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Sustainable Agri-Food Systems Intelligence
SCIENCE - POLICY INTERFACE

Science-Policy Lab on transformations to more sustainable aquatic foods systems



On the 15th of October, we will facilitate a day of interactive discussions in the form of a “**Science-Policy Lab**” (S-PoL) in Mombasa. The workshop is part of the Initiative “Sustainable Agri-Food Systems Intelligence – Science-Policy Interface” (SASI-SPI), and is arranged in partnership and hosted by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI).

The theme of this S-PoL will be “*Strategies for improving food security, nutritional outcomes, livelihoods and gender equality for small-scale actors in fisheries and aquaculture through the aquatic food system*”. During the S-PoL, we will bring together participants from diverse stakeholder groups in the region, who are involved in small-scale fishing and/or small-scale aquaculture, to share their perspectives on current opportunities and challenges in aquatic food systems. This includes participants from production and producer organizations (representing different women and men fish value chain actors), from the private sector such as trading, manufacturing, retailing and exporting of fish, from civil society and non-governmental organizations, from government organizations/policymaking, and from research.

Purpose: We will discuss different policy options and their trade-offs (both positive and negative) for improving food security, nutritional outcomes, livelihoods and gender equality for small-scale actors in fisheries and aquaculture, from the perspectives of diverse aquatic food system actors.

Outcome: The insights from the S-PoL will be summarized and incorporated into a larger report together with results from parallel S-PoLs in other regions. Together these will constitute a valuable foundation for improved information on how to operationalize transformations towards more sustainable aquatic food systems.

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The **Sustainable Agri-Food Systems Intelligence - Science Policy Interface (SAsi-SPI)** is a five-year initiative supported by the European Commission (DG-INTPA F3) which is led by Agrinatura; an alliance of European universities and research organizations focusing on agricultural research and capacity development. The objective of the initiative is to support transitions towards more sustainable aquatic and agri-food systems in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The project management unit, which is responsible for the overall coordination and implementation, is led by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). The project builds on the Food System Assessments Initiative developed by the European Union (EU), The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Cooperation Centre of Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD). More information can be found at:

<https://www.slu.se/en/collaboration/international/slu-global/projects-and-themes/programmes/sasi-spi/>

The **Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI)** is SASi-SPI's national partner in co-organizing and hosting this Science-to-Policy-Lab in Mombasa. KMFRI's mission is to generate and disseminate scientific information for sustainable development of the Blue Economy by undertaking research in marine and freshwater fisheries, aquaculture, environmental and ecological studies, and marine research including chemical and physical oceanography. More information can be found at <https://www.kmfri.go.ke/>

