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IOTC CIRCULAR 2025-05

Dear Madam / Sir

REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM THE MICHAEL ADEDOTUN OKE FOUNDATION

Please find attached a request letter from the Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation to participate as an Observer to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission processes.

In accordance with Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, Contracting Parties of the Commission may wish to allow Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation to participate as an Observer given their interest in the IOTC as stipulated in the attached letter. Thus, unless any objections are received within 30 days of the date of this Circular, the IOTC Secretariat will consider that approval has been granted for the Executive Secretary to issue an invitation to the potential Observer to attend IOTC meetings accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn Executive Secretary

Attachments:

• Letter from the Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation

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29th February, 2025

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The IOTC Secretariat and

The Chairperson of the commission,

Dear Sir/Ma,

Request to become an Observers at the meetings of the IOTC

Article VII of the IOTC Agreement (OBSERVERS) provides a mechanism for the participation of nonmembers at IOTC meetings. At the 2012 Commission meeting (16th Session), Contracting Parties (Members) agreed that meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies should be open to participation by observers from all those who have attended the current and/or previous sessions of the Commission. Applications by new Observers should continue to follow the procedure as outlined in Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (note: new Rules were adopted at S18). Rule XIV of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023) provides a mechanism by which observers may be admitted to IOTC meetings. Meetings of all of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission are open to observers under the same rules as the Commission. Attendance by Observers to particular meetings of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies are recorded in the relevant meeting report for transparency purposes.

On this notes that Michael Adedotum Oke Foundation requested to attend and shortlists us to participate as non-members at IOTC meetings and becoming an Observers.

The Details of Michael Adedotun Oke Foudation











PROFILE OF MICHAEL ADEDOTUN OKE FOUNDATION

Organization Missions: Enhancing agricultural productivity, dissemination of fisheries technology of process and reducing post harvesting lost, farmer health, participation in planning, research work, reporting, and conference paper presentations; promoting exports; implementing technology; developing skill sets through barbershops; and budget tracking that will aid in monitoring and fostering accountability that will lessen corruption and enhance accountability.

Established in 2023, Six Staff, Nigeria, Abuja, One million, Self sponsors and membership fees.

Organizations Visions: To ensure that agriculture is promoted by each individual, our organization works to develop their abilities, help them become professionals in the field, and train them to manage businesses and projects related to agriculture while also inspiring farmers to increase their yields in a dynamic environment. To actively contribute to the social and economic advancement of the communities in which we work, as well as to continuously adapt to the shifting social realities through the application of knowledge and the development of sustainable societies that uphold and advance social justice, equality, and human rights.

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Key Contact person Mr Michael Adedotun Oke

And proof registration Yes with the Corporate Affairs Corporation

Current Activities: We do adaptive research in the fields of agriculture, health matters technology, farmer uplift, best agricultural practices recording, reporting, organizing conferences and seminars, eradicating poverty, and distributing farming inputs. Twenty people have received haircut training from us, and we have also attended numerous events on agriculture, corruption, and related issues. In order to encourage accountability and avoid debate, we also follow the federal budget and assess its many departments. Analysis of the distribution of technology among farmers in the countryside and newsletter production, forum for young agricultural experts to coordinate. Programmers for young agricultural professionals are being mainstreamed and mentored.

Inter-generational panel discussion promote the training of young youth in haircut development, Documentary and the Pictorial of Agricultural Marketing and Nutritional Management in (Gwagwalada) the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Nigeria

Top institutional capacity building needs and goals We will need assistance from those with experience in these fields those who are managing marine capture fisheries for tuna –like species in the Indian ocean in order to improve our findings, documentation, and analysis and to study the uses of tree bark for the population's welfare, the various health implications, and how beneficial to humans as shown in the various pictorial representation, which calls for discussions and stakeholders participants.

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Interests Of Attending and Becoming of an Observers at the meetings of the IOTC

To take part in, contribute and share different information about the managing marine capture fisheries for tuna and tuna - like species in the Indian ocean Discuss the need for skill development, documentation of your activities learn new information, lend a helping hand by volunteering, add value, and decide how to handle different issues, with an amazing event concept, an unconventional strategy for solving Nigeria's issues, and achieving the objectives, after which you should meet with the resource person to further discuss developing a solid partnership and working together. By discussing the needs for Enhances Productivity and our organization's various entrepreneurial plans, fish exposure, being a presenters, we are read to adding value. Entrepreneurship as a Fuel for fish Innovation Being a writer I can offer my ideas on how to proceed and record the event. In Nigeria, having a solid network is crucial for business success. One of my top requirements for professional success is building a strong professional network, having run a barbershop for several years, I can attest that these jobs open doors for my organization and teach me new skills and knowledge while also providing a useful forum for a variety of different functions, assisting people to share ideas, make decisions, and build relationships within teams. About the fisheries for tuna and tuna - like species in the Indian ocean

I was able to get the project and promoted. I wanted at work thanks to a powerful presentation I gave. Exceeding my barbershop's sales targets preparing for and completing projects creating a training that is effective some members of the general public were able to develop their skills by mentoring a coworker, and I were acknowledged for my excellence in research and development as well as the money that have helped the organization which I save. For a while. Issues identified and resolved. Concepts or ideas that I put forward. Procedures or systems being developed, implemented, and enhanced. Special projects that I was able to complete. The majority of my writing, performance, and organizational responsibilities as well as my results from various actions—were all published in foreign journals and some newspapers related to fishing's accept and documentation practices.

Evaluating the economy value of Oceans and the Western Indian Ocean

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Abstract Oral Presentation

There are different economy values of the oceans and in the western Indian ocean which have not be documented, unknown, and discovered. In which the different private sectors will not been able to see the needs of the investment oppournities that may be available., while some lived species are in crisis. Such as the tiny, soft-bodied organisms know as coral which form reefs mostly found in shallow tropical waters, also threatened by pollution, sedimentation, and global warming. We are able to use the search engines to look at the various studies and used on line interview and survey, to have the first add information about the definition of the ocean, the various economy importance, the ideas of sustainable development, various issues of management systems and provides different suggestions of the maximum used of the ocean and western Indian ocean. The ocean is a continuous body of salt water that covers more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface. Ocean currents govern the world's weather and churn a kaleidoscope of life. Humans depend on these teeming waters for comfort and survival, but global warming and overfishing threaten Earth's largest habitat. Geographers divide the ocean into five major basins the Pacific, Alantic, Indian, Arctic Indian, Arctic, and Southern. Smaller ocean regions such as the Mediterranean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and the Bay of Bengal are called seas, gulfs, and bays. Inland bodies of saltwater such as the Caspian Sea and the Great Salt Lake are distinct from the world's oceans. The oceans hold about 321 million cubic miles (1.34 billion cubic kilometers) of water, which is roughly 97 percent of Earths water supply, Seawater's weight is about 3.5 dissolved salt oceans are also rich in chlorine, magnesium and calcium. The oceans absorb the sun's heat, transferring it to the atmosphere and distributing it around the world. This Conveyor belt of heat, drives global weather patterns and helps regulate temperatures on land, acting as a heater in the winter and an air conditioner in the summer. The oceans are home to millions of Earth's plants and animals-from tiny singlecelled organisms to the gargantuan, blue whale, the planet's largest living animal. Fish, octopuses, squid, eels, dolphins, and whales swim the open waters while crabs, octopuses, starfish, oysters, and snails crawl and scoot along the ocean bottom. The Western Indian Ocean represents can hold.8% of the world's oceans but generates only 4% of the global industrial catch. The Western Indian Ocean is a region of great diversity. Few oceans share the same ichthyofauna richness with at least 2200 species recorded, some 15% of the global total of marine fishes (Smith & Heemstra 1986). This richness is due to the large variety of habitats and oceanographic conditions of this region, giving rise to zones of high endemism and unique groups of fishes.. Therefore the needs to mapped, know more oceans, conduct more research, on how to preserve some of the fragile, ailing creatures and the ecosystems and explored more business oppournities of discovering, to the private sectors and developing it into a tourism center and making it as an economy activities.

Keywords: Ocean, Western Indian Ocean, Economy, Value

BACK GROUND ON HOW MICHAEL ADEDOTUN OKE FOUNDATION ATTENDANCE WILL BENEFIT IOTC

Managed the Foundation, participated in a board of trustees, went to several international conferences, and taught people how to cut their own hair to organize youth into skill acquisition. Additionally, my paper was published in a number of scholarly journals, which affected both the community and my knowledge. Additionally, I planned some training sessions. I finished his industrial training at the International Institutes of Tropical Agriculture in Ibadan. A World Class Barbering Saloon has been established by the founder of the Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation, Agric- Link Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited, Talent Upgrade Global Concepts, and Maofs Writer Forum, among other organizations. Additionally, I've visited many difficult foreign nations while serving as a resource for international conferences. The Agric-Link Multipurpose Cooperative Society and Talent Upgrade Global Concepts presented me with several awards, delivering an impressive presentation at work. Exceeding sales goals in our barbershop, putting together a fruitful agricultural and rabbi event. Guiding a trainee coworker, to achieve set goals and life dreams. Being academically challenged: holding various positions in organizations, taking part in volunteer work, and having the ability to facilitate events I have located issues and found solutions. Introduced innovations or ideas. Implementing or improving procedures or systems, as well as various Special projects that I am working on.

Growing the network, sharing information, pushing the goals and objectives, playing advisory roles, coordinating activities, encouraging information exchange, creating concept papers, and connecting the organisation with funders in general.

Challenges in the Post Harvest Value Chain Fishing Industry in Gwagwalada, Abuja, Nigeria M. A. Oke. Author Affiliation: Federal Capital Territory Agricultural Development Program and Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation Plot 232 Kaida Road Old Kutunku Gwagawalada. P O Box 11611, Garki Abuja, Nigeria E-mail address: maof2020@gmail.com +23408027142077

The fishing industry might have benefited the Gwagawalada Area Council, giving the diverse population full employment and an increase in protein intake, but a number of factors limit the differences in production, which set back productivity status. We conduct various fieldwork activities and agricultural visits in several Gwagwalada villages, farms, cold rooms, including Old Kutunku, phase one and phase two, and the markets side. To bolster our findings, we employ various pictorial representations. We saw that the post-harvest value of fishing in Gwagwalada, Abuja, Nigeria, faces a variety of difficulties. The Gwagawalada is located in the Federal Capital Territory. Concerning transportation, preservation, insufficient cold rooms, inadequate facility connectivity, highways to other farms and processing, inefficiencies resulting in a subpar supply chain, interruptions, and a lack of infrastructure improvement for the fish villages, Furthermore, a market analysis is essential to determine what is wanted, enabling the development. Establishing well connected highways, between fish farms and markets, as well as operating high demand motorised transport systems.

There are also wornes regarding fish waste items that may have been productively marketed to intended consumers, even though there are no official procedures for smoking and acknowledging, at least not on a consumers.

ommercial scale in the context of demand. Finally, because fish processing, which includes a smoking system, is required, we are unable to pinpoint specific problems or limitations with fish storage.

The study's background recommendations safely support the introduction of novel techniques for drying fish because, as noted, some fish may need additional care to produce better results. In light of this, cold rooms that are designed to meet economic needs should be developed, as should measures to ensure that fish are preserved in clean environments opportunity to insist on the proper approaches to profitability techniques are all essential for such assiduously attempting to draw in sales and profitability on this. The goal of these initiatives is to help the fishing industry expand and give fishermen chances to make a living. Consequently, it's essential to efficiently manage a number of post-harvest fish lost by the fish folks.

Keywords: Fish, post-harvest, problems, overview, Gwagwalada, Nigeria.

On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 2:09 PM ANFTS-2024 < ANFTS-2024@fao.org > wrote:

Dear Michael,

We haven't received the revised version of your abstract yet. Could you please send it as soon as possible?

Thank you in advance.

Best regards.

The ANFTS2021 Secretariat

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Dear Michael.

Thank you for your interest in the ANFTS and for your abstract titled "An overview of the difficulties facing the fishing industry's post-harvest value chain in Gwagawalada, Abuja, Nigeria", which we have now reviewed. We are pleased to inform you that your abstract has been accepted, subject to revision based on the comments from reviewers. Please see the attached.

By all means reach out to us for any clarifications or further information, if need be.

Otherwise, we look forward to receiving the revised abstract by Monday 04th March 2024 at the latest.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards.

The ANFTS2024 Secretariat

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