

# SAMUDRA

**for Accra**

INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIVE IN SUPPORT OF FISHWORKERS



## WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Inauguration and introductions
- SSF access to resources
- Group discussions
- Dinner and cultural programme

## Welcome message

ICSF is organizing four regional workshops and women's exchanges in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe in partnership with fishworker organizations in these regions. The Africa workshop is the third in the series after the Asia and Latin American regional workshop. The overall goal of these workshops are to strengthen the recognition of small-scale fisheries' crucial contributions to global food security and nutrition and reiterate the importance of tenure rights, social development and gender equality in the sector.

*SAMUDRA for Accra*, published daily during the workshops, brings you programme updates, interviews with participants and short articles on SSF in the region.

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## AKWAABA &BA ACCRA!

Welcome to Accra! Welcome to ICSF and TESCOD Africa Workshop celebrating sustainable and equitable small-scale fisheries.



## REPRESENTATION

- Participants from 16 Countries
- Representation from 32 SSF organizations
- 45 Participants
  - 24 Women
  - 21 Men

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# Overview of the Workshop

The Africa Regional Workshop following the International Year of Artisanal Fishing and Aquaculture, 2022 is intended to ignite discussions in tenure rights, social development and gender equality in SSF and assess the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in the region. The broad objectives of the workshop are;

- To increase international engagement of fishworker organizations regarding food security, access rights, gender equality, and social development issues.
- To deepen cooperation between fishworkers and like-minded organizations.

- To amplify the voices of women in the inclusive development of small-scale fisheries.
- To provide a platform for networking and sharing of best practices to build resilience

The workshop includes three days of intense group discussions and presentations along with a day of field visit to field trip to Tsokomey for an experience sharing session with Densu Oyster Pickers Association (DOPA) and a photo exhibition portraying women in fisheries.

The programme chart and further details of the workshop could be found at the workshop webpage : <https://www.icsf.net/resources/africa-workshop-iyafa-2023/>

## The Organizers

### Technical Services for Community Development (TESCOD)

TESCOD is an NGO with a focus on human rights-based approach to sustainable management of resources; particularly small-scale fisheries. TESCOD works with communities and organisations to build the capacity of their members through self-helps, education and training; and facilitates access to support services. Policy interventions in SSF have become an important focal area since the adoption of the FAO SSF Guidelines in 2014. for TESCOD.

### International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)

ICSF is an international NGO that works towards the establishment of equitable, gender-just, self-reliant and

sustainable fisheries, particularly in the small-scale, artisanal sector.

As a support organization, ICSF is committed to influence national, regional and international decision-making processes in fisheries so that the importance of small-scale fisheries, fishworkers and fishing communities is duly recognized.

## Who's at the workshop

- 1 Union Nationale des Pêcheurs Marins Artisans et Assimilés du Bénin (UNAPEMAB), Bénin
- 2 USCOFEPECI, Côte d'Ivoire
- 3 Fédération Nationale de la Pêche Artisanale de Djibouti, Djibouti
- 4 Gambia Fisher Folk Association
- 5 National Association of Artisanal Fisheries Operations, The Gambia
- 6 KNUST, Ghana
- 7 Development Action Association (DAA), Ghana

- 8 Densu Oyster Pickers Association (DOPA), Ghana
- 9 Ghana National Canoe Fishermen Council (GNCFC), Ghana
- 10 Central & Western Fishmongers Association (CEWEFIA), Ghana
- 11 National Fish Processors & Traders Association (NAFPTA), Ghana
- 12 National Inland Canoe Fishermen Council (NICFC), Ghana
- 13 Canoe & Fishing Gear Owners Association of Ghana (CaFGOAG)
- 14 El Molo Forum, Kenya
- 15 Fédération Nationale des Pêches (FNP) de Mauritanie, Mauritanie
- 16 Fishermen & Women Association of Lagos State, Nigeria
- 17 Amuludun Multipurpose Cooperative Society (Youth), Epe, Nigeria
- 18 Host Oil and Gas Community Women Association, Ughelli, Nigeria
- 19 Lake Chad Basin Fisheries Association of Nigeria
- 20 Collectif Nationale Des Pêcheurs Artisanaux du Sénégal
- 21 Association des Pêcheurs de la Commune Rurale de Mangagoulack, Senegal
- 22 Seychelles Fishermen and Boat Owners Association
- 23 Sierra Leone Artisanal Fishermen's Union (SLAFU)
- 24 Masifundise Development Trust, South Africa
- 25 South African Artisanal Organization, South Africa
- 26 Tanzania Women Fishworkers Association (TAWFA), Tanzania
- 27 Environmental Management & Economic Development Association (EMEDO), Tanzania
- 28 Fédération Nationale des Unions des Coopératives de Pêches du Togo (FENUCOOPETO), Togo
- 29 Union des Coopératives de Pêche Maritime (UNICOOPEMA), Togo
- 30 Association Tunisienne pour le Développement de la Pêche Artisanale (ATEDPA), Tunisia
- 31 Katosi Women Development Trust, Uganda
- 32 Kiyindi Women Fish Processors Association / UWFA, Uganda

## Voices of Women



### Ake Viviane Dompedan, USCOFEPECI, Côte d'Ivoire

I am very happy to be here in Ghana since I believe that these workshops will help women to build their capacity and also to bring visibility to the work they do. I joined USCOFEPECI as a member in 2016. My membership in the organization has helped me immensely to gain a lot of information, gave me opportunity to travel and meet other women in SSF and discuss our common challenges thereby building a solidarity to find solutions to our problems. Women are an integral part of SSF, they are the start and end of the SSF- women sponsor men when they

go fishing- in terms of finding financial resources for them, preparing food and when they are back after fishing, women sell their fish or process them and pay the money to men. Women's role is prominent both in pre and post harvest fisheries; yet their role is not valued in many contexts and we are invisible. We need access rights to places of our use and access to technology and infrastructure that will support our work. I hope that the workshop discusses these issues immensely to support us to identify mechanisms to mitigate these issues.

### THE SSF WATCH

**Ghana:** Small-scale fishing activities are deeply rooted in Ghanaian culture and are a key source of livelihoods and nutrition, both in coastal and riparian areas of the country. It is estimated that the small-scale fisheries sector in Ghana employs over 90 percent of total marine fishers in the country. Post harvest losses due to wastage, lack of effective participation in the decision making process are the major challenges faced by SSF in Ghana.

**Uganda:** The small-scale fisheries subsector plays a critical role in the provision of livelihoods and food security in Uganda. Ugandan small-scale fisheries operate exclusively in inland waters. The fisheries sector contributes 2 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) and 12 percent to agricultural GDP. The development of appropriate post-harvest infrastructure is a major challenge faced by SSF in the country.

**Tanzania:** The United Republic of Tanzania is a frontrunner in the implementation of the SSF Guidelines at country level with the development of a National Plan of Action for the Implementation of the SSF Guidelines. Small-scale fishers in Tanzania produce around 400, 000 tonnes per year.

**Sierra Leone:** Small-scale fisheries play a very important role in national food security and nutrition in Sierra Leone guaranteeing livelihoods and as a source of income for many people. The sectors include approximately 18 000 artisanal fishermen and over 11 000 fishing canoes. The artisanal fisheries account for about 80 percent of the total marine fish landings.



Photo portraying SSF in Ghana



## ICEBREAKERS IN GHANA

- Hello- Agoɔ (A-go)
- Good Morning-mema mo akye (mema mō ache)
- How are you- Ete sɛn? (Ete sern?)
- What is your name- Wo din de sɛn?

## Message from the Host



I welcome you all the IYafa Africa Regional workshop and am

happy to host you all in Accra.

Small scale fisheries has an important role in ensuring food security in Ghana and around three million people are dependent on SSF. However, the declining catch has been emerging as a major threat for SSF communities, having an implication on their social development indicators. Yet, Ghana is very particular in its efforts to sustain SSF through policy action and involvement of CSOs. The co-management policy on sustainable resource management and interventions on education, especially within the framework of SSF Guidelines are few of the finest examples of such efforts. We have a lot to learn from each other and let's hope that this workshop is an avenue for the representatives of SSF from the 16 African countries to come together and identify potential solutions for the issues grappling the SSF in the region.

## IYafa Africa Workshop 2023



Forty five participants from 16 African countries convened together at Accra, Ghana to attend the African regional workshop: Celebrating sustainable and equitable fisheries from 15-18 February 2023.

## Workshop webpage!

ICSF has launched a dedicated webpage on its new website, with resources, publications and useful information on SSF in the region. Visit the Africa Workshop page here:

<https://www.icsf.net/resources/africa-workshop-iyafa-2023/>

## ON THE AGENDA OF WORKSHOP

- Social development of SSF
- Women and gender in SSF
- Group discussions
- Panels and concluding remarks
- Workshop Statement

