



Government of the Netherlands



**LETTER OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA,
REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES
ON
STRENGTHENING UGANDAN AQUACULTURE**

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PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of Uganda, under the National Development Plan (NDP) III, is implementing the Agro-Industrialization Programme, with following key strategic objectives:

1. Increasing agricultural production and productivity;
2. Improving post-harvest handling and storage;
3. Improving agro-processing and value addition
4. Increasing market access and competitiveness of agricultural products in domestic and international markets;
5. Increasing mobilization and equitable access and utilization of agricultural finance; and,
6. Strengthening institutional coordination for improved service delivery.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) is implementing the Agricultural Value Chain Development Strategy (AVCDS), which is driven by focus **on market access** for agricultural commodities, and is anchored on three pillars, namely: enterprise selection, production and productivity; harvesting and post-harvest handling; and, processing and value addition.

WHEREAS, under the AVCDS, MAAIF has prioritized the following interventions:

1. Production, multiplication, certification and distribution of seed and stocking materials.
2. Control of pests and diseases.
3. Agricultural mechanization and water for production.
4. Farmer mobilization and education.
5. Partnerships with large scale operators.
6. Special/affirmative interventions in fisheries and aquaculture.

WHEREAS the aquaculture sector in Uganda has significant potential for growth and employment, benefiting from Uganda's natural resources and strategic location.

WHEREAS businesses and knowledge institutions from the Netherlands are ready to invest and contribute to this growth.

WHEREAS the Netherlands has been a long standing partner of Uganda in food and nutritional security and development of the agricultural sector.

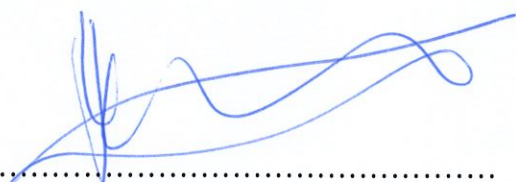
AND WHEREAS the Netherlands intends to support aquaculture development in Uganda, focusing on the value chain.

A committed joint effort of both Governments and the private sector is required to successfully further develop the aquaculture value chain in Uganda. Our combined efforts should address the following priority areas:

1. Improving Aquaculture Production and Productivity.
 - Improving fish genetics through progressive selective breeding of indigenous fish strains.
 - Development and optimizing aquaculture production systems.
 - Improving quality of and access to fish feeds.
 - Strengthening bio-safety and bio-security of aquaculture.
2. Post-Harvest Handling and Value Addition.
 - Cold chain for fish transport and marketing centers.
 - Product development and branding.
3. Increasing Market Access and Competitiveness for Aquaculture Products.
 - Sanitary issues and market standards.
 - Bulking facilities.
 - Packaging, branding and promotion activities.
 - Addressing barriers in regional and international fish trade.
4. Over-arching Issues.
 - Improving access to finance for investment in aquaculture. Improving regulatory framework for aquaculture value chain development.
 - Institutional development along the value chain.
 - Infrastructure development along the aquaculture value chain.
 - Technical capacity building/skilling along the value chain.

SIGNED at Kampala this 15th day of October in the year 2024.

**For the Government of the
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