



## **Pledges and statements of support for the Shanghai Declaration**

### **AFRICAN UNION INTERAFRICAN BUREAU FOR ANIMAL RESOURCES (AU-IBAR) “AQUACULTURE NETWORK FOR AFRICA (ANAF) SECRETARIAT”**

AU-IBAR is the secretariat of the Aquaculture Network for Africa since the year 2018. **We subscribe to the proposed Shanghai Declaration.** AU-IBAR through AU Agenda 2063 is committed to the SDG in promoting responsible aquaculture development through implementation of the Africa Blue Economy Strategy (2020) and the Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (PFRS).

We are committed to fully operationalizing ANAF in which we plan to engage broader stakeholders through the World Aquaculture Society African Chapter meetings and discussions. We have partnered with the African Union endorsed Centers of Excellence in Fisheries and Aquaculture.

We are calling for **(i)** development of climate SMART aquaculture as SME's will be most susceptible to environmental degradation and impacts of climate change as outlined in the Regional Frameworks on Environmental Management for Sustainable Aquaculture Development **(ii)** embracing spatial planning in aquaculture development and few AU member states (AU MS) are already implementing Aquaculture Development Zones (ADZs) and Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) **(iii)** strengthening African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET) given important role played by women in the sector **(iv)** promoting the consumption of small pelagic fish for nutritional and food security in Africa **(v)** Conserving aquatic genetic resources and selective breeding of indigenous species **(vi)** implementing Regional aquatic animal disease control frameworks and capacitating Veterinary and Fisheries Officers utilizing the continental training manuals and field manual on fish disease detection, prevention and control **(vii)** continuous data collection through AU-IBAR Animal Resource Information System (ARIS) – Aquatic Animal Health Module **(viii)** implementing Guidelines for the Production, Transboundary Distribution and Trade of Aquatic Animal Seed and Brood-Stock as well as Aqua-feeds, Feed Ingredients and Feed Additives.

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