

**ASEM AQUACULTURE PLATFORM WP7:
EMPOWERING VULNERABLE STAKEHOLDER
GROUPS WORKSHOP
BY
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Introduction

- Poverty is high in small scale fish farming communities.
- Men and women both play significant but usually different roles in aquaculture activities.
- However, women's roles in aquatic food production are usually invisible, and women have often been left out in training, policy formulation and implementation despite their significant roles.
- Addressing gender issues in fish farming communities can result in empowering both men and women towards sustainable development.

Strategies

- The strength of the knowledge and skills of those facilitating change among poor fish farming families and community can be one of the contributing factors towards empowering the weakest stakeholders.
- Development strategies must take into consideration gender issues, particularly women's role, and women should be involved in the development process.

Grant

- The workshop is one of the work packages under the AqASEM09 (Asia–Europe Meeting Aquaculture Platform)
- A European Commission supported project under the 7th frame work programme (FP7)
- Cooperation Theme: Food, Agriculture, Fisheries and Biotechnologies.

Coordinator and Research Partner

- Coordinated by Ghent University, Belgium
- Participating European and Asian institutions/organizations
- the project intends to work out an action-oriented agenda for co-operation and to develop a multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue, networking and continued coordination concerning sustainable aquaculture between EU and Asia.



Objectives

Through its different stakeholders the platform aims to:

1. reconcile ecological and socio-economic demands and introduce or consolidate concepts of sustainability in aquaculture development in both regions.
2. The platform connects experts, the public and policy-makers by disseminating knowledge up to policy levels as well as down to farmers or consumers.

Objectives (cont..)

3. Share country experiences and best practices regarding poverty eradication and gender issues in aquatic food production.
4. Increase knowledge and skills in gender analysis and gender mainstreaming in aquatic food production.
5. To identify strategies to promote appropriate technologies and greater women participation for vulnerable groups in aquatic food production.
6. To develop action plans towards empowering poor farmers and women in aquatic food production.

Methodology

- The workshop will adopt participatory and integrative approaches to enable full and effective participation.
- The main topics covered in the workshop will be poverty and gender issues in aquatic food production, empowerment of vulnerable groups, gender analysis tools and gender mainstreaming strategies.
- Workshop participants are expected to share best practices in poverty eradication and addressing gender issues among aquatic food production communities.
- In addition, participants will prepare action plans for their respective countries to be implemented.

Methodology (Cont..)

- Papers presented during the workshop will be published for wider distribution for integrating gender issues in aquaculture.
- A maximum number of 24 participants from 10 countries will be selected. Delegates of each country must constitute both its **policy maker and representative of aquaculture/fishing community.**
- Free accommodation and food will be provided to all participants along the full workshop days. Only for ASEAN country members, we will also grant an extended coverage of return flight ticket (their respective country – Malaysia).

Program Itinerary

	8:30-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-1:00	1:00 - 2:30	2:30-4:00	4:00: 4:15	4:15-5:45
Day 1	Workshop Overview, pre test	T E A B R E A K	Poverty Eradication Policy and Program	L U N C H	Understanding Gender and gender issues in Development	T E A B R E A K	Gender issues and barriers in aquatic food production
Day 2	Gender Analysis Tools 1		Gender Analysis Tools 2		Logical Framework Analysis (LFA)		Best Practice
Day 3	Field trips						
Day 4	Country Experience		Country Experience		Plan of action (LFA)		Plan of Action (LFA)
Day 5	Presentation of Plan of Action		Post test, Wrapping Up and closing				

AqASEM09 Project Partners

- Ghent University, Belgium (UGent)
- University of Stirling, UK (UoS)
- Wageningen University, The Netherlands (WUR)
- Research Institute of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Irrigation, Hungary (HAKI)
- Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific, Thailand (NACA)
- Shanghai Ocean University, China (ShOU)
- Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia (UPM)
- Can Tho University, Vietnam (CTU)
- European Aquaculture Technology & Innovation Platform, Belgium/Europe (EATiP)



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