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Dear Professor Adel Shaheen,

**RE: EXPERT PLANNING MEETING ON AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, 8-9 MARCH 2013, MANGOCHI, MALAWI**

You are kindly invited to an expert consultative planning meeting on aquaculture development in Africa. The meeting will be organized by the African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in Mangochi, Malawi.

The planning meeting will bring together experts from academic institutions, regional bodies and partner institutions, to brainstorm and develop a roadmap for implementation of programme of activities that would inform the forthcoming Think Tank meeting on aquaculture development in Africa slated later in 2013.

The specific objectives of the planning meeting would therefore be:

- i. to share information and experiences on ongoing initiatives (and those already undertaken ) in aquaculture development on the continent
- ii. to identify gaps and propose pertinent activities to be undertaken for expeditious development of the sector
- iii. to identify preparatory technical inputs and steps towards the forthcoming Think Tank Meeting on aquaculture development
- iv. to foster intra-continental collaboration in sector promotion and generate synergies amongst partners to enhance multi-agency approach

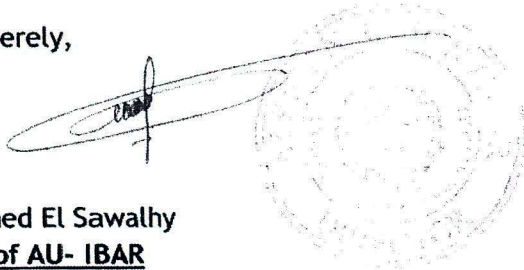
**Your participation to this Expert Planning Meeting will be covered by AU-IBAR, i.e., economy return ticket and daily subsistence allowance.**

I will appreciate receiving confirmation of your participation by 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday February 2013. This should be sent in writing to [grace.uwamwezi@au-ibar.org](mailto:grace.uwamwezi@au-ibar.org) with copy to [Simplice.nouala@au-ibar.org](mailto:Simplice.nouala@au-ibar.org) and [Mohamed.seisay@au-ibar.org](mailto:Mohamed.seisay@au-ibar.org)

Please allow me to take this opportunity, to express my profound gratitude for your cooperation with the African Union in the noble efforts to reinforce governance in the fisheries sector of Africa and to assure you of our support at all times.

We look forward to your active participation and inputs to this expert consultative meeting.

Yours sincerely,



for Prof. Ahmed El Sawalhy  
**Director of AU- IBAR**