

WOMEN AND A CHANGING TIDE: HOW TO BREAK THE BIAS

Perspective from African small-scale fisheries

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Moderator

• Audun Lem – Deputy Director of FAO Fisheries Division

Introduction

 video message by Mr Bjørnar Skjæran, Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy, Norway

Equal rights - Gender Transformative Approach and its adoption in the field

• Jacqueline Kazembe, Deputy Director in the Department of Fisheries, Malawi

Women working together for equal voice

• Lillian Ibengwe, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, United Republic of Tanzania

Equal access to markets and technology for improved fish value chains and reduced time burden of women

• Mary Glover-Amengor, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Food Research Institute (CSIR-FRI), Ghana

Equal access to and management of productive resouces

• Margaret Nakato, Katosi Trust, Uganda – Winner of the 2020/21 FAO Margarita Lizzaraga Medal

Q&A

Closing

 H.E Jackline Yonga, Ambassador to Italy, the Republic of Kenya



In celebration of International Women's Day 2022 this event will highlight the role of women in small-scaler fisheries in Africa and feature actions to break the gender bias in small-scale fisheries. This event is timely, at the start of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022 and will set the scene for a series of events on gender and women's empowerment throughout fisheries and aquaculture value chains.

Acknowledging the role women play in fisheries, and the deep-rooted challenges they face is essential to constructing gender-based approaches to management, allowing and incentivizing women to engage in responsibilities all along the value chains. Through the progressive implementation and use of relevant international instruments, guidance and the implementation of Gender Transformative Approaches, policies should aim to secure women's access to, use of, voice in and tenure over resources, markets and leadership roles.

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