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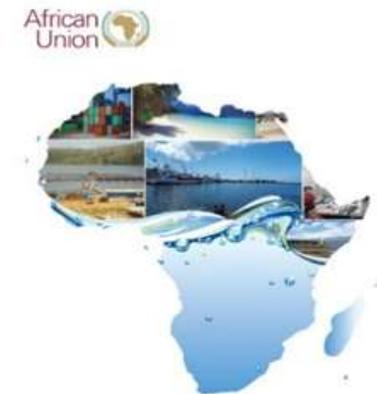
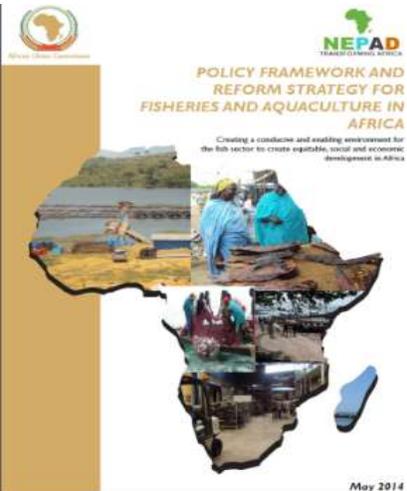
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Gender and youth agenda within the Policy Framework and Reform Strategy in Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (PFRS)

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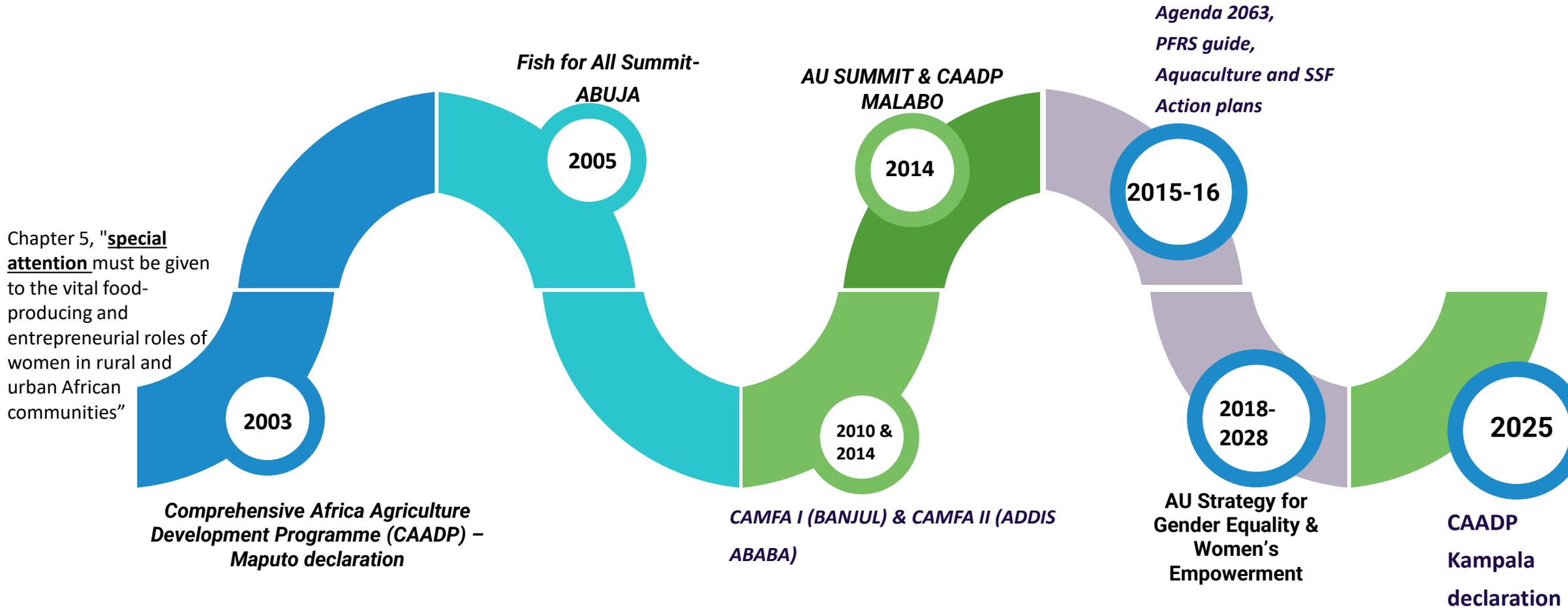


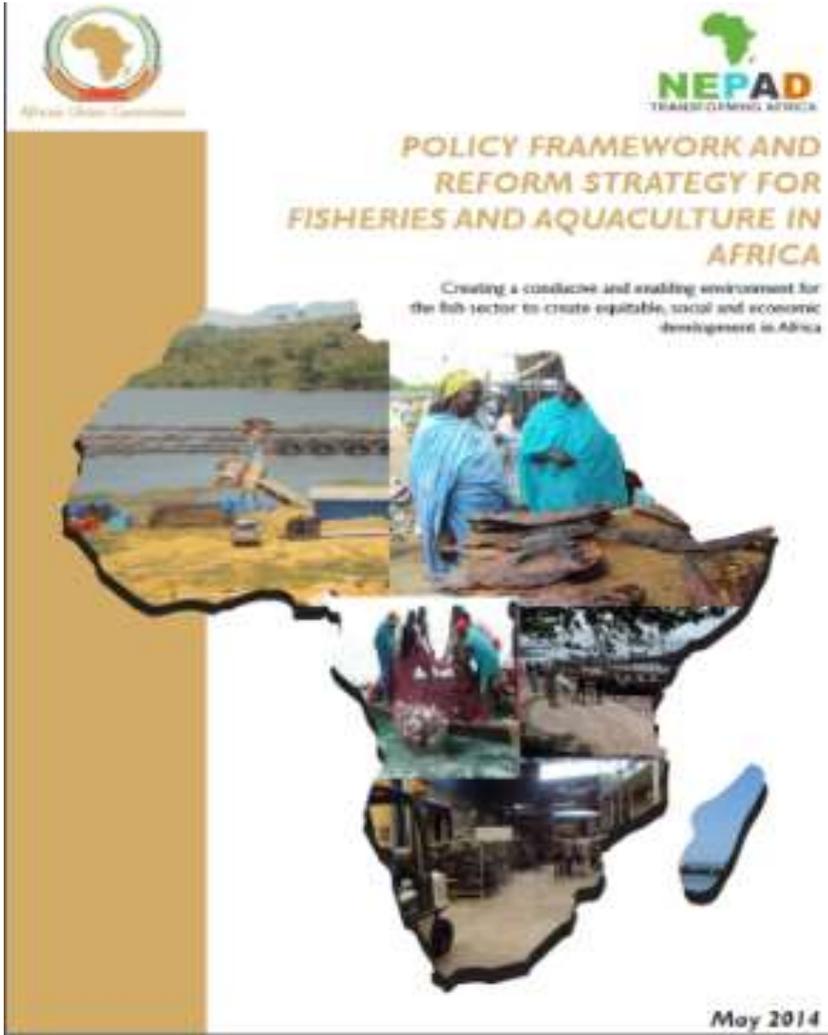
Africa Blue Economy Strategy



AU gender and youth instruments

Fish for All Summit “**harnessing** the potential and entrepreneurship of women fishers, farmers, fish traders and service providers and their associations





VISION STATEMENT:

Sustainable management and utilization of fisheries and aquaculture resources through the creation of a conducive and **enabling environment** for **equitable**, economic and social development in Africa

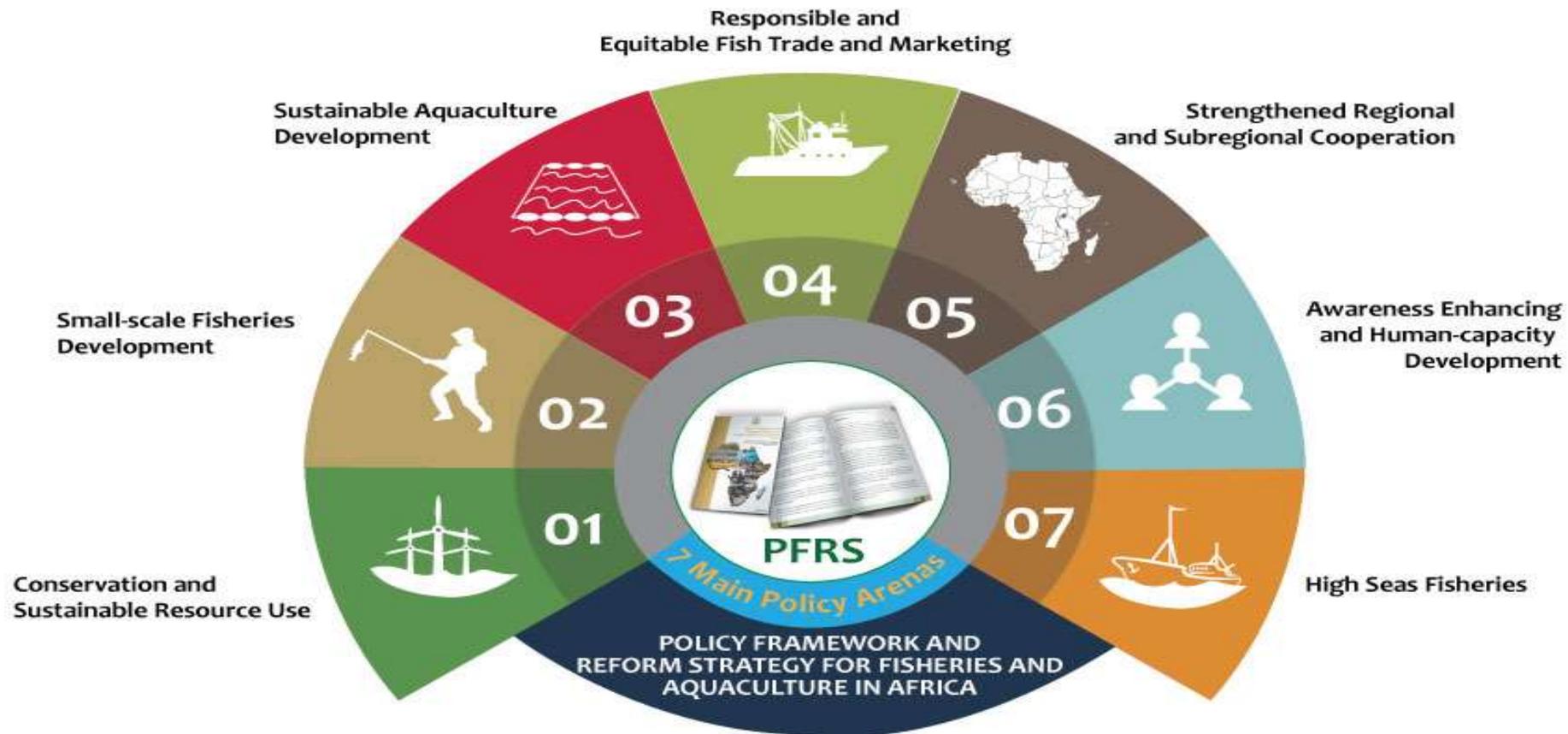
OVERALL GOAL:

Provide **structured guidance** to Africa's fisheries management agencies, and other stakeholders to facilitate **reforms** towards coherent national and regional policies to ensure full wealth-generating potential, sustainable social, environmental, profitable outcomes for Africa and its people

PURPOSE:

To facilitate **transformation** of Africa's fisheries and aquaculture for **food, livelihoods and wealth**

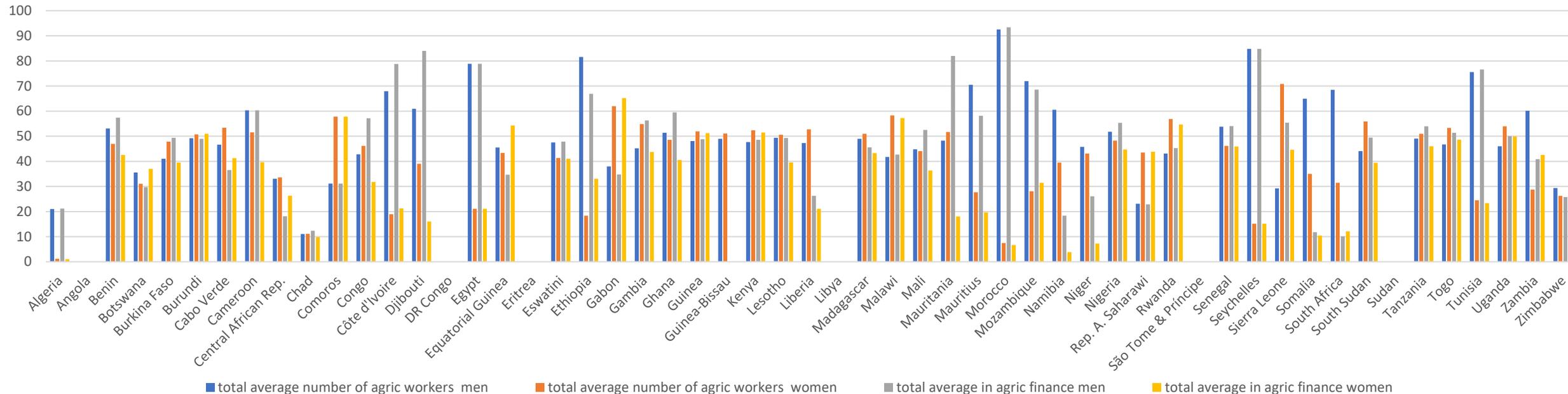
PFRS - Main Policy Arenas, Objectives and Strategies



Priority 1: Gender and youth considerations in policy, laws, plans and evidence based and long term commitment funding

CAADP Biennial Review Report (2015-2023) - gender performance and outcome indicators

Number of agriculture workers vs access to finance



	Men (%)	Women (%)	Missing information (%)
Total number of people engaged in the agriculture	52	43	6
Total number of people engaged in agriculture that have access to financial services	48	34	17

Population 1.55 billion (18.8% total world population)

<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/africa-population/>

Women ≈ 50.3%

Youth ≈ 60% (15 to 35 years)

fisheries and aquaculture sector ≈ 13 million people (AUC, 2019).

Generally, women ≈ 70% of the labour force

TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP

Fish Handling, Hygiene and SPS
Measures Along the Post-Harvest Value
Chain



Kampala, Uganda
9 – 11 November 2016





20-22 APRIL 2017

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Newly elected bureau members

17-21 March 2025

Dakar, Senegal



To contribute to improving the welfare, working conditions and income of women in the fisheries sector (and especially women in the post-harvest sector) within the member states of the African Union.

African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET)

Founding principles for effective women engagements & inclusive governance

AU recognised policy structure 2019

Regional chapters feeding into continental chapter promoting inter-regional fish trade utilizing African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)

Regional chapter of AWFISHNET

Integration of national chapters promoting intra-regional fish trade

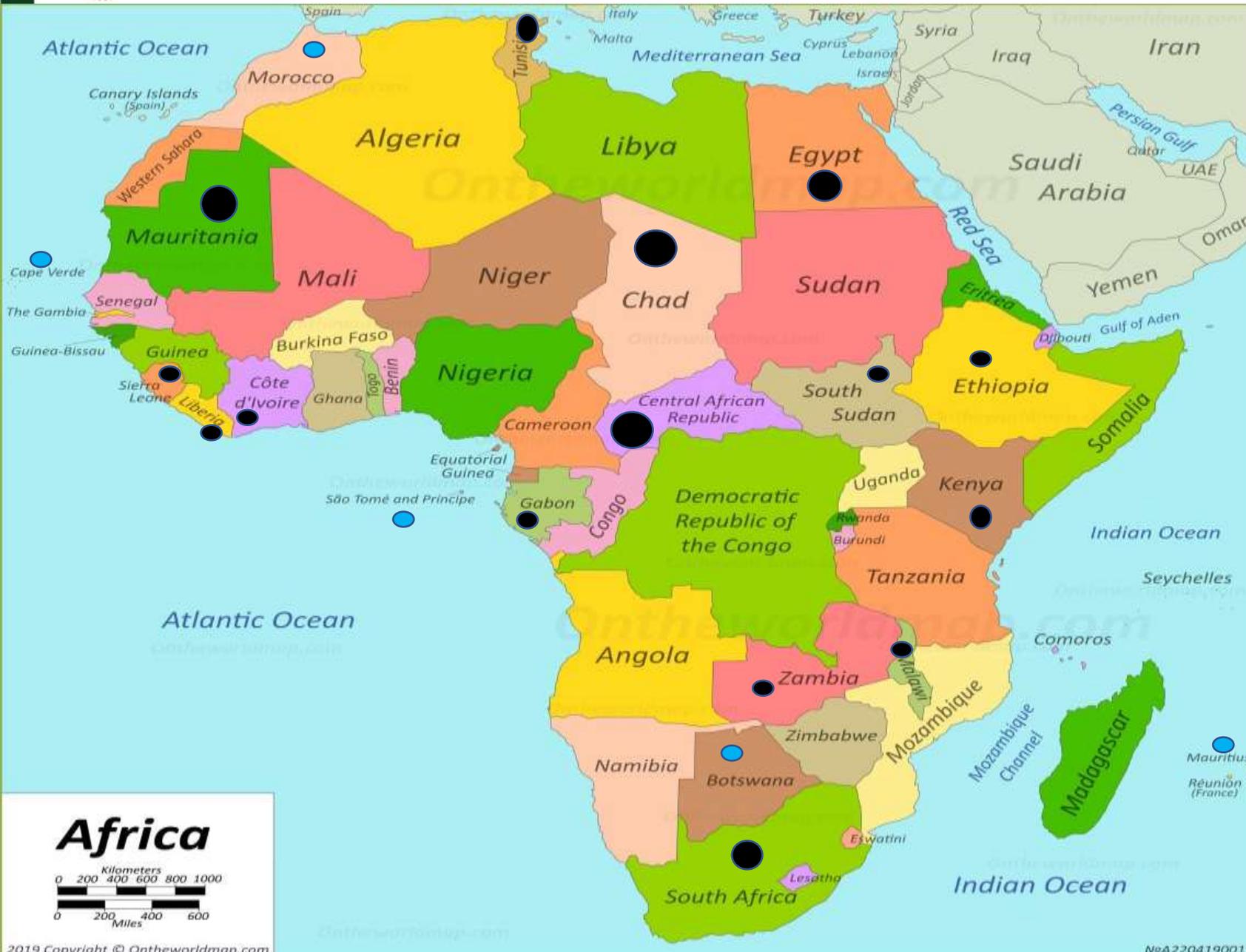
Utilizing harmonised regional fish trade policies and trade facilitation protocols

National chapter of AWFISHNET

Fish farmers, fish traders, fish processors, fisherwomen, (participation and membership in some countries includes women in Academia, public sector for support in Research and Development and policy implementation)

Strengthening members capacity in fish handling, hygiene and processing, common standards for aquaculture production, promoting local fish trade conforming to national trade policies

Priority 2: cont.

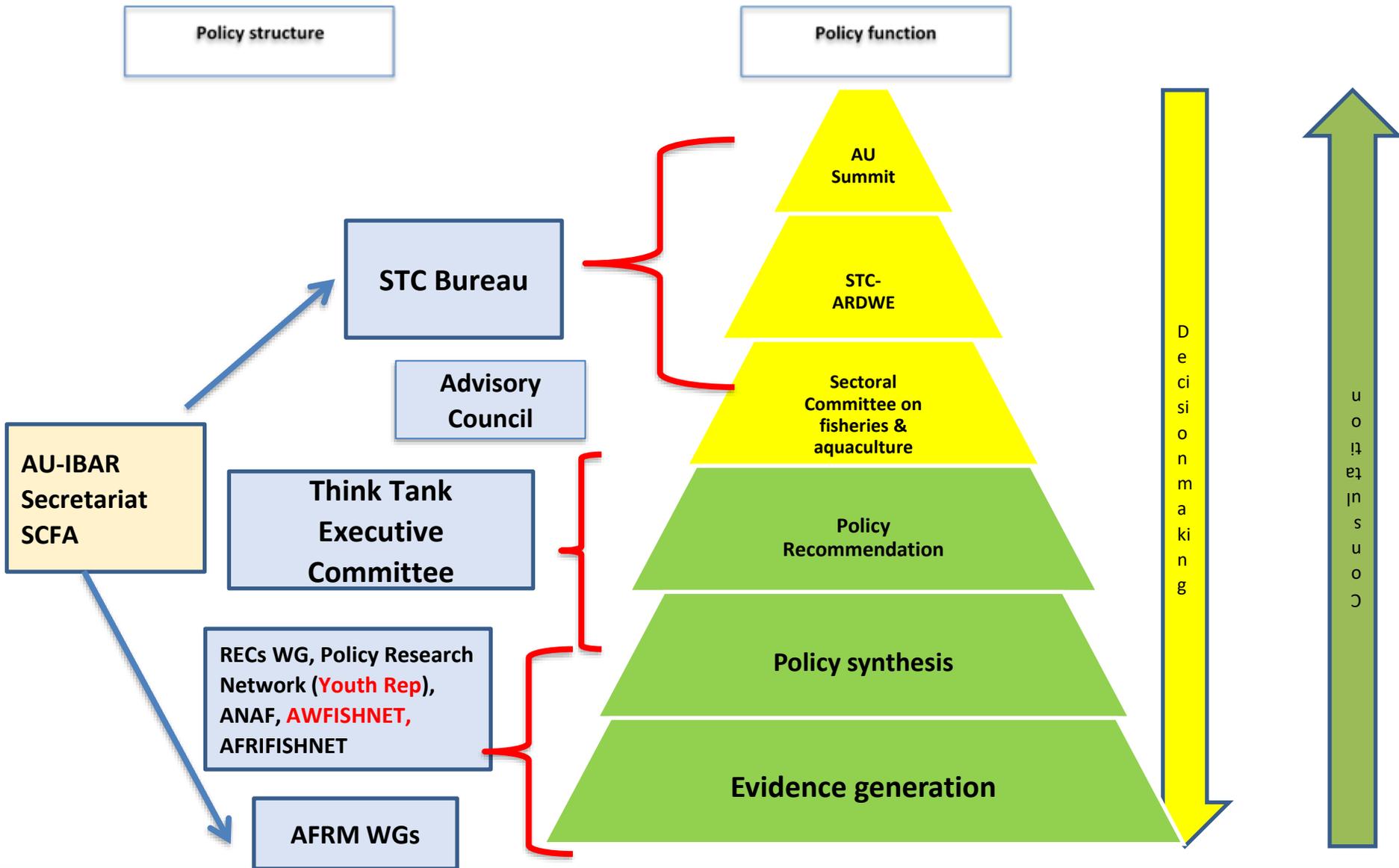


Registered: 30 countries (54.5%).
Not Registered: 17 countries (30.9%).
No Information: 8 countries (14.5%, aligned with missing president data).

Registration Status Overview June 2025 (AWFISHNET membership report)

- 15 AU launched AWFISHNET National chapters
- 5 to be launched soon

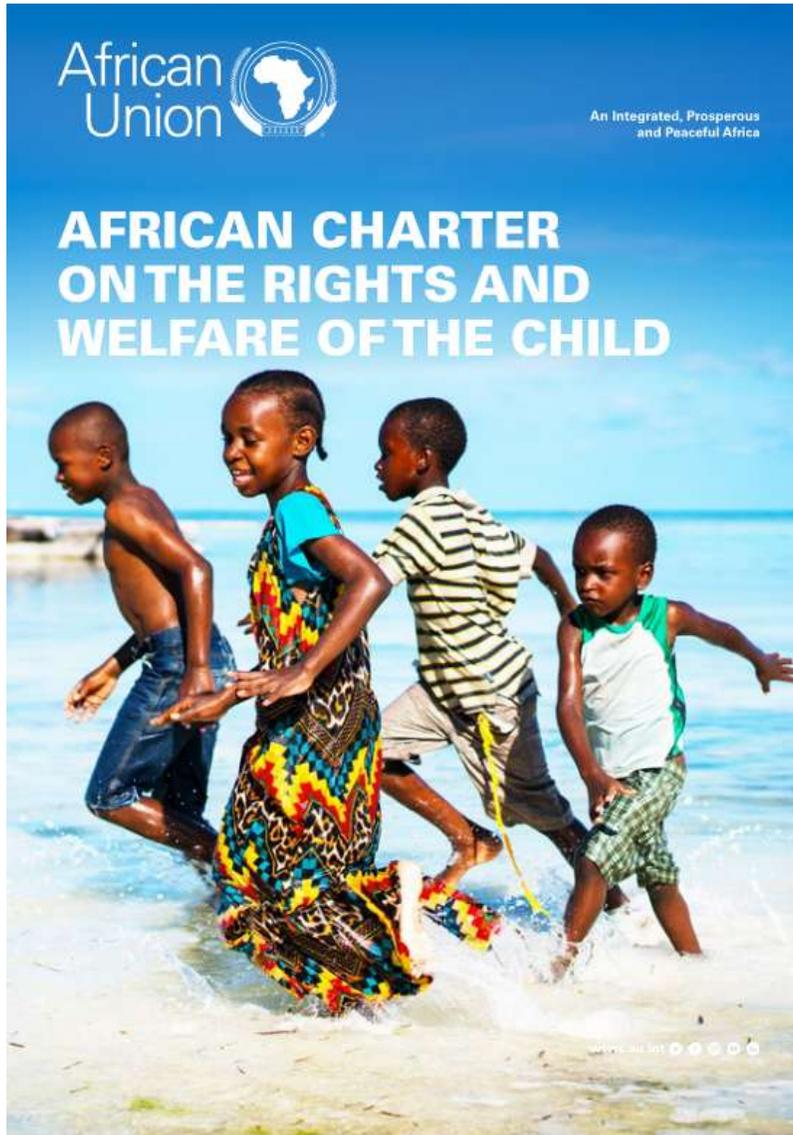
AFRM- Policy Structure



FUNCTIONS

1. Coordination
2. Information sharing
3. Knowledge generation
4. Advocacy
5. Policy development
6. Resources mobilization

Priority 3: Gender based violence prevention and Child labour elimination



Banjul Declaration of the African Union on the 25th Anniversary of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights in 2006

'[T]he African Charter has provided a legal framework for the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights on our continent and the jurisprudence of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights attests to this achievement.'

- A. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and further standards
- B. The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- C. The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
- D. The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- E. The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON WOMEN'S GROUPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND COOPERATIVES IN AFRICAN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES

DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA, 5-7 DECEMBER 2023



- Fisheries and aquaculture => Africa Blue Economy Strategy
- Conserving Aquatic biodiversity project within Africa Blue Economy
- formal and non-formal education (literacy, accounting, soft and technical skills and general life skills) and improving access to finance and health services
- VCA=> Identify trade issues, climate change impact and the financial performance

- 1. PFRS indicators for gender and youth => Kampala CAADP indicators (2026-2035)**
- 2. Strengthening blue value chain of identified fisheries**
- 3. Promote value addition in Africa & strengthen access to markets and safe equitable regional fish trade towards AfCFTA**
- 4. Coordinate development of One African Voice in international and regional fora**
- 5. Collaborate with Centers of Excellence (knowledge based institutions) to train youth, develop innovative technologies fish production, processing and trade**

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2013-2018



2014-2018



2021-2025



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