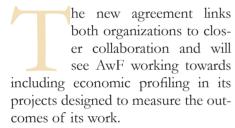
### NEWS FROM

## AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS

## AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP TO BENEFIT AQUACULTURE

The African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) will partner with volunteer aid organization Aquaculture without Frontiers (AwF) to improve outcomes in disadvantaged communities by focusing efforts



Dr. Edward Mabava, President of AAAE, on signing the agreement said, "AAAE has a vast network of agricultural economists working across Africa. Through this agreement, we will tap into this network to provide applied research support in areas such as impact assessment, value chain analysis, monitoring and evaluation of aquaculture projects."

He added, 'By shining a spotlight on this under-researched topic we hope to produce key research outputs that will shape public policies as well as investment priorities the essential nutrients and vitamins currently for aquaculture development."

'It makes sense to have pre- and postproject economic assessment factored into our projects and programs. Whilst we are confident that our work is improving the nutrition and health within communities and fostering social development, it will be important to have the economic data to support this," said AwF's long-standing director, Dave Conley when meeting Dr. Mabaya at the productivity of African agricul-Cornell University.

"We believe that by collaborating with like-minded organizations such as AAAE, we will be able to make major contributions



Dr. Edward Mabaya, President of AAAE, and David Conley, AwF long-standing director.



to our mission's main objectives. We have always aimed to be a catalyst for change through supporting responsible and sustainable aquaculture. In the decades to come, aquaculture

is one of the main keys which will underpin the future health of all humans by providing missing from many diets, and at an affordable price," added Conley.

AAAE is an association of agricultural economists and other professionals with special interest in agricultural economic issues and affairs, working in agriculture and broadly related fields of applied economics, and issues related to policy and improving ture. Full details of the organization can be seen at www.aaae-africa.org.

Aquaculture is an important agri-







Roy Palmer, AwF President and Executive

reasons and the opportunity of both organizations collaborating to assist the development of aquaculture in a mature sustainable fashion is clearly of benefit to Africa and the people of

This agreement is the result of long-term discussions between AAAE General Secretary, Jeffers Miruka, and AwF President and Executive Director, Roy Palmer.

#### Pardon our Progress - AwF Women/Gender

The Women in Aquaculture session at the World Aquaculture Conference in Adelaide in June 2014 was the catalyst for establishing the Aquaculture without Frontiers (AwF) Women/Gender Network. The Network has grown to culture activity for Africa for so many a 600+ membership but like all vol-



unteer groups the Network ebbs and flows based on the efforts of a small core of people. Anyone can easily join in discussions and get information by com/groups/awfwomen.

ture Society-Asia Pacific Chapter for assist with accommodation and travel. the donation of USD \$500 in return Additionally, WAS-APC will provide for AwF facilitating the selection pro-registration for the event. cess of their Travel Award for Women's Participation at APA17 in Kuala Lumpur 24-27 July 2017. WAS-APC is providing the opportunity for fe- On March 3th, a collaboration agreemale aquaculture professionals to at-

tend Asia Pacific Aquaculture 2017 from 24-27 July 2017. Funding for this opportunity is provided by WAS-APC, and Aquaculture without Fronnetworking at https://www.facebook. tiers is facilitating the selection process. There will be two (2) US\$ 600 AwF thanks the World Aquacul- grants available which are aimed to

#### **CONACOPP** and UTMarT sign collaboration agreement

ment was signed between CONA-

COOP and the Technological Ocean University of Tamaulipas (UTMarT), with the goal of further professionalizing the national fisheries and aquaculture sector in Mexico. The signing ceremony was attended by: C.P. Raúl Ruiz Villegas, Secretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Government of the State of Tamaulipas; Dr. Antonio Garza de Yta, Rector of the Technological Ocean University of Tamaulipas Bicentennial; Ing. Marcelo Fernández Franco, Director of Hunting Promotion and Sport Fishing of the Government of Tamaulipas; MVZ. Armando Castro Real, National President of CONACOOP: Mr. Roy Palmer, President and CEO of Aquaculture without Frontiers, as well as representatives from a number of state cooperatives. This event provided an opportunity to show the guests the facilities of the University, its equipment and the activities associated with different career path disciplines.

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