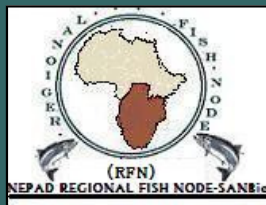




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# NEPAD REGIONAL FISH NODE-SANBio Newsletter

## Bunda College Launches Two Regional PhD Programs and The NEPAD-Universities Fisheries Network for Africa (FISHNET)

Two regional PhD programs and the NEPAD-Fisheries Network for Africa (FISHNET) were officially launched at Bunda College on 15th February 2009 by the Honorable Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Honorable Margaret Mauwa (MP). The PhD programs of 'Agricultural and Resource Economics' and 'Aquaculture and Fisheries Science' are some of the Regional Programs launched under Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a consortium of 25 Universities in Eastern and Southern Africa established in 2004.

The NEPAD-Fisheries Network (FISHNET) has been formed to build Africa's critical mass of fisheries scientists to adequately undertake various important functions along the value chain of fisheries and aquaculture from production to marketing and trade.

The Network will also facilitate information and resource sharing; policy dialogue; networking with strategic partners and resource mobilization, to address challenges holding back aquaculture and fisheries research and development in Africa. The FISHNET meeting was supported by CTA, BecANet, Partnership for African Fisheries (PAF) and Bunda College.

The network is expected to work with the NEPAD Program 'Partnership for African Fisheries' (PAF) which is designated to develop fisheries reforms in Africa. PAF will receive about US\$10.7 million from the UK Department for International Development (DFID), according to the senior fisheries advisor at DFID, Tim Bostock.

Other related articles can be accessed on [www.scidev.net/en/news](http://www.scidev.net/en/news) (26 February 2010) and Malawi's Local Newspaper, The Sunday Times of February 28, 2010.



The Honorable Deputy Minister Margaret Mauwa (center) views aquaculture displays during the launch.



Participants of the FISHNET meeting



PhD Student makes a poster presentation to Honorable Margaret Mauwa (Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Food Security)

## SARNISSA HOLDS ITS SECOND PLANNING & STAKEHOLDERS MEETING



The Sustainable Aquaculture Research Networks in Sub-Saharan Africa (SARNISSA) is a three year (2009-2011) project with a consortium of 8 partners from Africa, Europe and Asia, Bunda College of Agriculture (Malawi), IRAD (Cameroon), ETC Netherlands., CIRAD (France), World Fish Center (Egypt), CABI (UK), Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand), Institute of Aquaculture and University of Stirling (Coordinator UK). The project is aimed at initiating regular communication among stakeholders in Aquaculture.

As SARNISSA was entering into its second year of operation the planning and stakeholders meetings were held.

The planning meeting was held at Bunda College from 8-9 February and the stakeholders meeting was held on 10-11 February 2010 at Korea Gardens in Lilongwe. "The SARNISSA stakeholders workshop provided a great opportunity for fish farmers, researchers, government, NGOs and many others to get together to share experiences, said William Leschen, SARNISSA Coordinator from University of Stirling (UK). The workshop

brought together a wide range of stakeholders and partners from Uganda, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, south Africa, Thailand, Netherlands, France and UK. The last day of the stakeholders workshop was constructively spent on a proposal writing/development training. ([www.sarnissa.org](http://www.sarnissa.org))



**Two Fish  
Biodiversity  
Scholarships  
Up for Grabs  
for SADC  
Member  
Countries**

### Regional Fisheries/Biodiversity and Related Masters Scholarships

The NEPAD- Southern Africa Network for Bio Sciences (SANBio) is implementing the Finnish-South African Partnership Programme known as "BioFISA" which will enable SANBio to roll out its Business Plan in the SADC region over a period of three years. For effective implementation, the BioFISA Programme is divided into five interlinked components among them is the R & D Projects. The NEPAD/SANBio-Regional Fish Node at Bunda College, University of Malawi is implementing one of the eight R & D priority projects focusing on securing fish biodiversity found in some of the large inland water bodies in Southern Africa.

The NEPAD/SANBio-Fish Node is pleased to announce two scholarships in Fish Genetics available not later than April 2010. The scholarships are tenable at the University of Malawi, Bunda College and the University of Zambia (UNZA) or the Copperbelt University (CBU) in Zambia. Bright young

men and women from the SANBio Network Region (Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe) are encouraged to apply for these two-year prestigious scholarships.

The candidates will have been admitted for an MSc in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science, Fish Biodiversity or related fields in one of the following Universities: University of Malawi (Bunda College) (email: [dadeka@yahoo.com](mailto:dadeka@yahoo.com)), University of Zambia (UNZA) and Copperbelt University (CBU) (email: [katon-go1960@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katon-go1960@yahoo.co.uk)). The applications should include copies of admission letters from the stated Universities, Academic transcripts, Letters of recommendation from two academic referees and full Curriculum Vitae. The scholarship covers costs of travel, tuition, board and lodging, research and stipend. Applications should be submitted to [fish-node@yahoo.com](mailto:fish-node@yahoo.com) by 30th March 2010.

### AWARD Fellowships: Call for 2010 Applications!

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD), is a project of the CGIAR Gender & Diversity Program.

AWARD offers tailored, two-year fellowships designed to fast-track the careers of African women scientists and professionals delivering pro-poor agricultural research and development that benefits rural communities, especially women.

The AWARD Fellowships include a series of career development resources designed to strengthen science/professional

skills, augment leadership abilities, enhance visibility and networking and increase opportunities to share newly acquired skills, inspiring the next generation of African women agricultural researchers and professionals.

This is the third year AWARD is again offering the fellowship opportunities to African women in the following disciplines; Agricultural economics, Agricultural engineering, Agronomy, Animal and livestock sciences, Aquatic resources and fisheries, Biodiversity conservation, Crop sciences, Ecology, Entomology, Extension

education, Food sciences and nutrition, Forestry and agroforestry, Horticulture, Molecular biology (plant/animal breeding), Natural resources management, Plant/animal virology, Soil sciences, Veterinary sciences, Water and irrigation management.

AWARD is calling for applications from women with a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. By March 22, 2010. Application forms can be downloaded at [www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/resource/award.asp](http://www.genderdiversity.cgiar.org/resource/award.asp)

