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**APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN  
FISHERIES REFORM MECHANISM (AFRM)**

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The Africa Union (AU), through its technical agencies African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), established a coherent AU-based continental platform -**The African Fisheries Reform Mechanism (AFRM)**- with the primary objective of facilitating the development, adoption and implementation of reforms in fishery governance and management that would contribute towards transforming Africa's fisheries from overexploitation and overcapitalization towards environmental, economic and social sustainability. The structure of the AFRM provides a platform for interrelated Working Groups for technical support in key governance and policy issues in the fisheries and aquaculture sector. The Working Groups are to provide vital policy analytic functions that would lead the think tank process and support Think Tank Executive Committee and the Advisory Council of the AFRM in coordination mechanism.

Following the endorsement of the Policy Framework and Strategy Reform (PFRS) for the African Fisheries and Aquaculture by the summit of African Heads of States and Governments in June 2014, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, AU-IBAR in collaboration with AUDA-NEPAD (then NPCA) initiated a meeting on 'Operationalizing the African Fisheries Reform Mechanism (AFRM)'. The Meeting, held in Naivasha, Kenya June, 2014, proposed seven Working Groups under the AFRM and developed their terms of reference.

As a follow up to the successes of FishGov1, the second phase, also with EU support, entitled "Enhancing sustainable fisheries management and aquaculture development in Africa: A programme for accelerated reform of the sector (FISHGOV2)" aimed at enhancing the contribution of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture to the achievement of the AU Agenda 2063's objectives, notably in terms of food security, livelihoods and wealth creation began in January 2021.

*Improving human health and wellbeing through better animal health, improved livestock trade and marketing*



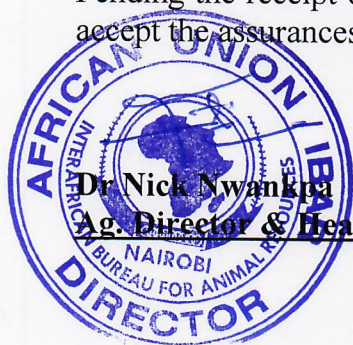
One of the key activities of the FishGov2 is transformation and restructure of the AFRM. To this effect the responsible STC-ARDWE has endorsed a new structure for the AFRM which has necessitated the reconstitution of the AFRM Advisory Council. A think tank consultative meeting was conducted on the 11-12 August 2021 to present functions of the revised AFRM, rationalize AFRM Working Groups; review the functions of the Think Tank Executive Committee, the Advisory Council and the criteria for membership and propose revised functions; review the functions of the Secretariat (formally CAMFA Secretariat) of the Sectoral Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (SCFA) and review the draft terms of reference for the SCFA and institutional linkages.

To this end, I am pleased to inform you that in consideration of your profile and expertise of Fisheries and Aquaculture you have been selected as a Member of the **Advisory Council of the AFRM**. Your membership is renewable every two years. The Functions of the **Advisory Council of the AFRM** are as follows;

The Advisory Council, comprising of a limited number of high-level experts, is responsible for the examination of policy options and the transformation of these as recommendations for the consideration of the Sectoral Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture. The Advisory Council fulfils the following functions:

- i. To act as the interface between policy synthesis (by the Executive Committee and SCFA).
- ii. To ensure that policy recommendations are appropriately articulated in preparation for SCFA meetings
- iii. Identify and advice on issues and upcoming events in international fisheries, aquaculture and related disciplines where the 'African Voice' needs to be articulated, increased and strengthened
- iv. In tandem with the SCFA Secretariat, will also support political advocacy and lobbying to facilitate adoption of policy recommendations by SCFA.
- v. Advisory Council and the SCFA Secretariat will foster and strengthen partnerships, linkages and coherence with other non-AFRM partners.
- vi. Should develop resource mobilization mechanisms to support the AFRM.
- vii. Initiate independent performance evaluation of the various organs of the AFRM.
- viii. And any other functions deemed appropriate.

Pending the receipt of your acknowledgement of this letter and acceptance to this offer, please accept the assurances of the consideration of my highest regards.



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