



**PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE IN UGANDA PROJECT -
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**INFORMATION MEETING/SITE VISITS ON DESIGN and BUILD OF A WATER -BASED CAGE AQUACULTURE
PARK AT MWENA, KALANGALA DISTRICT, UGANDA**

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Mwena , Kalangala

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Introduction

The Information meeting and/or site visit was convened in line with the contract notice section 13 and further more in accordance with the instruction to tenders' section 12 -time table.

Under the Instruction to tenders, potential tenderers are obliged to visit and inspect the site for purposes of assessing at its own reasonability, expense and risk factors necessary for preparation of its tender.

All tenders who attend site meeting are issued with a certificate of attendance which is one of the initial documents to verify prior to tender evaluation.

To this aim, the water based- cage aquaculture park site and clarification meeting was held on 8th October 2019 starting at 10:00 am.

The tenderers and participants first assembled in Kalangala District hall for debriefing and later traveled to the actual site at Mwena, landing site.

The tenders walked around the land-based infrastructure and thereafter boarded boats to the production cage sites (large, medium and small-scale sites)

Finally, the tenderers toured a section of 22 acres of the hatchery land and verified five boundary points.

The final site & clarification meeting was held at Brovad white sands lodge in Kalangala district at starting at 13.00hrs .

The meeting was attended by the National Authorising Officer (NAO) –EDF, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) of Uganda, the Project Technical Assistance Team, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, Apac District Local Government. In addition, representatives of the Ministry of water and Environment, Depart of Survey and Mapping, Chief Government valuer, NaFIRRI, National Environment Authority (NEMA), and local press media.

The minutes of the meeting and issues raised during the clarification were captured and in addition the issues raised before the **deadline for request for any additional information from the Contracting Authority** as stipulated in the instruction to tender on 15th October 2019 were equally captured and hereto published on websites of NAO & EUD.

In all, a total of 09 (Nine) potential tenderers attended the meeting and they were issued with certificate of attendance by the contacting party/MoFPED.

2.0 CONGREGATION IN KALANGALA DISTRICT HALL

- The Chief Administrator (CAO) officially welcomed all stakeholders and appreciated the support from MAAIF, NAO and EUD.
- He pointed out need to increase awareness and sensitization of the project to get acquainted with the dynamics of the project.
- He welcomed everyone to the district and reiterated that his office was able and ready to provide security to the project.

Remarks Ag. Head Department of Aquaculture management & Development

- She gave a brief overview of the project starting with that with support of the EU a feasibility study which indicated huge commercial potential of Aquaparks in Uganda. The initial programming for the

project also made sure that the right policies and laws were in place to guide the current fish farming venture.

- Kalangala being one of two sites chosen to pilot the aquaparks project.
- She noted that Kalangala Aquapark consisted of land-based infrastructure, that is a new hatchery building and feed store and the existing infrastructure financed by the AfDB already in place.
- Secondly, the water-based infrastructure covering an estimated 800 water hectares and comprising of cages made from HDPE material.
- Preliminary studies have been done to guide on the best use of the land and water.
- The project had been advertised seeking for potential investors bidders to start construction; and the essence of being in Kalangala was to ensure potential bidders prepare an informed bid offer (and/or tender submission).

Remarks Project coordinator (Paul Omanyi Bwire)

- He welcomed all participants to the meeting and informed them on the significance of the site meeting – that is for the bidders to prepare and submit informed as well as pragmatic bid offers.
- He informed the meeting that the tender dossier is widely published on official websites of EU DG International Cooperation and Development and , Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development MoFPED . In addition, it is uploaded on the websites of MAAIF & SANISA
- He shared with the tenders to study the tender dossier and further the invitation to tender which has summarised all the documents that a tenderer requires for submission including the timelines, official communication and the contracting authority in case of the need for clarifications.
- He emphasised that all clarifications will be published on the official websites as per the deadlines provided under the instruction to tenders
- He encouraged tenders to make individual site visits but this has to be communicated however, this should be done through the Project coordinator and the CAO for effective coordination
- He assured the stakeholders of the Government commitment to invest in Aquapark which is under the overall government policy thrust of commercialization of value chains for Agro industrialisation
- He stressed that the project is a Design & Build contract, with tight timelines as foreseen in D+3; which is date of signature and 3 years of implementation was upon the project.
- He further noted preliminary studies that were carried out several to inform the process and these include; Site Suitability Study, Environmental Social Impact Assessment, Topographic survey, land survey.
- He finally advised the tenderers to study the tender dossier and respect deadlines therein.

Remarks by NOA (Ms. Ruth Kato)

- The National Authorising Officer represented by Ms Ruth Kato thanked the stakeholders for hiding to the call for the information session meeting and informed them that two officials from MoFPED are participating in the process.
- The officer re-echoed D+3, stating that it was upon the team and noted that it is vital that we beat the deadline.
- She also requested the potential bidders to fill in a certificate, which they were to submit along with their tender submission.
- The filled form is proof that a bidder participated in the site visit and information session and should be annexed to the tender document

Remarks- Resident District Commissioner (RDC-

- The RDC reiterated that he was looking towards seeing fish farmers and a potential investor on the ground in Kalangala.
- At this point, the he adjourned the debrief meeting and all tenderers were invited to the site.

Site visit – Mwena

- The surveyors led the tenderers to both hatchery land and the current land-based infrastructure formerly constructed under the ADB loan.
- The NARO – National Fisheries Resources Research Institute (NaFIRRI) which was the lead agency in preliminary site suitability study led tenderers and participants to the water-based production/ cage sites. Te team was accompanied by the PMU , the Chairman LC V and the RDC and all occupied one boat while other two boats included other technical teams.
- The NARO-NaFIRRI team leader explained to the tenderes the different zonings by water column depth (ranging from 8 – 42m) including navigation routes

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS

- The session was chaired by the Ag. Head of Department of Aquaculture management and Development
- Clarifications to questions were responded to by NAO and PMU and these are in indicated in Annex 1 hereto attached.

CLOSING REMARKS- chairman LC V

- He extended his appreciation to the MAAIF, NAO & EUD for the hard work and commitment to execute the project.
- He conveyed the wishes of the community to seeing tangible results from this on-going collaboration and tasked the bidders to ensure this in their tender submission. Requesting for quality, as this is usually the crux of the issue.
- He reiterated that Kalangala has become known for success stories and he was sure the project would also be a success.
- He requested for a benchmarking study tours so that stakeholders could disseminate best practices of Aqua parks to the beneficiary communities.
- The meeting was officially closed at 15.30 hrs.

ANNEX 1: Adopted Agenda



Support to Promoting Environmentally Sustainable Commercial Aquaculture Project in Uganda

Final program for the Water based – cage aquaculture park site visit and Clarification meetings held on 8th October 2019, Mwena, Kalangala

AGENDA

Time	Activity	Responsible
08:00 – 08:30am	Congregate in Kalangala District Hall	Thematic leader/DFO team
8.30am- 9:00am	Travel to site at Mwena Landing site	All
9:00 am–12:00pm	Carry out site visit- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cage sites on Lake Victoria • Hatchery site at Mwena • Other land-based infrastructure at Mwena landing site 	PMU/ TAT
12.0pm - 12300pm	Travel back & re-congregate at Brovad Sands Lodge Ssesse Island, Kalangala	P
12:30pm-1.00pm	Opening Remarks -Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalangala DLG • MAAIF • NAO • EUD
1:00pm- 2:00pm	Questions and answers	PMU/TAT/STEs
2:00pm	Lunch	Thematic leader/DFO team
3:30pm	Departure	All

ANNEX 2: Questions & Answers from Information Session at Apac Aquapark site, on 8TH October 2019

Already annexed at the websites of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development at: <https://www.finance.go.ug> and the website of DG International Cooperation and Development at: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

ANNEX 3: Tenderers Attendance list

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