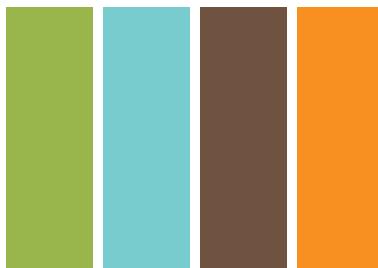




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What is it?

The Partnership for African Fisheries (PAF) is a programme of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). PAF works to improve the sustainability of Africa's fisheries and improve the returns provided by this sector. PAF is working towards supporting and implementing earlier African fisheries instruments targeting reform. These include the Abuja Declaration (NEPAD, 2005); the NEPAD Action Plan (2005); and the regional economic integration policies of the RECs such as the SADC Protocol on Fisheries (2001). PAF will be incorporated into CAADP.

Why is it needed?

Global mismanagement, illegal fishing and poor subsidies amount to over \$1 billion of loss of wealth every year in the Africa fisheries industry. Fishery resources are of great social and economic value to Africa, but are not utilized to their full potential. About 200 million people – 30% of the continent's population - eat fish as their main source of animal protein and micro-nutrition.

Fisheries also provide livelihoods for over ten million Africans, many of whom are small-scale operators supplying food to local and sub-regional markets. Aquaculture is one of the fastest growing food-producing sectors in the world, currently contributing to close to 50% of the global fish supply. Although it contributes only two percent of the total fish production in Africa, aquaculture is increasing its significance to food security, particularly to rural and small-scale farmers.

Its benefits

The international trade in fish and fish products is fast expanding, valued at over \$ 92 billion, with developing countries accounting for 50% of all fish exports. Africa has an enormous coastline and inland waters, and accounts for 9.6 million tonnes, of which 5.5 million tonnes comes from marine fisheries, 2.7 million tonnes from inland fisheries and 1.4 million tonnes from aquaculture.

The Partnership for African Fisheries aids growth in the fisheries sector. Africa can gain substantially by improving fishery policies and governance structures, enhancing the wealth of this valuable and renewable natural asset. Reforms will ensure the continued benefit from fishery resources, leading to greater returns that will stimulate economic growth and provide pathways out of poverty across the continent. The primary impact of PAF is on the marginalized - through increasing the role that fisheries play in food and nutrition security and generating economic growth.

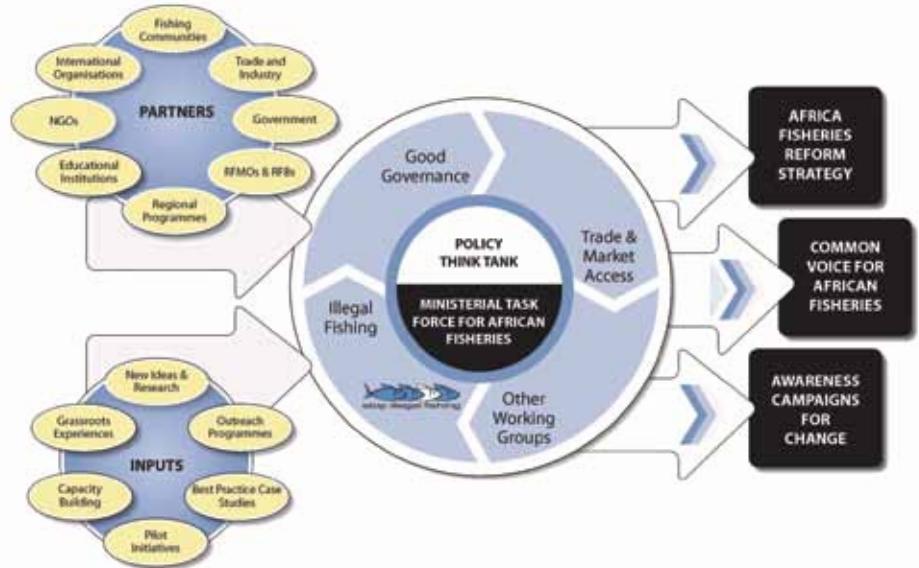




It works

How it works

PAF aims to support an emerging political cadre in defining processes that will strengthen Africa's capacity to consider, determine and put in place responsive reforms in fisheries governance and trade. Reforms are needed not only to ensure these benefits are sustained, but also to generate and sustain wealth from fisheries.



To achieve its aim, PAF promotes a think-tank approach to encourage transparent and home-grown advice for the fisheries sector. Working groups which have been established in 5 key policy areas encouraging the exchange of ideas and proven solutions in:

- 1) Good governance
- 2) Illegal fishing
- 3) Trade and access to markets
- 4) Aquaculture
- 5) Finance and investment in fisheries and aquaculture

The working groups draw on experience from: Fishing communities; industry; government; educational institutions, and technical experts.



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