



# 14<sup>TH</sup> AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA MEETING

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The Organizing Committee have received many interesting abstract submissions that will fall within categories ranging from Breeding, Genetics, Integrated Aquaculture, Animal Health, Nutrition, Feed to Policy & Development.

We are pleased to confirm that the following keynote speakers will be part of the Aquaculture Conference programme:



**Dr Nick Moody (Australia)** — Group Leader for Aquatic Diagnostic Capacity, CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL). Nick has 25 years of research & diagnostic experience and joined the Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness (ACDP) Fish Diseases Laboratory (AFDL) in 2008, where he has been responsible for diagnostic and research capability, including test development, validation and implementation for emerging and exotic disease preparedness and response capability. He has been involved in Australian national emergency responses for abalone herpesvirus (AbHV), ostreid herpesvirus (OsHV-1), new yellow head virus (YHV) complex genotypes, Bonamia exitiosa, acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease (AHPND)-like bacterial strains and white spot syndrome virus (WSSV). Dr Moody will provide a keynote on **“Preparing for transboundary aquatic animal diseases: the importance of appropriately evaluated and validated diagnostic assays and establishing effective laboratory networks”**



**Prof John Bolton (South Africa)** — Emeritus Professor and Senior Research Scholar in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town. John has an international reputation for research into the aquaculture of seaweeds, and the integrated aquaculture of seaweeds with marine invertebrates. Along with wider interests in seaweed diversity, ecology, systematics, and resource use, he has worked in aquaculture since growing and hybridising European kelps 40 years ago. He is an author on around 150 scientific publications, as well as two books and a website on South African seaweed diversity. Prof. Bolton will provide a keynote on **“The seaweed revolution in the western hemisphere: Just hype or the future of marine aquaculture”**



**Dr John Walakira (Uganda)** — First President-Elect for the WAS-African Chapter (2019). Through various R&D activities, John has contributed immensely to the development of aquaculture in Uganda and East Africa region since 1999. He is presently a committee member on aquatic animal health management within the African Union; a member of the Scientific Committee for Lake Victoria Basin (2017 – 2020); Program Leader: Innovation and Post-Harvest Fisheries; and various other research initiatives and leadership roles within the NARO, Uganda. Dr Walakira will provide a keynote on **“Overview of African aquaculture and the role of WAS-African Chapter in regional aquaculture development”**



**Ms George Barrett (Head of Trade Programming Southern Africa, Economic Growth Team, British High Commission, Pretoria)** — George is Head of Trade Programming and the FCDO Lead for the UK's Flagship Trade Forward Southern Africa (TFSA) Programme, with two decades of experience spanning academia, policy development and programming. Before joining the BHC, George took up a position as an International Relations and Critical Security Studies Lecturer at Rhodes University and as an academic consultant, focusing on Sustainable Development. Since joining the BHC in 2017, George and her team have been working closely with Govt. and private sector stakeholders across the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and Mozambique in the coordination of the UK's trade development programming and policy alignment, which aims to contribute directly to more inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction. Ms Barret will share a keynote with Mr Hinrichsen on **“Meeting the Standards and Regulations to Access EU Markets with Southern Africa Aquaculture Products”**



**Mr Etienne Hinrichsen (Aquaculture Expert, Southern Africa)** — Etienne is a graduate of Stellenbosch University and has worked widely in African aquaculture development for 25 years. He has consulted in various countries in aspects such as aquaculture policy and strategy development and has written a range of aquaculture guidelines, tools, business plans and more. He previously served as chairman of the Aquaculture Association of Southern Africa, serves in the Advisory Council of the African Fisheries Reform Mechanism (AFRM) and regularly consults on other aquaculture projects of the African Union. He is active in the African Chapter of the World Aquaculture Society, he heads the sector networking platform known as Aquaculture Africa Magazine, has acted as a technical lead on projects of Trade Forward Southern Africa and leads the aquaculture business component of the EU funded TrueFish project in East Africa.

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