



### **Angela Juliana Odera – Co-Founder & CEO, Rio Fish Limited**

Angela Juliana Odera is a visionary leader in inclusive, climate-smart aquaculture, nutrition, and social impact. As Co-Founder and CEO of **Rio Fish Limited**, Angela is driving transformational change in Kenya's blue economy by integrating **sustainable fish production** with **women and youth empowerment**, circular economy principles, green energy and improved food and nutrition outcomes.

At the heart of her work is a mission to make high-quality, affordable fish protein accessible to underserved rural communities. Through Rio Fish, Angela leads **data-driven, community centered aquaculture models**, leveraging indigenous knowledge, enabling smallholder producers, particularly women to own and operate fish production units. Her initiatives address critical challenges such as food loss, malnutrition, gender inequality, and climate vulnerability.

Angela's leadership has empowered **over 600 women** to become aquaculture entrepreneurs and supported the training of **more than 3,000 smallholder farmers and traders** in sustainable practices, with support from partners including **OPES LCEF, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) and Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)**.

Recognized globally for her impact, Angela is a **2024 Finca Ventures Award winner** and was a finalist for the **Africa Women Innovation & Entrepreneurship Forum (AWIEF) Social Entrepreneur Award** in 2021. She continues to advocate for **gender equity** and **resilient food systems**, championing inclusive aquaculture as a climate adaptation solution for healthier, more sustainable communities.