

FORMATION OF AQUACULTURE NETWORK FOR EAST AFRICA, OLASIT GARDEN,

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- A special meeting of Aquaculture Professionals from three member countries of the East African Community (Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda) was convened by Prof. Sebastian Chenyambuga of Sokoine University (SUA) Morogoro, Tanzania
- The meeting commenced by introducing important issues to be discussed. These issues formed the basis for establishing the network (referred to as (ANEA)).
- Such issues listed in form of questions were:
 1. Do we need a network?
 2. What type of network?
 3. What will be its name?
 4. Where will be the headquarter and what is the logo of the network?
 5. Functions of the network?
 6. What will be done to ensure sustainability of the network?
 7. What will be the membership criteria?
 8. When will the network start?
 9. What is the proposed management?
- To accomplish the discussion, two groups of professionals were randomly formulated and 30 minutes were allowed for each group to discuss and come up with a proposal on the issues mentioned above.
- A joint discussion thereafter followed to merge the 2 proposals into one complete draft proposal for formation of Aquaculture Network for East Africa.

The following agreements were made with regard to those issues raised above:

1. Need for a network – YES, we need the network
2. Type of network – The network should be a professional body
3. Name – The name of the network will be Aquaculture Network for East Africa (ANEA)
4. Headquarters – The network headquarter will be at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Morogoro, Tanzania. Logo to be decided later.
5. Functions:
 - a. Promotion of aquaculture best management practices (ABMPs)
 - b. Sharing of experiences
 - c. Developing Technology and innovation
 - d. Capacity building
 - e. Information exchange
6. Sustainability
 - a. Subscription fees
 - b. Share donations
 - c. Fund raising

7. Membership/eligibility criteria
 - a. Membership
 - i. National research institutions
 - ii. Universities dealing with aquaculture
 - iii. Professional associations
 - b. Eligibility
 - i. Legally recognized states of East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda)
8. Starting of the network
 - a. 6-month preparation through consultative meetings (EAC) by experts from the institutions and council of ministers.
9. Management
 - a. Working group (Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania)
 - b. National representatives (initially one from each country)
 - i. Uganda – Dr. Mathew Mwanja
 - ii. Kenya – Prof. Charles Ngugi
 - iii. Tanzania – Mr. Enock Mlaponi
 - c. Interim Leaders of the network
 - i. Chairman – Prof. Sebastian Chenyambuga - Tanzania
 - ii. Secretary – Prof. Julius Manyala - Kenya
 - iii. Treasurer – Prof. Charles Masembe - Uganda
 - d. Terms of reference:
 - i. Working group
 - Important: Come up with modalities of the professional body and articles of association by December 31st 2015

There being no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.