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Blue Economy Knowledge Share Fair

LEVERAGING BLUE ECONOMY THROUGH EFFICIENT SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION TO BUILD THE AFRICA WE WANT

13 – 16 June, 2023

Mombasa, Kenya

Introduction

The African Union has identified Blue Economy (BE) development as a priority goal towards achieving the aspiration on 'A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development within the context of the Africa Union Agenda 2063'. Africa's Blue Economy can be a major contributor to continental transformation, sustainable economic progress, and social development. Africa's Blue Economy Strategy, launched under the theme "Developing a sustainable blue economy; increasing momentum for Africa's Blue Growth", envisions an inclusive and sustainable blue economy that significantly contributes to the continent's transformation and growth. The objective of the Africa Blue Economy Strategy is to guide the development of an inclusive and sustainable blue economy that becomes a significant contributor to continental transformation and growth, through advancing knowledge on marine and aquatic biotechnology, environmental sustainability, the growth of Africa-wide shipping industry, the development of sea, river and lake transport, the management of fishing activities on these aquatic spaces, and the exploitation and beneficiation of deep-sea minerals and other resources.

With the financial support of Sweden, The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has developed a 5-year Blue Economy strategy (2021 – 2025) and Implementation Plan (BESIP), aligned with Africa's Blue Economy strategy and adopted on April 1, 2022 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The vision of IGAD's Blue Economy strategy is to develop an inclusive and sustainable Blue Economy that significantly contributes to the Horn of Africa's transformation. Three main principles that underpin the implementation of the Blue Economy are the circular economy; good governance and environmental and social sustainability. The IGAD Blue Economy Strategy and Implementation Plan intend to structure the Blue Economy implementation at both national and regional levels while increasing cooperation and regional integration, and strengthening support to the member states to effectively translate policies into concrete actions. It will also contribute to the effective implementation of the Africa Blue Economy Strategy (and its up-coming Action Plan). More specifically, the IGAD Blue Economy Strategy aims to:

- improve the implementation of the BE in all IGAD members States;
- contribute to the implementation of the Africa Blue Economy Strategy;
- develop strong harmonizing regional BE initiatives;
- increase cooperation and regional integration by using the BE as a catalyst to stimulate a converging dynamic of interests and efforts.

IGAD has signed a project (enhancing blue economy in the IGAD member states for biodiversity conservations and livelihood diversification) aimed at promoting Blue Economy with funding from Sweden.

One result area of the project is aimed to Blue Economy enhancing technologies and innovations promoted, documented and disseminated.

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The Africa Region has a wealth of knowledge and experiences in different BE sectors. However, documentation and dissemination of the region's experiences are limited. Blue Economy is a new concept for Africa where we can learn from each other and from outside the Continent.

It is against this background that IGAD, the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the ECOFISH Programme are joining forces to organize a **Blue Economy Knowledge Share Fair from 13 to 16 June 2023 in Mombasa, Kenya**, under the theme:

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Share Fair Objectives and Themes

The region has a wealth of knowledge and experiences in different sectors of BE. However, documentation and dissemination of the region's experiences are limited. Blue Economy is a new concept for Africa where we can learn from other outside the Continent. The planned share fair will help in this regard by strengthening the IGAD Secretariat's knowledge management unit to ensure it is accessible to all member states and BE stakeholders.

Then the best practices will be disseminated at different platforms. Knowledge management will include products on gender equity and women empowerment. The event will also enhance knowledge dissemination through the regional dialogue platforms

In this regard, the share fair seeks to:

- Share success stories and good practices
- Share ideas for improving work processes, operation, quality, and cost effectiveness, etc.
- Share knowledge with other organisations involved in similar activities
- Improve decision making and performance and help future projects avoid similar difficulties
- Influence policy decisions related to the development and implementation of future Blue Economy projects.

Workshop Organizers

IGAD, AU-IBAR and ECOFISH project will co-organize the share fair with the financial support of the Sweden Government and European Union. Detail cost sharing, identification of participants and agenda will be worked out together. Organizing team will be established from the 3 institutions.

Methodology

- **Poster session:** The poster session, which will have presentations in poster format, will be a combination of both text and graphics. The session will provide an opportunity for presenters to engage with participants in conversations around the content of the posters.
- **Exhibition:** Exhibitions will be held to showcase the outputs of different regional projects, and this will be an opportunity to disseminate knowledge products.
- **Parallel sessions:** To increase opportunities for intra- and inter-regional knowledge exchanges, parallel sessions with Power Point presentations will be conducted.
- **Panel Discussion:** The 4th day will be dedicated for panel discussion on selected Thematic areas (Investment and private sector engagement in BE Business, BE role in Regional Integration and next steps to enhance the contribution of Blue Economy).

Participants

The event Participants will be invited from all IGAD MS, selected MS from other region, RECs. UN Institutions, SwAM, Experts from Sweden, Norway, UK and other countries will be invited to share their experiences. About 150 participants are expected.

Expected Outputs and Results

The outputs of the discussions will be documented in form of a report of lessons and good practices for Blue Economy interventions.

In the medium term, it is expected that the stakeholders will incorporate these lessons into their interventions. Monitoring of their actions will be done by the IGAD Secretariat in collaboration with the AU-IBAR.

The share fair outputs will be disseminated through IGAD and AU-IBAR Platforms.

The knowledge exchange and dissemination of lessons learned and good practices is expected to result into:

- Increased information among stakeholders to inform and influence the development of future blue economy activities
- Outputs that could inform the development of future collaborative projects
- Dialogue with policy makers to influence decisions at different levels.

Meeting Venue and Location

The Blue Economy Knowledge Share fair is expected to be organized in Mombasa, Kenya on 13 to 16 June 2023.

Themes and Topics

- (1) Blue Economy Governance and Institutionalizations;
- (2) Biodiversity and Ecosystems;
- (3) Blue Economy Sectors,
- (4) Blue Economy and Regional Integration,
- (5) Blue Economy and Finance and
- (6) Climate change.

Parallel Session: Blue Economy (Draft Agenda) 13 June 2023 Day1

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER	
14.00	Overview of Djibouti BE	Djibouti BE Focal person	Exhibition Open
14.15	Overview of Ethiopia BE	Ethiopia BE Focal person	
14.30	Overview of Kenya BE	Kenya BE Focal person	
14.45	Overview of Somalia BE	Somalia BE Focal person	
15.00	Overview of South Sudan BE	South Sudan BE Focal person	
15.15	Overview of Sudan BE	Sudan BE Focal person	
<i>Health break</i>			
16.00	Overview of Uganda BE	Uganda BE Focal person	
16.15	IGAD Region Blue Economy	IGAD Program Manager	
16.30	Wrap-up and Takeaways	All	
End of Day 1			
DAY 2			Exhibition open
09.00	AUC Blue Economy	AUC Representative	
09.15	AUDA-NEPAD Blue Economy	AUDA/NEPAD Representative	
09.30	FAO-SFE Blue Economy	FAO-SFE Representative	
09.45	UNECA Blue Economy	UNECA Representative	
10.00	AfDB Blue Economy Financing	AfDB Representative	
<i>Health break</i>			
10.45	GIZ Blue Economy	GIZ Representative	
11.00	Nairobi Convention Blue Economy	NC Representative	
11.15	FISH4ACP Project-FAO	FISH4ACP Representative	
11.30	World Ocean Council Blue Economy	WOC Representative	
<i>Lunch</i>			
14.00	WWF Blue Economy	WWF Representative	
14.15	Wetland International Africa Blue Economy	WIA Representative	
14.30	UNESCO Blue Economy	Representative	
<i>Health break</i>			
15.15	Source to Sea- SwAM	SWAM Representative	
15.30	MSP-SwAM	SWAM Representative	
15.45	Gender and Blue Economy-SwAM	SWAM Representative	
End of Day 2			

Tentative List of Participants

No.	Member Countries & Organization	No. of Pax	Invited Person	Contact details / Email
1.	Djibouti	3	Permanent Secretary/Director responsible for BE Coordination	
			BENFP	
			University/Research Center of Excellence for BE (CERD)	
2.	Ethiopia	3	Permanent Secretary/Director responsible for BE Coordination	
			BE National FP	
			University/Research Center of Excellence for BE (Bahir Dar University)	
3.	Kenya	5	Permanent Secretary/Director responsible for BE Coordination	
			BE National FP	
			University/Research Center of Excellence for BE	
			CS BE	
			Governor Lamu	
			Governor Mombasa	
4.	Somalia	3	Permanent Secretary/Director responsible for BE Coordination	
			BE National FP	

			University/Research Center of Excellence for BE (City University, Mogadishu)	
5.	South Sudan	3	Permanent Secretary/Director responsible for BE Coordination BE National FP University/Research Center of Excellence for BE	
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