  

Internship Opportunity; - Fish Trade Program in Africa - NEPAD Regional FISH Node LUANAR Bunda campus

**Introduction**

The WorldFish Center with the funding from the European Commission (EC) has joined efforts with AU-IBAR and NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), to implement a programme called “*Improving Food Security and Reducing Poverty through Intra-regional Fish Trade in Sub-Saharan Africa*” (also referred to as FishTrade Project). The Fish Trade Program aims to improve food and nutritional security and reduce poverty in sub-Saharan Africa by enhancing the capacities of regional and pan-African organizations to support their member states to better integrate intra-regional fish trade into their development and food security policy agendas. The Program works within the four corridors in Africa (Western, Southern, Eastern and Central) and one of the aims of the project is to Generate information on the structure, products and value of intra-regional fish trade in food security in Sub Saharan Africa and make it available to stakeholders.

The Program responds to the potential of Africa’s intra-regional fish trade in addressing the region’s food and nutrition insecurity, as well as poverty reduction through wealth creation which has been overlooked and neglected in national and regional policy. As a result, intra-regional fish trade has largely remained informal, with substantial volumes traded by artisanal and small – medium enterprises, mostly by women.

African Union and its Regional Economic Communities (RECs) have therefore prioritized strengthening of regional trade and have identified fish and fish products as key commodities for investment and policy support. This is evidenced in the African Union Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture document which clearly aims to “*Promote responsible and equitable fish trade and marketing by significantly harnessing the benefits of Africa’s fisheries and aquaculture endowments through accelerated trade and marketing”*.

**Nature of Internship**

This internship program forms part of the mentorship program of the WFC and The LUANAR Fish Node which aims at building the capacities of the youth and young professionals in Africa through active engagement in the program implementation process. This is based on the assumption that there exist huge volumes of data on fish trade in Africa which can offer valuable insights into the implementation of the fish trade project but needs to be unlocked. And also there exists potentially active young graduates, intelligent, with high competency of unlocking existing data from elsewhere and make meaning out of it through extensive literature review.

Hence the project will capitalize on that by engaging three interns for one month to conduct to assist in conducting a desk/literature-based analysis (case studies) on:

* Routes, dynamics, trends, and magnitude of intra-regional trade of fish and fish products in sub-Saharan Africa
* Impact of the growing fish supply gap on fish consumption and food security of different groups -with a particular focus on the recent food crisis and its effects on income-poor
* Analysis of aquaculture input supply chains, including feed, seed and production technologies;
* Constraints and barriers affecting intra-Africa fish trade
* Food safety and post-harvest issues, with a focus on low-value dried, smoked and salted fish.
* Certification procedures for fish and fish products from capture fisheries and aquaculture.
* Case studies and technical audits on certification and food safety compliance by commercial aquaculture producers in selected African countries.

This extensive literature review shall also also inform the field work to be carried out.

**Eligibility**

The eligible candidate is expected to;

* Be a graduate, or one who has just completed his or her degree program waiting for graduation but with a Cumulative GPA of not less than 3.0 or its equivalent grade at the last semester for which grades are available.
* Have a proven background of Economics, International Trade, Aquaculture and Fisheries Economics, or GIS
* Be a Malawian resident
* Be a subscribed member of Youth for Fish Program (YFFP), or register with youth for fish program which has a membership fee of MK7000. To register, download the forms on afri-fishnet website at [www.afri-fishnet.org](http://www.afri-fishnet.org) or visit this **blog** [**https://fishnode.wordpress.com/e-library**](https://fishnode.wordpress.com/e-library)**. Please ensure that you send a scanned copy of deposit slip or bring it in person to Fish-Node office at LUANAR, Bunda campus.**

**Selection Criteria**

The selection of candidates shall be done through a rigorous exercise, consisting of independent reviewers. The basis of selection shall be made on academic merit and the shortlisted candidates will be called for interviews.

**How to Apply**

The candidates must send their copies of certificates, or proof of grades and GPA, a short CV (maximum 2 pages) and a motivation letter expressing clearly why they think they are best candidates.

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The applications shall be addressed to

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