**Zambia government approves the hosting of Aquaculture Africa 2023 Conference in Zambia**

The 2nd Annual International Conference and Exposition of the African Chapter of the World Aquaculture Society (AFRAQ2023) will be held in Lusaka, Zambia from 13 to 16 November 2023 – thanks to the recent approval to host by the government of Zambia, through its Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.

Zambia, being one of the top and fastest growing aquaculture producer countries in Africa expects to receive thousands of delegates from around the world to celebrate achievements on all aspects of aquaculture development in Africa, but also to find solutions to some of the challenges hampering the growth of the sector, and to explore new opportunities. AFRAQ2023 will undoubtedly provide numerous networking and collaboration opportunities.

The conference which is themed “*Resilient value chains in the blue economy”* will highlight some of the latest aquaculture research, innovations and investments to underpin continued growth of the aquaculture sector in Africa. The event will comprise of a scientific forum (oral/poster presentations), trade exhibition, industry forums, workshops, student events, receptions and other organized meetings. Keynote speakers from Africa and beyond are expected. Special aquaculture tours will also be arranged to some of the most progressive freshwater fish farms (small, medium to large scale); aquafeeds plants, fish markets, R&D centres and other facilities of interest. For those interested in sightseeing and adventures, visits to some famous touristic attractions in Lusaka and countrywide (such as the famous Victoria Falls) can also be arranged.

Aller Aqua are once again the Gold Sponsor of AFRAQ23.

Be sure to block the dates and prepare for this unique scientific, business and social event!

The AFRAQ23 website is now live. Interested participants and exhibitors may proceed to register online on <https://www.was.org/meeting/code/AFRAQ23>. You are also welcome to contact us for further queries on mario@marevent.com and worldaqua@was.org or africanchapter@was.org