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Call for expression of interest

Farmed fish and plants have long contributed to healthy diets, poverty alleviation and rural development. It is only recently, however, that aquaculture has grown to be the leading source of aquatic food, which is expected to meet expanding global dietary demands while also addressing the food security needs of the poor. As such, aquaculture's role in the global food system becomes increasingly relevant as the world community strives to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the theme of “Aquaculture for Food and Sustainable Development”, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific with the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs cordially invite governments, business, academia and civil society to the **Global Conference on Aquaculture Millennium +20 (GCA +20)**.

The GCA +20 will be a hybrid conference, with a limited number of speakers and participants attending in person, and the rest attending virtually. The GCA +20 programme contains a forward-looking agenda that addresses emerging issues and opportunities, ranging from traditional family farming to cutting-edge technology. Nine thematic sessions will cover a full range of key issues impacting the future of aquaculture. The **Shanghai Declaration**, a key output from the GCA +20, will represent a road map to optimize the role that aquaculture can play in achieving the **2030 agenda** and meeting the pledge of “*leaving no one behind*”.

The conference is now open for registration, and registration is free of charge. If you would like to be a part of the GCA +20, please visit our website to apply.

To encourage active participation especially of youth, students and early career researchers and aquaculturists, the GCA +20 will include a poster session and a youth poster competition. Accepted posters will be displayed online. A limited funding opportunity is available to facilitate in-person participation of youth from developing countries. All interested persons are invited to register and submit the required documents via our website.

Registration and more information:
www.aquaculture2020.org

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