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## **West Africa Small-Scale Fisheries Vulnerabilities and Viabilities Pathways**

Small-scale fisheries in West Africa play a vital role in the socio-economic development of the region, providing livelihoods, food security, and economic benefits to countless communities. This talk discusses the importance of regional cooperation and coordination for reducing vulnerabilities and fostering sustainable fisheries. Effective policies and collaborative efforts are needed to address the challenges these fisheries face, such as overfishing, climate change, and economic pressures. Sustainable transitions in small-scale fisheries are essential for regional stability and prosperity, creating long-term viability and resilience pathways. Through concerted regional efforts, West Africa can build a more sustainable and secure future for its small-scale fishing communities.





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Shehu Latunji Akintola is the Dean of the Faculty of Science at the Lagos State University, Nigeria, and country coordinator for Vulnerability to Viability (V2V). He is a Professor of Fisheries, and before his current position, he held the position of the Head of the Department of Fisheries. He holds a B. Agric Tech (FUT, Akure), MSc. (LASU), MBA (LAUTECH) and PhD (LASU). He is passionate about developing small-scale fisheries, especially in light of the SSF Guidelines. Through his research and advocacy, Shehu helps push the case for a sustainable livelihood for the SSF globally, especially in Nigeria. He has forayed to fisheries research- ecology, governance, and economics. Shehu is a member of academic societies, including Too Big To Ignore and is willing to support initiatives to promote the development of SSF.



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