Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries
Expanding the Horizons

GAF7 will explore expanding the horizons for gender equality and inclusiveness in aquaculture & fisheries. We welcome participants from all countries.

Photo: Deepjyoti Baruah, ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Uttarakhand, India.

Fish markets in Assam.

GAF7 is being convened by the Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries Section of the Asian Fisheries Society and the Asian Institute of Technology, and is inviting sponsors and partners to join us in this exciting event.
Who should attend?

All interested in gender in aquaculture & fisheries

Scientists

Academics

Technicians

Fisheries officers

Policy makers

Managers

Non-governmental organisation experts

Grassroots representatives

Students

Development workers

Fish industry specialists

Fish certification agents

The history of GAF conferences

The journey of the GAF network over 20 years has been slow but steady. Our previous conferences partnered with the Asian Fisheries Society’s Triennial Forum. Today, the GAF network is a formal Section of the Society and is expanding its horizons, starting with its first independent event.

Through the long journey bringing gender to the fore and including it in the general discourse in fisheries, new insights have been gained. However, challenges continue – some as old as the debate itself and some relatively new and emerging in the face of sector dynamics. Real change can come only with new commitment to equality principles, strong policies translated into sensible and implementable programmes and long term commitment. While a lot of lip service is given to the issues, very little translates into funding for work on the ground. Gender is generally a tail-end component in projects. However, several examples of gender inclusion right from inception are beginning to emerge, and this is a welcome change. Read more on Genderaquafish.org.

GAF conferences endeavour to explore the expanding horizons of gender dimensions in aquaculture and fisheries, while highlighting the need for expanding gender inclusiveness and equity.

As a standalone event, GAF7 participants will have more time to interact, meet new people with similar interests, and will be able to focus more on GAF7, without having to go off to present at or chair other sessions. Participants will find the AIT environment is very conducive to meeting, interacting and developing future collaborations.

The theme for this Symposium is ‘Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries: Expanding the Horizons’. A GAF 101 training workshop is also proposed. We are calling for proposals for such a course and the selection will be made on the topic and proposal for conducting the workshop.
Anne-Lise Ekrem, Mehamn, Finnmark, Norway, Fisherwoman, and Member of the Network for Professional Women Fishers (Nettverk for Kvinnelige Yrkesfiskere). Photo: Anne-Lise Ekrem.

GAF THEMES

Special Workshops

- Implementing gender elements of Voluntary Guidelines on Small-Scale Fisheries, and SDG#5
- GAF 101 – 1-day training workshop: topics selected from responses to the open call for workshops

Session Themes

- Counting women and men in fish value chains: sex-disaggregated statistics, certification and auditing
- Women’s rights in fish value chains
- Highly competitive fish value chains: the work of women and men in fishing and fish processing
- Youth and fish
- Feminist perspectives on socially and environmentally just fisheries
- Gender, governance, organization in fisheries & aquaculture
- Gender, climate change, disasters in fisheries & aquaculture
- Fishing & aquaculture communities and wellbeing, including problems of violence against women
- Other Special Sessions being submitted

Seafood Industry Panel & Networking

- Gender and the seafood industry (fishing/fish processing/ancillary work, at all scales);

Field Visit and Multimedia

- Putting gender integration ideas into action - field visit near Bangkok, and multimedia (photos, videos)
VENUE

AIT Campus, Bangkok
Thailand

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ADDRESS

Asian Institute of Technology,
P.O. Box 4, Klong Luang, Pathumthani 12120, Thailand.

ABSTRACTS & REGISTRATION

Submit your Abstracts by 15 May 2018

To upload, go to http://www.gafconference.org/abstracts.htm

Registration Fees

The GAF7 organisers have made every effort keep participants costs reasonable and fair.

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Fees are payable by wire transfer or by credit card to AIT Bank account, and include Conference kit and lunches each day for the main GAF 2018 Conference. No accommodation included. Separate reservation and fees for field trip are applicable.

To register, go to http://www.gafconference.org/register.htm

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Other hotels, see http://www.gafconference.org/accommodation.htm
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