA), targets at enhancing the contribution of fisheries resources to food security and economic growth in Africa by improving institutional and policy environment for sustainable management and utilization of fisheries resources in Africa.

The specific objective of the project is achieved through the following results areas:

- Result 1: Institutional capacity and regulatory frameworks for sustainable fisheries management improved;
- Result 2: Sustainable fisheries management in small-scale fisheries including inland water bodies enhanced;
- Result 3: Institutional capacity and regulatory framework for aquaculture development strengthened;
- Result 4: Advocacy, Lessons Learning for knowledge sharing and capacity for increased investments and fostering reforms in the fisheries sector enhanced

The Fish Trade Project “Improving Food and Security and reducing Poverty through Intra-Regional Fish trade in Sub-Saharan Africa” currently implemented by AU-IBAR and NPCA and WorldFish aims to improve food and nutritional security and reduce poverty in Africa by enhancing the capacities of regional and pan-African organizations to support their member states to better integrate intra-regional fish trade into their development and food security policy agendas.

The specific objective of the project is achieved through the following results areas:

- Result 1: Information on the structure, products and value of intra-regional fish trade in food security in Sub Saharan Africa generated and made available to stakeholders.
- Result 2: A set of recommendations on policies, certification procedures, standards and regulations, well embedded in national and regional fisheries, agricultural, trade and food security policy frameworks in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Result 3: Increased capacities for trade amongst private sector associations, in particular of women fish processors and traders and aquaculture producers, to make better use of expanding trade opportunities through competitive small and medium scale enterprises.
- Result 4: Adoption and implementation of appropriate policies, certification procedures, standards and regulations by key stakeholders participating in intra-regional trade in four selected trade corridors in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Promoting innovation, activism and improving knowledge transfer to end-users including policy makers is considered an effective approach in implementing both projects for progressive integration of fisheries product trade and sustainability in the Agricultural Transformation Agenda and linkages for investment across Africa. To this effect AU-IBAR would like to commemorate the significance of fish and fisheries product trade in Africa through the publication of a ***Special Edition of the Bulletin of Animal Health and Production in Africa (BAHPA) - Fish Trade and Marketing March 2018.***

The BAHPA of AU-IBAR is a scientific journal which publishes articles on research relevant to animal health and production including livestock, wildlife and fisheries contributing to the human wellbeing, food security, poverty alleviation and sustainable development in Africa. The Bulletin disseminates technical recommendations on animal health and production to stakeholders, including policy makers, researchers and scientists. The Bulletin is the African voice on animal resources issues specific to Africa.

Accordingly AU-IBAR wishes to invite Abstracts of original work on any topic related to fish and fisheries product trade and marketing in Africa. Subject coverage areas include but not limited to:

- Intra-regional Fish trade and food security in Africa
- Fish Trade Policies, Legislations and enforcement/compliance issues
- Fish Trade, Marketing and Distribution channels in Africa,
- Fish Processing and Post-Harvest Handling,
- PPP Investment and Financing Opportunities in Fisheries and Aquaculture post-harvest Development in Africa,
- Intra-regional Cooperation in facilitating fish trade
- Value chain analysis and development approach in fisheries and aquaculture
- SPS measures and certification procedures for fish and fish products in African regions
- Fisheries /Aquaculture Improvement projects, ecolabelling certification for fisheries sustainability and trade
- Fish importation versus local fish industry
- Fish exportation trade-off with revenue generation, and implication for food security and social-welfare in Africa
- Subsidies and fisheries management
- Fish trade measures to combat IUU fishing
- Informal fish trade, importance and challenges
- Trading and marketing of aquaculture products
- Value-addition and branding of Africa fish products for increased competition
- Competitiveness of Africa fish products, competent authorities
- Information and marketing systems in fish trade in Africa

The Abstract should be a maximum of 400 (four hundred) words which should be submitted electronically via attachment to: The Editor-In-Chief, Bulletin of Animal Health and Production in Africa: Mohamed.seisay@au-ibar.org and joseph.mbane@au-ibar.org. Abstracts should be received no later than **30 November 2017**. Once abstract has been accepted, full papers using the BAHPA format would be requested, and those should be received no later than **31 January 2018**. Abstracts should be in French and English.

This is a great opportunity to provide empirical information to inform our policy maker and fisheries stakeholders in order for African to effectively benefit from their fisheries endowment. You are therefore encouraged to publish in this esteemed journal and contribute to increasing knowledge and

raising awareness on the importance of Africa's fisheries products for sustainable development of the continent.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts.

The Editor-In-Chief, Bulletin of Animal Health and Production in Africa