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NETWORK OF WOMEN IN AQUACULTURE

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Who are we?



Established in October 2023
Formally founded in October 2024



Social entrepreneurship initiative dedicated to promoting gender equality and inclusivity across the global aquaculture industry.

Platform for women to connect, learn, and contribute to a more diverse, sustainable and resilient aquaculture community.



Actively involved in FAO WFF Global Youth Initiative & Global Youth Constituency Steering Committee

GENESIS



Training session organised by FAO-GFCM and FEAP for young women experts in aquaculture from Mediterranean and Black Sea countries – Greece, June 2023

NOWA Board



GFCM Training Course



Why NOWA?

To address key challenges faced by women and young women in aquaculture, including work through the FAO Steering Committee

Limited networking opportunities

Workforce gaps and barriers to entry

Lack of visibility and recognition, including in contributions to food security

Insufficient inclusivity in professional environments

Limited opportunities to confidently make one's voice heard



Women in Aquaculture: a driving force for Food Security

People, not just production, sustain food systems

Women are key across the aquaculture value chain

Women's approach to care across people, processes, and ecosystems is key to food security

Women support continuity, quality, and production resilience

Women sustain aquaculture livelihoods and local food supply

Women connect production, environment, and communities

Young women bring vital skills and fresh perspectives

Empowering women is a strategic investment in food security

...beyond invisibility

NOWA initiatives



Membership and community building



Webinars, conferences, high-level events, expos, and competitions



Social media campaigns & WhatsApp Community



Strategic collaborations and partnerships



Surveys, data collection, articles, and publications



**FAO WFF Global Youth Action Initiative & Global youth
Constituency on Fisheries and Aquaculture
+ EU Young Ocean Leaders**

Thank you!



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