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day 1

Agenda for Opening plenary

Monday 18 July 14:00 – 20:00

Monday 18 July

APAC - Leadership Dialogue-Opening Ceremony

The Master of Ceremony - Victoria Rubadiri.

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Arrival of all delegates to the venue (KCC Auditorium)

3:00pm - 3:30pm

All delegates seated in the KCC AUDITORIUM

3:30pm - 3:45pm

Arrival of VIPs (Ministers +Heads of International Institutions)

3:45pm - 4:00pm

Arrival of Guest of Honour + Former Heads of State and Government.

4:00pm - 4:20pm

MC introduction (5 Min), cultural performance (10 Min), video clip showcasing Africa's natural heritage (5 minutes)

4:20pm - 4:40pm

Keynote addresses will be made by (20 minutes):

1. Razan Al Mubarak (Pre-recorded video) – President of IUCN – 5 minutes
2. Phoebe Matunda Mzee –Youth Representative – 5 minutes
3. Milka Chepkorir- IPLC representative – 5 minutes
4. Kaddu Sebunya – CEO and President of AWF – 5 minutes
5. Bruno Oberle - Director General, IUCN – 5 minutes
6. Dr. Edouard NGIRENTE, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Republic of Rwanda – 5 minutes

Opening plenary panel moderated by Mohammed Valli Moosa, Deputy Chairperson of the Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa

Panelists:

1. Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe, Ethiopia
2. President Mahmoudou Issoufou, Niger
3. Dr. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda
4. Hon. Mohammed Abdullahi, Minister of Environment, Nigeria
5. Hon. Najib Balala, Minister of Tourism and Wildlife, Republic of Kenya

4:40pm - 6:10pm

Discussants:

- Tedros Ghebreyesus, Executive Director/WHO, Statement delivered by Dr. Theopista Kabutani, WHO Country Rep for Rwanda

Short 3-minute interventions from (pre-recorded videos or in person) delivered after the key note address

1. Monica Medina, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs of the United States
2. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction
3. Inger Andersen, Executive Director UNEP

6:10 pm - 6:20 pm

Soft launch (Unveiling Logo and cutting ribbon) of a Pan African Conservation Trust Fund presided over by Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe. (3 min film, 5 Min remarks by Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe, 2 Min for unveiling of A PACT). MC- Inviting the VVIPs to unveil the A-PACT

Participants:

1. Dr. Edouard NGIRENTE, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Republic of Rwanda
2. All Former Heads of State Present
3. AWF-Chief Executive Officer and President

6:20pm - 8:00pm

MC inviting Congress Participants to a Cocktail and Welcome Reception hosted by Ministry of Environment on behalf of the Government of Rwanda

Side Event 1

Master of Ceremony-Juliet KABERA, DG-REMA

6:20pm - 8:00pm

- 12:30 - 13:00 - Arrival of students from Kigali Parents School (30 students) ☐ 13:00 - 13:45 PM - Guided tour and bird watching with students
- 13:45 - 14:15 - Bicycle ride
- 14:00 - Arrival of VVIPs at Nyandungu Restaurant outdoor area
- 14:15 - Unveiling of Nyandungu Eco-Park by the Guest of Honour (Rt. Hon. PM of Rwanda)
- 14:30 - 14:35 – Introduction by MC
- 14:35 - 14:40 - Poem on the importance of wetlands by Kigali Parents School Student ☐ 14:40- 14:45 - Remarks by the Gasabo District Executive Administrator ☐ 15:00 - Departure to Kigali Convention Centre.

List of invited Guests to Nyandungu Eco-Park Unveiling

- Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Rwanda
- Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn
- Former President of Botswana, H.E. Festus Mogae
- Former President of Niger, H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou
- President, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Mohammed Valli Moosa
- Bruno Oberle, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Kaddu Sebunya, CEO, African Wildlife Foundation
- Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
- Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, Assistant Director General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Director, UN Forum on Forests.
- Executive Secretary, COMIFAC
- Marco Lambertini, Director General, World Wildlife Fund
- Herve Martial Maidou, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
- Frank Turyatunga, Acting Director and Regional Representative for Africa, UN Environment Program
- Dr. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya, Hon. Minister of Environment, Rwanda
- Clare AKAMANZI, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Development Board
- Pauline Umwali, Gasabo, District Executive Administrator
- Omar Daair, High Commissioner of the United Kingdom to Rwanda
- Juliet KABERA, Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority
- Teddy Mugabo, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Green Fund
- Mohamed Imam Bakarr, Lead Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility
- Mark Ransom, Managing Director, QA Venue Solutions
- Basile KARIMBA, Managing Director, AFRI landscapes Ltd
- Belise Kariza, Country Director, Africa Wildlife Foundation
- Andrea Athanas, VP Enterprise and Investment Africa Wildlife Foundation
- Alistair Pole, Senior Director Project Management and Partnerships/AWF
- Masozera Michel, Executive Director, Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association
- Michaela Rugwizangoga, Chief Tourism Officer, Rwanda Development Board
- Eugene Mutangana, Conservation Management Expert, Rwanda Development Board
- Frank GISHA, Director General, Rwanda Chamber of Tourism
- Kigali Parents School students and teachers (30 Pupils and 2 teachers)
- Media partners.

Note:

1. APAC has an overall agenda comprising the following four main components: a) High level Leadership Dialogues, the streams and themes (the "Main Agenda"); b). Events (workshops, clinics, cafes, campuses) as per the calendar of events; c) Pavilion agendas as per the Pavilion calendar of events; and d) a display of posters;
2. There are still gaps to fill and speakers to confirm – these gaps will be filled in the coming weeks;
3. () = to be confirmed;
4. The session code is in the top left corner;
5. The agenda is chronological in so far as is possible (given the number of parallel events);
6. The separate daily calendar provides a summary of the scheduling for the main program and scheduled events. The daily calendar for the pavilion is being completed, and a list of the posters is being compiled; and
7. This is a near final draft of the Main agenda and the calendar of events but it will be updated as needed in the coming weeks.

day 2

APAC Leadership Dialogue Plenary Agenda

Tuesday 19 July

HL-2

19 July, 8.30-10.00, KCC Auditorium

Challenges and Opportunities for Protected and Conserved Areas

Manager: Madhu Rao; Staff Support: Philip Muruthi, Leo Niskanen

This Leadership Dialogue will synthesize the key challenges and opportunities of Protected and Conserved Areas (PCAs) in Africa to: a) set the tone and introduce the congress; b) present the status of PCAs in Africa and their major challenges (especially management effectiveness and governance); c) introduce the ambition of new target and challenges to achieve it – in marine and terrestrial realms; and where opportunities lie and how to seize them, with a focus on OECMs. There will be a special video on the status of PCAs with panel reflections. - Shamila Nair – Bedouelle, Assitant Director General UNESCO () will moderate this Leadership Dialogue.

Key Note Addresses by:

1. Hon. Najib Balala - Minister of Tourism and Wildlife, Republic of Kenya
2. Kaddu Sebunya – CEO and President of AWF

There will be a panel with the following panellists:

3. Hon Lee White, Ministre des Eaux, des Forêts, de la Mer, de l'Environnement, Chargé du Plan Climat and du Plan d'Affectation des Terres, Gabon
4. Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Executive Director, UN Forum on Forests
5. Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
6. Alfred Oteng – Yeboah, Chair of IPBES / IPCC steering committee
7. Marco Lambertini, Director General WWF International

Video: Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, UN CBD

This will be followed by an open question and answer session and a concluding summary by the moderator.

8.30 – 10.00

HL-3

Tuesday 19 July, 10:30-12:00, KCC Auditorium

Introducing APAC Streams and Themes – Addressing the challenges and making the “pitch”

Moderated by (Kaddu Sebunya); Session Manager (Helena Motta, Edmund Barrow)

This session will inform participants of the scope and direction of each APAC Stream. This is an opportunity for participants to identify sessions that interest them. The session will emphasize the Congress with a “Call for Action”, and link the Leadership Dialogues (Challenges and Opportunities of Protected and Conserved Areas) to the rest of the APAC agenda. The session will be exciting, graphic and visual, with short films linked to different streams and cross-cutting themes, and experts speaking about each of the thematic areas.

After short introductions as to (a) why APAC (Luther Anukur, IUCN), (b) with what objectives (Fred Kumah, AWF), and (c) why in Kigali (Beatrice Cyiza, Government of Rwanda), the APAC stream and cross-cutting theme leads will present their rationale and motivation for their subjects, provide briefs on each theme, and what APAC intends to deliver. The stream and cross-cutting theme leads are: Protected Areas stream (Samuel Kasiki and Philip Muruthi), People stream (Fiesta Warinwa and Monipher Musasa), Biodiversity stream (Michel Masozera and Youssouph Diedhiou), Governance theme (Tanya Merceron), Climate Change theme (Harisoa Rakotondrazafy), Conflict theme (Christian Noirard), Science, Technology and Indigenous Knowledge theme (Florence Palla), Sustainable Finance theme (Sue Snyman), and Infrastructure theme (Lucy Waruingi).

The moderator will lead discussion as to how the streams and themes will engage with the key challenges of PCAs, through the following sorts of questions: What are the key challenges facing PCAs? How will this stream, theme, workshop, or pavilion address these challenges? What sorts of outcomes do you expect?

The session will end with a moderated discussion involving audience and panel.

10.30 – 12.00

Three Parallel Stream Plenaries

Tuesday 19 July from 14:00-17:30

Tuesday 19 July, 14:00-17:30, KCC Auditorium

ST-1

Stream 1 Parallel Plenary - Promoting effective and equitable networks of PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Philip Muruthi

Panel 1: How effective are protected areas in conserving biodiversity and ecosystem services– constraints and opportunities for management effectiveness (including representativity, connectivity)

Panel 1 will be moderated by Daniel Marnewick (IUCN) who will introduce the status of PCA effectiveness and how it relates to the Aichi targets, equity, fairness, participation and sustainability. Amy Fraenkel (Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species, CMS) will make one keynote address on CMS and Africa regional perspectives, including the link between connectivity and effectiveness. There will be a keynote address by APAD (Dr Charles Musyoki, Kenya), who will discuss PA management effectiveness for Africa. This will include a summary of the main challenges and opportunities for management effectiveness of PAs in Africa.

There are 5 panellists: Patience Gandiwa (Zimbabwe Parks), Kaori Yasuda (IUCN-Rwanda), Jimmiel Mandima (IFAW), and Abilio Rachid SAID (Instituto da Biodiversidade e da Áreas Protegidas, Guinea Bissau). Patience Gandiwa will share findings from the APAD survey on trends in the role of infrastructure in PA networks. Kaori Yasuda will discuss the IUCN Green List where Rwanda, other countries and partners showcase Africa's commitments. Jimmy Mandima will show how important it is to protect migratory species in East and Southern Africa PAs by ensuring connectivity and safe passage between critical subpopulations and maintain and ensure healthy and resilient ecosystems. Abilio Rachid SAID da Silva will discuss the importance of connectivity of PAs as essential for fulfilling conservation objectives and addressing climate change.

After the panellists have made their presentations, the audience will break into groups to discuss various questions and issues: How can we improve management effectiveness of protected and conserved areas in Africa? What lessons are we learning? What actions do we need to implement? What are the gaps and how can we fill them?

Tuesday 19 July, 14:00–17:30, Room MH1

ST-2

Stream 2 Parallel Plenary – People: Championing community-led conservation in Africa

Session Manager: Fiesta Warinwa

Panel 1: Championing community-led conservation in Africa

There is a growing consensus that to address the biodiversity and climate change crisis, and to protect and restore ecosystems, requires the support and scale of solutions indigenous people, local communities, and grassroots initiatives offer. Scientists agree we must accelerate conservation, particularly initiatives to restore and sustain ecosystems on a larger scale, to prevent severe climate and biodiversity catastrophes. Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs), owning and using roughly 50% of the land are a critical part of the solution, despite not always having legal rights over their territories. The panel will provide case studies from some grassroots conservation leaders who are championing innovative, and successful community-led conservation. Winnie Kiiru (Elephant Protection Initiative, Nairobi) will moderate and introduce the session, which will provide case studies from across Africa and some grassroots conservation leaders championing new, innovative, and successful community-led conservation efforts

A TEDx –talk by Kanyike Sena (Indigenous Peoples of Africa coordinating Committee, IPAC) will highlight different rights-based approaches to conservation, their advantages and challenges, the lessons we can learn from them and how they can be upscaled. A keynote address by Dickson Kaelo (Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Association) will provide a bigger context into community led conservation in terms of the governance structures and the different institutional needs. Four panellists will discuss various aspects: Joseph Itongwa (ICCA consortium) will highlight how important an enabling policy environment is for community-led conservation. Njenga Kairo (Maliasili) will share the capacity building needs for effective community engagement in conservation. Angela Sanau from Masaai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA) will discuss the community benefits & role of IPLCs, Youth & Women in successful conservation in Africa. While Malidadi Langa (Community Leaders Network) will highlight challenges and threats to devolving authority of State-owned PAs to external entities.

After panellists make their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss questions introduced by the moderator.

Tuesday 19 July, 14.00-17.30, Room T1

ST-3

Stream 3 Parallel Plenary–Biodiversity: Unlocking the opportunities of biodiversity conservation in Africa

Session Manager: Michel Masozera

Panel 1: Unlocking the opportunities linked to biodiversity conservation in Africa?

Trevor Sandwith (IUCN,) will moderate and introduce the importance of understanding the state of biodiversity in Africa. Ariella Kageruka (Head of Tourism and Conservation Department, RDB) will deliver a TEDx on the biodiversity economy for Africa, and highlight key issues, challenges, and opportunities for the future and reflect what 30x30 means for Africa. Alice Ruhweza (WWF Africa) and Dr Arona Soumare (African Development Bank), in their keynote addresses, will develop these ideas as to what we need to do differently to unlock the potential of Africa's biodiversity, align Africa with principles for Green Growth and understand how to avoid future pandemics? Ms Chantal Marijnissen (Head of Unit Environment and Sustainable Natural Resources, Directorate-General for International Partnerships,EU) will talk about how to move beyond the business as usual funding model to sustainable financing for biodiversity conservation in Africa?

There are five panellists from regional bodies including Domingos Gove (SADC), Christophe Deguenon (UEMOA), Moussa Leko, (ECCAS) and Stefanie Lang (Legacy Landscape Fund). They will speak to the importance of assessing regional biodiversity strategies and exploring synergies across Africa regional blocks. The panellists will examine the different biodiversity strategies being implemented to foster complementarity.

After the panel's presentations, the audience will participate in groups to discuss questions posed by the moderator. What next for biodiversity conservation in Africa? What are key reforms needed to unlock the opportunities in biodiversity conservation in Africa? How can we create enabling environment to unlock the opportunities linked to biodiversity conservation?

COVID-19 and Pandemics – Parallel Theme Workshop

19 July, 16:00-17:30, Room T3

CT-1

Cross-cutting Theme Parallel Session: Impacts of COVID-19 and other pandemics in PCAs

Session Manager: Samuel Kasiki

Samuel Mwanda, Director Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA,), as moderator will introduce the subject and moderate the Panel which will focus on the impacts of COVID-19 and pandemics on PCAs. Alain Liva Raharijaona (Fondation pour les Aires Protégées and la Biodiversité de Madagascar) will deliver the keynote address «La COVID-19 a exacerbé les menaces and les pressions sur les ressources naturelles de Madagascar. Comment la pandémie affecte les priorités and les besoins de financement des aires protégées?»

Three panellists: Paula Boixeda (Autonomous University of Barcelona/ Frankfurt Zoological Society, Germany) will discuss COVID-19 in the context of increasing global and interconnected crises, that call for resilience in PA governance and management. Bennett Kahuure (Namibia) will share how the Conservation Relief, Recovery and Resilience Facility (CRRRF) mobilises resources to provide relief to CBNRM institutions affected by Covid-19, and ensure the continuation CBNRM activities such as anti-poaching, mitigation of human wildlife conflict, conservation of natural resources and the management of wildlife to minimise job losses in the sector. This is an example of Namibia's stakeholder collaboration. Ademola Ajagbe (Regional Managing Director, Africa Region, TNC) will share TNC's establishment of the Africa Wildlife Conservancies Crisis Fund in response to the covid-19 pandemic that provided critical on the ground support to community rangers. While Lydia Amah (Director of Forest Resources, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Togo) will discuss The perspective of Togo on impact of the pandemics in Protected and Conserved Areas.

Participant group discussions will focus on questions posed by the moderator: How prepared are PCAs for current and future pandemics? How can PCAs that depend on the industries most affected by pandemics (tourism, health, etc) cope with these impacts? How can effectively managed, well-connected PCAs help with resilience against pandemics?

day 3

Leadership Dialogue Plenary

Wednesday 20 July

Wednesday 20 July, 8:30-10:00, KCC Auditorium

HL-4:

Leadership Dialogue Plenary: Investing in biodiversity: Diversifying innovative financing models for PCAs.

Session Manager: Kathy MacKinnon, Support Staff: Andrea Athanas and Ademola Ajagbe

This Leadership Dialogue will bring development partners and CEOs of International NGOs together to discuss and make suggestions as to how global cooperation can be improved and better achieved and provide a critical overview on investments in conservation. Questions such as what the impact has been? the challenges and what needs to be done differently could be responded to by the panellists.

The moderator, Charlotte Karibuhoye, Head of Strategic Alliances and Director, MAVA Foundation, will introduce the session with keynote addresses by:

8.30-10.00

1. Paulo Gomes, Co-founder, New African Capital Partners, Former Executive Director at the World Bank

The panellists include:

2. Hon. Claudine Uwera, Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, Rwanda
3. Hon. Steffi Lemke, Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection.
4. Aurelia Micko, Director of Environment, Kenya and East Africa USAID
5. Mohamed Imam Bakarr, Lead Environmental Specialist GEF
6. Carsten Sandhop, Head of division Governance and Natural Resources Southern African Region, KfW.
7. Chantal Marijnissen, Head of Unit in charge of Environment, Sustainable Natural Resources,
8. Alain Liva Raharijaona, Executive Director of Madagascar Fund

Video: Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility

This will be followed by an open question and answer session and a concluding summary by the moderator

Parallel Stream Plenaries Agenda for Wednesday 20 July 10:30–17:00

Wednesday 20 July, 10.30-12.00, KCC Auditorium

ST-4

Stream 1 Parallel Plenary - Promoting effective and equitable networks of PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Philip Muruthi

Panel 2: Achieving more effectiveness through connected and complimentary networks of PAs and OECMs

Margaret Kinnaird (moderator, WWF) will introduce the discussion as to whether we should be talking about expanding PAs while effectiveness of existing PAs is low and OECMs are not considered? Madhu Rao (IUCN, WCPA Secretariat) will provide the key note address and share experiences on conserving 30% of the planet and with commitments to 30x30 from over 70 countries, including the G7, President Biden, the European Union and at least 15 countries on the African continent.

Hon. Mme. Louopou Lamah (Minister of Environment, Guinée Conakri) will provide one keynote address on the vision for the renewal of Guinea's protected area network. This announcement is a precursor to the COP15 announcement.

There will be three panellists: Kerry Jo Purnell (Wilderness Foundation Africa; South Africa), Nombe Ganama (Mali Elephant Project), Bennet Kohuyu (Namibian conservancies), Joseph Lekealem (Director, Parks and Wildlife, Cameroon) and Dr. Mwakilema (TANAPA). They will share cost-effective mechanisms of PA expansion to achieve the 30x30 target. Successes and lessons learnt will include how targets are met elsewhere. This is based on the need for protecting half of Earth's land and seas, and the important milestone of 30% by 2030. The discussion will address the need to consider how states can develop and mobilise the capacity to meet these targets. If countries support and achieve an ambitious, multi-dimensional target along these lines, they need to be supported to catalyse their own knowledge and skills but also be equipped with tools and resources to achieve and measure progress. Exploring opportunities and priorities for community conserved areas and initiatives to scale up coverage, impact, and community benefits across Africa and its most important conservation landscapes will be the focus, including a case study from the Mali Elephant Project. TANAPA will share perspective from the PA Authorities on the expansion 30X30 and OECMs.

Following inputs by the panel, the audience will break into groups to discuss such questions as: Is it about 30x30 or more about supporting more of what we have? How can we achieve 30% in a cost-effective manner that brings community conserved areas together with other actors at national level? How to ensure that conservation is truly effective and embraces quality? What lessons are being learnt and what actions are needed?

Wednesday 20 July, 14.00 – 17.30, KCC Auditorium

ST-5

Stream 1 Parallel Plenary - Promoting effective and equitable networks of PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Philip Muruthi

Panel 3: Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) – can they fill the gap?

Panel 3 will be moderated by Trevor Sandwith (IUCN) who will introduce OECMs and how they contribute to effectiveness, equity, connectivity, and representation. Joe Watson will provide a TEDx on broadening our goals: How understanding urbanization and future trends can help Africa's PAs and OECMs

Five panellists: Daniel Marnewick (IUCN), Gordon Ajonina (Cameroon Wildlife Conservation Society), Charles Doumenge (CIRAD), SVatosoa Rakotondrazafy (President Board of Directors, Madagascar), and Francis Okalo (IUCN), will discuss needs for more marine PAs, and share experiences of the management and business plan development process for Cameroon's first marine national park in Central Africa. Africa's traditional, spiritual and cultural values contribute to area-based conservation and are essential to achieve management objectives at national, regional and global levels. This will bring stakeholders in charge of conservation and land use planning to better understand the differences and complementarities between PAs and "conservation" areas. But this requires improved policies and legal frameworks to help secure communities' rights and collaborating with them to be in charge of sustainable management of their resources and ensure effectiveness of the management measures they adopt. OECMs allow for the inclusion of rights-holders and stakeholders who contribute to conservation through area-based conservation outside formal protected areas, including IPLCs.

Participant, in groups, will address questions such as: How can community conserved areas be respected and recognized as OECMs? How can we increase the importance of marine conservation contribution to OECMs? What is the role of conservation on private lands, agricultural lands or other lands/areas in government control, etc.?

Wednesday 20 July, 10:30–12:00, Hall MH1

ST-6

Stream 2 Parallel Plenary – People: Championing community-led conservation in Africa

Session Manager: Fiesta Warinwa

Panel 2: Sustaining Community Conservation: The Need for New Funding Models and Practices

Panel 2 focuses on the need for innovative funding to ensure community conservation success, as there is more funding available. But to thrive and spread, and deliver on communities' expectations and opportunities, these initiatives by grassroots organizations have unique funding needs and face barriers that can deprive them of resources. Local organizations can struggle to access funding, particularly from larger development agencies or international funders, due to logistical, cultural, linguistic, legal and administrative barriers. Communities and their supporters across Africa need to rethink existing conservation funding, including more longer-term, flexible, organization supportive funding for community-led initiatives at scales that promote accessible funding for local organizations.

Fred Nelson (Maliasili) will introduce and moderate this session. John Kamanga (SORALO) as keynote speaker will articulate the overall situation with current funding models, the challenges faced and some of the opportunities available to bring about transformation in practice. TEDx speaker, Rashid Sumaila (Campaign4Nature), will venture into the specific challenges of financing the implementation of OECMs, and how this will impact local communities and their willingness to support governments as they strive to implement the 30x30 target.

Panel two attempt to address such challenges through an overall articulation of the situation and its barriers; highlighting the opportunities for international funding; exploring national efforts to date; demonstrating the power of collaboration to deliver at the landscape level and, lastly, the session will highlight opportunities for micro-enterprise and finance generated at the most local level. Daniel Sopia (MMWCA) will share experiences with bringing funding of international donors to the local level, highlighting recent experiences with COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts. Tapiwa Makiwa (CCF/NA) will speak of the collaboration between government, NGOs and communities in establishing a trust fund to support the needs of communities. Damien Bell (Honeyguide Foundation) will share experiences in building financial sustainability into models designed to deliver conservation at the landscape level. Examples of the value of small-scale enterprise and possibilities for local financing will be shared. Patrick Kimani (Coastal and Marine Resource Development) will share local efforts of the Eco-credits finance model, which is a demonstrated, yet still uncommon, approach that provides access to finance and improves the livelihoods of coastal communities, while conserving marine resources at the most local level will be profiled.

The audience will then discuss questions, including: What are some of the new funding models & practices (being discussed or in practice) that could get more funding to "the point of impact" on the ground? What barriers currently exist and what needs to fundamentally change to allow these new models and practices to be more pervasive and more successful? How can we drive towards greater financial self-reliance at the community level?

Wednesday 20 July, 10:30–12:00 and 14:00–17:00 Room T1

ST-7

Stream 3 Parallel Plenary – Biodiversity: Unlocking the opportunities linked to biodiversity conservation

Session Manager: Youssouph Diedhiou

Panel 2: Effectiveness of Biodiversity conservation strategies in Africa

Ali Kaka (IUCN Councillor, Kenya) will moderate this panel. There will be a keynote address by Frank Turyatunga (UNEP Africa Representative), Hon. Viriato Luís Soares Cassamá (Minister of Environment, Guinée Bissau), and the 5 panellists are: Charlotte Karibuhoye Said (Mava Foundation, Senegal), Muhtari Amiu Kano (CEO, Nigerian Conservation Foundation, Nigeria), Julieta Kabera (DG, Rwanda Environment Management Authority, TBC) and Roman Eyholzer (Porini Foundation, Switzerland). They will discuss how coastal and marine resources can be nature-based recovery processes, show how inclusive strategies can tackle the biodiversity crisis, discuss strategies for effective PAs management, planning and expansion, and financing for PAs, with links to sustainable financing cross-cutting theme.

After the panellists have made their brief presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: What do we need to do differently to grow in a way that does not compromise the very basis of our economies? How can we improve our understanding of biodiversity for economic development? What actions are needed? What are the key lessons?

Wednesday 20 July, 14:00-15:30, Room T2

CT-2

Cross-Cutting Theme Parallel Workshops – Protecting the protectors – supporting rangers for improved effectiveness of the PCA management

Session Manager: Samuel Kasiki

The moderator will be Amon Koutoua (International Ranger Foundation, Africa). Olga Biegus (Universal Ranger Support Alliance) will provide a keynote address to understand competences needed in the ranger sector and support its professionalization, through presenting the Universal Ranger Competences framework. The moderated panel of Patricia Malasha (USAID Integrated Land and Resource Governance Program, Zambia), Andrew Campbell (Game Rangers Association of Africa, South Africa), Drew Mcvey (WWF, Kenya), and Marianne Kettunen (Thin Green Line Foundation UK) will share experiences on a). Women's engagement in PA management being side-lined and marginalized, but a new set of tools can provide tangible ways to bring women back to the centre of PA management; b). It is important rangers, PA and conservation management authorities and those who support rangers financially understand the role of ranger associations; c). Build awareness of the challenges facing rangers and support their role in ensuring the effective management of PCAs; and d). PCAs can provide a major contribution to deliver the 2030 SDGs. Rangers are 'key workers' to help to deliver these benefits and their role needs to be better recognized – and supported. So, what is the most important driver to keep rangers dedicated, capable, motivated on the job?

After the panellists have made their brief presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: What is the most important driver to keep the frontline warriors (RANGERS) dedicated, capable, motivated and in the job? What are the major changes, obstacles to the career of Game Rangers? What would be transformative, a game changer in the future of capacity for rangers in Africa?

day 4

Leadership Dialogue Plenary

Thursday 21 July

HL-4

Thursday 21 July, 8:30-10:00, KCC Auditorium

Leadership Dialogue – Upholding rights, promoting good governance and equity

Session Manager: Charles Oluchina; Support Staff: Edwin Tambara

There will be a Leadership Dialogue on “Upholding rights, promoting good governance and equity” in terms of a) good governance and protecting rights, b) approaches to implementation of these principles c) experiences of challenges faced by international NGOs and IPLCs and what they have learnt about governance for the future. There will be discussions on how to address historical injustices of conservation, and recommendations for the future d). how to foster respectful relationships between INGOs and CSOs.

The moderator will be Hon. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Republic of Rwanda.

8:30-10:00

There will be two keynote addresses on “Upholding rights and promoting Equity” by:

1. Hon. Collins Nzovu, Minister of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia
2. Solange Bandiaky-Badji, Global Coordinator of Rights and Resources Initiative, RRI, and President of the Rights and Resources Group, Senegal
3. Dr. Daniel Ngamiye, Minister of Health, Rwanda

There will be a panel with the following panellists:

1. Lucy Mullenkei, Executive Director, Indigenous Information Network ()
2. Jimmiel Mandima, Vice President IFAW
3. Jennifer Mohamed-Katerere, Independent Human Rights and Environmental Law Expert
4. Brian Child, IUCN Regional Councilor

Video: Francisco Cali Tzay, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples ()

This will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a concluding summary by the moderator

Cross-Cutting Theme Agendas for Stream 1 (21-22 July) in Parallel

CT-3

Thursday 21st July 10:30-12:00, KCC Auditorium

Cross-Cutting Theme-1 Parallel Workshop: Governance and PCAs: Governance mechanisms to safeguard biodiversity and PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Tanya Merceron (IUCN)

Title: Models of managing PCAs: Co-Management, delegated management, privately managed PAs, conservancies and IPLCs: What are we learning from governance for effective management, and what tools to use

The moderator, Jennifer Kelleher (IUCN) will provide an introduction on the diversity of management models of PCAs. Paul Ouedraogo will provide a keynote address on Placing Protected and conserved areas governance in the African context.

10:30-13:00

The panel of six experts: Rogers Lubilo (Community Livelihoods Network) and Phil Franks (IIED), Dr Paul Scholte (GIZ, Ivory Coast), Dr Fortunata Msoffe (Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania), Rio Heriniaina, ONG des Guides d'Andasibe, (Madagascar) and Patricia Mupeta-Muyamwa (Africa Integrated Landscapes Strategy Lead, TNC) will share examples. Participatory management of PAs and their conservation and development activities will be discussed based on different participatory models. West and Central Africa have 15 years of experience in delegating management of its PAs to private partners. Challenges face Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), particularly for wildlife protection. Increasing human population threatens their existence, with pressures to forego protection and let people have land for agriculture, and how we Make Local communities in the center of conservation to have successful impact.

After the panellists have made their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss questions: What are we learning from different types of protected and conserved area governance arrangements? How can this be improved? What key actions are needed for effective and fair decision making? We know that diverse and well governed protected and conserved areas leads to better outcomes for both people and nature. What are some examples of diverse conservation actors and decision making? How can these be best recognized? What challenges do they face and what kind of support is needed?

Thursday 21 July, 10.30-12.00, Room T3

CT-4

Cross-Cutting Theme-2 Parallel Workshop: Climate Change and PCAs: Securing a climate resilient future for nature and people in and around PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Harisoa Rakotondrazafy

Title of Session: The PCAs we want in Africa under a changing climate

The moderator who will introduce the session is Alice Ruhweza (Regional Africa Director, WWF) while Hon. Amit Idriss (Minister of Water, Forest, Hunting and Fisheries, CAR) will deliver the keynote address focusing on shaping the role of protected areas as global strategy for adaptation and mitigation to secure resilient future for nature and people in Africa and ahead of COP 27 in Egypt.

10.30-12.00

There are 6 panellists David Obura (Executive Director, CORDIO, East Africa), Wendy Foden (Head of Science at the Cape Research Centre, South African National Parks and Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Climate Change Specialist Group), Joyce Jefwa (IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management), Annah Agasha (Forest Stewardship Council, Uganda), Sarah Walker (Regional Carbon Advisor), and Harisoa Rakotondrazafy, WWF Africa Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator.

They will speak on: managing coastal and marine ecosystems in protected and conserved areas for increased resilience and blue carbon in Africa. ; the role of the IUCN SSC's Climate Change Specialist Group's work and the need to increase the number and size of PAs to build ecosystem resilience to climate change; how nature-based solutions represents an opportunity for the Biosphere Reserves to increase their contribution to achieve climate adaptation and mitigation goals; how does certification of Protected Areas could be an innovative tool to for climate mitigation and adaptation; sharing lessons from REDD+/carbon sequestration in the management of protected areas and innovations needed for increased NbS benefits for mitigation and/or adaptation and the need for a regional strategy for climate change and PAs to drive more impactful actions in Africa.

After panellists have made their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss questions such as: What role can PandCAs play to address climate impacts, how their role as NbS for climate could be valued and upgraded What innovative strategies and transformative solutions are required (in terms of knowledge, policy, finance, and implementation)? What bold commitments should be taken during APAC that will feed the CBD, UNFCCC and UNDRR agendas?

Thursday 21 July, 14.00-15.30, KCC Auditorium

CT-5

Cross-Cutting Theme-3 Parallel Workshop: Conflict and PCAs: Resolving resource use conflicts as a pathway to security and conservation within and around PCAs

Session Manager: Christian Noirard

Title of Session: Human wildlife conflicts: from conflict to co-existence

The session will be moderated by Winnie Kiiru (Elephant Protection Initiative,), and Nyamukondiwa Fidelicy (Fauna and Flora Zimbabwe) will make a keynote presentation on the current state of play on human wildlife conflicts: from conflict to co-existence.

14.00-15.30

Four panellists will share experiences: Barbara Chesire Chabaga, Benjamin Y Bassono (Executive Director of Guardian Angels of Nature in Burkina Faso), Atotonu Amah (Director of Forest Resources in Togo), and Abdel-Aziz Baba Moussa (Centre National de Gestion des Réserves de Faune, Benin).

With the growing impact of climate change on biodiversity in Tanzania and Africa, human wildlife conflicts (HWC) are expected to rise and demand more robust and sustainable solutions. Monitoring of elephants in Benin with collars reduces human-wildlife conflicts, when it is combined with information, communication and education including the application of the regulations in force.

After panellists have made their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: how do we go from conflict to co-existence? What solutions are there for PCA managers, local leaders and local communities?

Thursday 21 July, 14:00-15:30, Room AD12

CT-6

Cross-Cutting Theme-4 Parallel Workshop: STIK and PCAs: How science, technology and indigenous knowledge (STIK) contributes to the management and effectiveness of PCAs

Session Manager: Florence Palla

Title of Session: Science and indigenous knowledge for conservation in Africa with respect to PCAs.

Prof. Egwim Evans (Centre for Genetic Engineering and biotechnology, Federal University of Technology, Minar, Nigeria) will moderate the session, and Prof Dr Sir Assogbadjo Ephrem (University of Abomey-Calavi and IUCN-SSC- Crop Wild Relative Specialist Group Regional Leader for Sub Saharan Africa,) will make the keynote on why science, technology, and traditional knowledge are important for PA and biodiversity management?

There will be a moderated Panel with Souleymane Jules Gaye (Nitidae, Burkina Faso), Magatte Diaw (Association Nationale des APAC du Sénégal), Prof David Miller (Millar Institute for Transdisciplinary and Development Studies, Ghana), and Chris Zganjar (Natural Climate Solutions Information Specialist, TNC).

They will share experiences on village organization and social and income-generating activities in the Ponasi Project in Burkina Faso for better cohesion and conservation and increased resilience. Learning from the support project in Senegal for the ICCA of Lac de Guières and revive the Dekkal Dekh river, we can promote biodiversity and reduce conflict between breeders and farmers. We can have HWC systems that are more human-centred, and culturally sensitive. Connecting PCAs to ecological networks can ensure long term viability, sustainable development and improved wellbeing but this is a challenge. We explore connectivity, innovations to accelerate this work, how sectors (agriculture to infrastructure) are part of the solution, and look to opportunities to capitalize on to secure a connected and resilient Africa for nature and people.

TNC will explain how they have used scientific analysis of climate and key informant surveys to understand the impacts of climate change on community livelihoods to ensure that human responses to climate change did not negatively impact biodiversity and supported livelihoods.

After panellists make their comments, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: How can we facilitate community organizational development to promote natural resources conservation? How do you promote an alternative framework for coexistence of communities and their wildlife/natural resources in Africa? How do you promote science and technology and indigenous knowledge to facilitate sharing of innovations in natural resources conservation in Africa?

14.00-15.30

Friday 22 July, 10.30-12.00, Room MH1

CT-7

Cross-Cutting Theme-5 Parallel Workshop: Sustainable Finance and PCAs: Financial resilience and sustainability are key for long-term success of Africa's PCAs

Session Manager: Sue Snyman

Title of Session: Tools for innovative financing to secure Africa's biodiverse land and seascapes

Charlotte Karibuhoye (Mava Foundation) will moderate, while Candice Stevens (Wilderness Foundation Africa and IUCN WCPA Financing Group Co-Chair) will make the keynote address on financing versus funding; business plans; tools available and their use. Sue Snyman (ALU SOWC) will give a TEDx talk on their new Wildlife Economy Investment Index.

Five panellists: Karen Price (Consortium of African Funds for the Environment), Kathleen Fitzgerald (Global Wildlife Program, World Bank), Amrei von Hase (Wildlife Conservation Society), Ellane van Wyk (Wilderness Foundation Africa), will share experience about tools for innovative financing of PCAs, CTFs, CMPs, offsets and fiscal instruments (e.g., tax incentives). It will be an interactive panel discussion.

After panellists make their comments, the audience will be engaged through an interactive Q and A session

10.30-12.00

Friday 22 July, 10.30-12.00, Room AD11

CT-8

Cross-Cutting Theme-6 Parallel Workshop: Infrastructure and PCAs: Reducing the impact of physical infrastructure on ecosystems and biodiversity in key Africa landscapes

Session Manager: Lucy Waruingi

Title of Session: Planning for infrastructure with appropriate safeguards

The moderator, Sarah Chiles (EL/GZT, Kenya) will introduce the session. Mohamed Bakarr (GEF Lead Environment Specialist) will make a keynote address to highlight ties with GEF-8, which focuses explicitly on transportation infrastructure.

There will be a moderated panel of 3 experts: Adam Ceesay (Wetlands International Africa Côte Occidentale Golfe de Guinée), Lucy Waruingi (African Conservation Centre, Kenya), and Benneth Nicholas (Government of Sudan). They will share experiences on practical methods to reduce the impact of infrastructure on biodiversity, and highlight challenges and opportunities in striking a balance between conservation and development. The findings of a survey on Africa's PAs - an analysis of the current trends of impacts of infrastructure on PAs, will be shared. The PAs in South Sudan and the need to develop the infrastructure for biodiversity management.

After panellists make their comments, the audience will discuss questions in groups: What are the minimum guiding principles that should inform development in protected and conserved areas? What is required to adopt the mitigation hierarchy in designing and planning for mega infrastructure projects.

10.30-12.00

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Leadership Dialogue

Friday 22 July

HL-5

Friday 22 July, 8:30-10:00, KCC Auditorium

Leadership Dialogue – Climate Change and the Biodiversity Nexus

Session Manager: Imen Meliane; Support Staff: Charles Karangwa, Sharize Odongo

There will be a Leadership Dialogue on PCAs at the centre of the “climate and Biodiversity nexus”. The discussions will focus on the message that PCAs should be a first choice for NBS and how that can be carried forward in climate discussions. It will explore what would it mean for Africa and the planet to lose existing carbon sink ecosystems, and the urgency to protect them. The need for PCAs to adapt and help people adapt to climate change will be highlighted.

The session will be Moderated by Imen Meliane, Regional Councillor Africa, IUCN. Key note address will be given by:

1. David Obura, CEO CORDIO East Africa

There will be a panel with the following panellists:

1. Hon Jeanne d'arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda
2. Hon Beatrice Anywar Atim, Minister of State for Environment, Uganda
3. Hon. Aissata Daouda Diallo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania
4. Elizabeth Wathuti – Environment and Climate activists, Kenya
5. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Coordinator of the Association of Peul Women and Autochthonous Peoples of Chad

This will be followed by an open question and answer session and a concluding summary by the moderator

8.30-10.00

Cross-Cutting Theme Agendas for Stream 2 (21-22 July) in Parallel

CT-9

Thursday 21 July, 14:00-15:30, Room T2

Cross-Cutting Theme-1 Parallel Workshop: Governance and People: Governance mechanisms to safeguard biodiversity and PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Tanya Merceron

Title: Strategies for people centered conservation, a zoom on female leadership: High Level dialogue of female leaders on Environment in Africa

The moderator will be Tanya Merceron (IUCN) who will provide the introduction. Solange Bandiaky – Badji, (RRI) will deliver the keynote address on What gaps? Paving a path forward for Indigenous and community women leaders in conservation

Three female ministers will be on the panel: Hon. Amah Louopou (Ministre de l'environnement de Guinée), Hon. Aissata Daouda Diallo (Ministre de l'environnement de Mauritanie) and Hon. Rosalie Matondo (Ministre de l'Economie forestière du Congo). They will be joined by 4 other experts: Juliet Kabera (DG of Ministry of Environment of Rwanda), Charlotte Karibuoye, (Fondation MAVA), Jennifer Mohamed – Katerere (Independent Human Rights and Environmental Law Expert), and Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim (, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad, AFPAT). The panellists will share experiences on the importance of gender and women in conservation.

How do the managers of PCAs take into account user rights recognized for women? Political commitments is likely to promote greater involvement of women in conservation. We need to identify the different roles of women and men vis-à-vis biodiversity: responsibilities, priorities and knowledge that affect how individuals use and manage biodiversity. The mechanisms put in place in Mauritania to strengthen the capacities of women, enable them to carry out conservation responsibilities effectively. This should include the importance of the right to land, and women's traditional knowledge. Conservation is not a “male only” world. Women and men use nature differently and have similar and different governance structures in terms of use, access and the institutions responsible. There will be a focus on the themes of rights, justice and power in protected and conserved areas. It reflects on advances for IPLC and social-ecological resilience, and hones in on the urgent (transformative) changes needed to move from rhetorical goals for rights to the realisation of rights for vulnerable and marginalised people.

Some suggested ideas for framing and questions: Women and girls interact in a different way to natural resources than men, they often collect water, gather wild resources and are at most risk when access to these resources is prevented through restrictive conservation practices. This session will seek to answer the following questions: How do PCAs affect women and girls specifically? Are there specific gender-based risks that need to be considered? How are the rights of women and girls be safeguarded at the local level?

How can women be recognized as key decision makers in the conservation of nature?

14.00-15.30

Thursday 21st July, 16.00-17.30, AD12

CT-10

Cross-Cutting Theme-2 Parallel Workshop: Climate Change and People: Securing a climate resilient future for nature and people in and around PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Harisoa Rakotondrazafy

Title of Session: The interactions of climate change on people living adjacent to and within PCAs

The Moderator will be Nikhil Advani (WWF Director, Climate, Communities and Wildlife and Lead of climate change survey in Africa), who will provide an introduction. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim (co-chair of the facilitative Working Group of the UNFCCC IPLC platform, Member of Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee) will deliver the keynote address focusing on putting IPLCs to drive climate knowledge and locally led climate solutions around PCAs and ensuring co-benefits for nature and people.

10.30-12.00

There are five panellists: Chris Zganjar (Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group), Aby Drame (Enda Tier Monde), José Américo Filipe and Noel Valentino (ACADIR, Angola), Olusegun Michael Ogundele (Nigerian Youth Biodiversity Network) and Patrice Bigombe (Research and Action Centre for Sustainable Development in Central Africa Cameroon). They will share experiences on the Global Change Impacts group of the ABCG which is documenting how communities are impacted by climate change, how they respond, and how their responses affect their livelihoods and biodiversity, and recognize the contribution of climate knowledge from indigenous peoples. Case of vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in and around marine protected areas (MPAs) in Senegal, and how climate change affects marine and coastal communities and ACADIR's work to establish climate resilient conservation agriculture around Luengue Luiana National Park in Angola resulted in increased yields and improved livelihoods will be also shared. The use of indigenous and local knowledge as well as the recognition of their importance for mitigation and adaptation measures will be highlighted and discussed.

After panellists have made their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: What are the potential climate impacts on people? How have people responded to changes in climate and what does the implications for PCAs? How IPLCs are contributing to climate knowledge? What can we learn about adaptation and mitigation actions that involve IPLCs and what could be improved?

Friday 22 July, 10:30-12:00, Room AD12

CT-11

Cross-Cutting Theme-3 Parallel Workshop: Conflict and People: Resolving resource use conflicts as a pathway to security and conservation within and around PCAs

Session Manager: Christian Noirad

Title of Session: Food production and healthy ecosystems: Conflicts between farmers, pastoralists and wildlife

The session will be introduced by the moderator Dr Fungo Bernard (National Agricultural Research organization, Uganda), and the keynote address will be made by Dr. Christian Noirard (PA and Biodiversity Coordinator IUCN)

10.30-12.00

There will be 3 panellists: Florent Zowoyo (Country Director, WCS-CAR), Aaron Kalala Karumba (APAA Congo, Association Paysanne pour l'Autosuffisance Alimentaire, DRC), and Masegeri Rurai (Frankfurt Zoological Society, Tanzania).

They will focus interventions on: Pastoralism and conflict in northern CAR; How agroforestry helps protect biodiversity, and provide critical but declining habitats which reduces animal-human conflict is presented. Protecting pastoralists and pastures bordering PAs through improved livelihood based on healthy rangelands, healthy livestock and healthy people.

After panellists have made their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: What should be done to improve food production growth without affecting biodiversity? What needs to be done to avoid conflicts between farming and pastoralism? How can farmers and pastoralists co-exist with wildlife?

Friday 22 July, 10:30-12:00, KCC Auditorium

CT-12

Cross-Cutting Theme-4 Parallel Workshop: STIK and People: How science, technology and indigenous knowledge (STIK) contributes to management effectiveness of PCAs

Session Manager: Florence Palla

Title of Session: Science and IK for Conservation in Africa with respect to rural men and women

The session will be moderated by Prof. Georg Nyamadewo (University of Zimbabwe). Prof. David Millar (President of Millar Institute for Transdisciplinary and Development Studies, Millar Open University, Ghana,) will make the keynote address on what does science and IK tell us about conservation with respect to rural men and women.

There will be a moderated Panel with Christophe Ishalenge (EMERGENCE, DRC), Patrice Bigombe (Centre de Recherche and d'Action pour le Développement Durable en Afrique centrale, CERAD, Cameroon), Malih Ole Kaunga (IMPACT-PARAN Alliance, Kenya), and Américo Nhangá Wananse Sanhá, Maimuna Jaló e Elena Bersacola (l'Institut de la Biodiversité and des Aires Protégées – IBAP, Guinea-Bissau,).

They will explore the role sustainable natural resources management of the Itombwe massif plays in DRC, based on integrating rights, traditional practices of local and indigenous communities. It is necessary to recognize the importance of indigenous climate knowledge, to integrate it into public policies to combat climate change. Strengthening inclusive conservation of land and natural resources in N. Kenya by facilitating solutions tailored to the context, conceived and run by indigenous people is sustainable. We seek to strengthen and sustain values of inclusive conservation through networking for learning, sharing and empowerment. Such initiatives depend on the strength of the communities. Improving knowledge of biodiversity and human-wildlife interactions can be useful in improving public health by increasing resilience to zoonotic epidemics in local communities.

After panellists make their comments, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: How can we integrate science and IK to enhance conservation for community resilience? How can we integrate traditional knowledge on climate change into public policy? How can STIK contribute to promoting inclusive solutions to conserve natural resources? What could be the role for STIK to promote biodiversity for addressing the challenges of pandemics?

10.30-12.00

Thursday 21 July, 10:30-12:00, Room AD12

CT-13

Cross-Cutting Theme-5 Parallel Workshop: Sustainable Finance and People: Financial resilience and sustainability are key for long-term success of PCAs

Session Manager: Sue Snyman

Title of Session: Building financial resilience for communities and their conserved areas

The session, moderated by Holly Dublin, (IUCN ESARO and Maliasili) who will introduce the importance of building community financial resilience, and Patience Gandiwa (ZimParks) will make the keynote address the need to diversify revenue streams to build sustainability and resilience. While Terence Hey-Edie (UNDP/GEF) will discuss the contributions of the GEF/UNDP Small Grants Programme

An interactive discussion panel with Alain Liva Raharijaona (Foundation for Protected Areas and Biodiversity of Madagascar), Samson Obieni (CORDIO) and Fred Nelson (Maliasili). They will speak briefly on CTFs in Madagascar, innovative community financing and getting funding/finance to the communities on the ground.

After panellists make their comments, the audience will be engaged through an interactive Q and A session

10.30-12.00

Thursday 21 July, 16:00-17:30, KCC Auditorium

CT-14

Cross-Cutting Theme-6 Parallel Workshop: Infrastructure and People: Reducing the impact of physical infrastructure on ecosystems and biodiversity in key African landscapes

Session Manager: Lucy Waruingi

Title of Session: Sustainable infrastructure for increased benefits to local communities

The moderator Munira Bashir (Kenya Director, TNC), will introduce the session. Two keynote speakers, Arona Soumare (AfDB) and Hon. Jean Luc Assi (Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Cotê d'Ivoire) will discuss AfDB infrastructure investment in Africa and how they engage local communities in design and benefits in construction the session; and how Government plans on infrastructure plans, and how does the Government investments in infrastructure incorporate local people's priorities and long-term benefits

There will be a moderated panel with 3 experts: Hitesh Mehta (HM Design, USA), Scott Edwards (Conservation Strategy Fund, USA), and Ahmed Senhoury (PRCM, Senegal). They will speak about the value and examples of participatory master planning for sustainable tourism and highlight approaches to ensure sustainability for local livelihoods and biodiversity. Leaders are grappling to promote economic development and reduce poverty while prioritizing the conservation of Africa's unique natural resources. The Conservation Strategy Fund's capacity-building program provides policymakers and conservationists as to how to use economics to identify solutions that make it possible to have a healthy and strong economy while safeguarding the environment. The session will share on financing sustainable infrastructure for sustainable development – provisions by development finance. Stakeholders engagement in the development of infrastructure along the coast line in West Africa marine region, including mining and fisheries value chain will be shared.

After panellists make their comments, the audience will, in groups, discuss questions: What are the lessons learned from countries which implemented guidelines for sustainable infrastructure? At which level are financing institutions following "green guidelines" that also include benefits for local communities?

16.00-17.30

Cross-Cutting Theme Agendas for Stream 3 (21- 22 July) in Parallel

Friday 22 July, 10:30-12:00, Room T1

CT-15

Cross-Cutting Theme-1 Parallel Workshop: Governance and Biodiversity: Governance mechanisms to safeguard biodiversity and PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Tanya Merceron

Title: Role of IPLCs in PCA management and biodiversity conservation

Nianogo Aimé will moderate the session and Patrick Kipalu (RRI) will deliver the keynote on Tenure and Beyond: The Effective Way to Achieving the 30x30 Goals*.

There will be 4 panellists providing short commentaries including: Susan Canney (Mali Elephant Project, Wild Foundation, Mali-UK), Alpha Amadou DIALLO (Greentransformation2050, Guinea), Emmanuel Nuesiri (IUCN-NRGF), and Maguette Diaw (Président de l'association nationale des aires et territoires du patrimoine communautaire – APAC - du Sénégal), and Alpha Diallo (Green-transformation2050 Guinea).

They will share experiences on how to make local communities the centre of conservation, draw the attention of decision-makers and managers to the effective beneficial involvement of communities living in and around PAs and emphasize gender in local governance, and accountability as rights in natural resource governance. The governance of PAs based on community surveillance, and integrating community monitors into PA monitoring is important. We will show how the Pygmies', through images, reconcile conservation with the interests of local people on the borders of a PA, and show how local communities contribute to sustainable management of natural resources of Haut Niger National Park. The conservation of this PA cannot be effective without community participation. OECMs could be a solution for recognizing this role but there are constraints.

After the panellists have made their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: What is the role of IPLCs in conservation? What lessons can we learn and what actions are needed? How can we better respect IPLC cultural values of biodiversity?

10.30-12.00

Thursday 21 July, 16.00-17.30, Room AD12

CT-16

Cross-Cutting Theme-2 Parallel Workshop: Climate Change and Biodiversity: Securing a climate resilient future for nature and people in and around PCAs in Africa

Session Manager: Harisoa Rakotondrazafy

Title of Session: The impact of climate change on biodiversity and paradigm shift to manage for change

The moderator, Wendy Foden (Head, Science at the Cape Research Centre, South African National Parks and Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Climate Change Specialist Group) will introduce the session. Hon. MIGUEL MBA NSANG MIKUE (Minister Delegated of Agriculture, Forests and Environment, Guinée Equatoriale) will deliver one keynote address on how the Government responds to the challenges of biodiversity management & climate change in Africa and what paradigm shift is needed to manage change. While Mohamed Bakarr (GEF Lead Environment Specialist) will make the second keynote and explain how GEF funding could support increasing the resilience to climate change of biodiversity in Africa, and how to unlock more transformative climate funding to support the biodiversity agenda

There are 4 panellists: Kevin Coldrey (Environmental Policy Research Unit, UCT, South Africa), Harison Andriambelo (Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Madagascar), Benedictus Freeman (Technical Advisor for the U.S Forest Service International Programs, Liberia), and Isingizwe Honorine (Young Volunteers for the Environment, Executive Director, Rwanda).

The current and potential future distributions of West African biodiversity in response to global climate and other environmental changes will be shared. From youth perspectives, what bold commitments are needed to address the climate impacts on biodiversity in Africa?

After panellists have made their presentations, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as: What are the current and potential impacts of climate on biodiversity? what do these impacts mean for conservation and PCAs? How can we build the resilience of biodiversity within PCAs? What bold commitments are needed to secure Africa biodiversity under changing climate?

14.00-15.30

Thursday 21 July, 10.30-12:00, Room MH1

CT-17

Cross-Cutting Theme-3 Parallel Workshop: Conflict and Biodiversity: Resolving resource use conflicts as a pathway to security and conservation within and around PCAs

Session Manager: Christian Noirad

Title of Session: Conflicts between PCAs and IPLCs

Gloria Ujor (Africa IUCN Councillor, Nigeria) will moderate, and Emmanuel Sulle, (ICCA Consortium, South Africa) will introduce the challenges conservation is facing as a moment of reckoning, with growing pressures to address human rights (HR) violations in the name of conservation and to support IPLCs who are resisting harmful industries in their collective lands and territories of life. This keynote will speak to power at this moment of reckoning and call on APAC to rise to the challenge of new directions for equitable conservation in Africa.

10.30-12.00

Four panellists will share experiences: Patrice Bigombe (CERAD, Cameroon), Quintino Tchantchalam, e Dr Alfredo Simao da Silva (Instituto da Biodiversidade e das Areas Protegidas, Guinea-Bissau), Sahailou Samaila (Fauna Director Environment Minister - Niger), and Salatou Sambou (coordinator of KAWAWANA CPA – Senegal).

Approaches to conservation based on respect for HR is becoming a reality in Central Africa, by using social and safeguard policies and implementing memoranda of understanding amongst IPLCs. There are challenges in conservation approaches based on respect for HR, e.g., integrating this into policies for managing PAs. The role of MPA governance structures and the different actors involved in conflict resolution will be explored through sharing Guinea-Bissau's experience in conflict resolution. Relationship between neighbouring communities in transboundary situations (Niger, Benin Burkina-Faso) will be shared, as well as an example of a model of human-PA conflict resolution through community protected areas. This session will engage participants to advance rights-based approaches to area conservation relevant to the needs of Africa.

After panellists make their comments, the audience will, in groups, discuss such questions as how can HR abuses be addressed by PCA managers and local authorities? What systems should be put in place to eliminate conflicts between PCAs?? How should the central government ensure zero tolerance to HR abuses?

Thursday 21 July, 10:30-12:00, Room T1

CT-18

Cross-Cutting Theme-4 Parallel Workshop: STIK and Biodiversity: How science, technology and indigenous knowledge (STIK) contribute to management effectiveness of PCAs

Session Manager: Florence Palla

Title of Session: Science and IK for conservation in Africa with respect to biodiversity

Prof Kwame Frimpong (Cape Coast University Ghana,) will introduce the session as to what can science and indigenous knowledge do for sustainable biodiversity management. Dr Samson Gwali (National Agriculture Research organization, Uganda,) will deliver a keynote address.

10.30-12.00

The panel will be Egwim Evans (Federal University of Technology, Nigeria,), Aissa Regalla de Barros (Institut de la Biodiversité and des Aires Protégées - IBAP; Guinea-Bissau,), and Chifundera Kusamba Zacharie (Universite Pedagogique Nationale DRC).

Research in coastal areas needs to be explored by Africans, and research networks should focus on young researchers to develop products from coastal resources. The importance of mollusc resources in the Bijagós community will be highlighted. Molluscs are a sedentary whose exploitation raises questions about the coastal environment including mangroves and water quality. It is important to improve knowledge relating to the biology and ecology of key species, in terms of their distribution area, biological cycles, which can be used to determine the limits and optimal conditions of exploitation. Herpetological diversity indices are a reliable and verifiable scientific means for identifying priority sites for conservation.

After panellists make comments, the audience will, in groups, discuss questions: What could be the role of universities in STIK in conserving Africa's biodiversity? What could be the role of traditional knowledge initiatives in fostering the conservation of PAs? How can STIK improve monitoring and protection of biodiversity in PAs in the next 10 years.

Thursday 21 July, 14:00-17:30, Room MH1

CT-19

Cross-Cutting Theme-5 Parallel Workshop: Sustainable Finance and Biodiversity: Financial resilience and sustainability are key for long-term success of PCAs

Session Manager: Sue Snyman

Title: Show me the money: Sustainable financing for PCAs in Africa

The session will be moderated by Edwin Tambara (AWF), and David Ombisi, UNEP, African Union - Green Stimulus Programme will make the keynote address on finance for biodiversity as Africa's natural infrastructure. Roman Eyholzer (Porini Foundation) will make a TEDx-talk on nature collectibles - blockchain technology (Seychelles).

14.00-17.30

There will be a moderated panel by Pauline Nantongo (ECOTrust) with Peter Katanisa (NCA COP), Sue Snyman (ALU SOWC), and Marie Suzanna (RAMPAO). They will speak on natural capital, wildlife economy and promoting and strengthening the financial sustainability of marine and coastal biodiversity conservation in West Africa.

A second panel moderated by Kathleen Fitzgerald on 'Demystifying Carbon' where Mike Korchinsky (Wildlife Works in DRC) will provide a recorded interview on Trends in REDD+ and the carbon market. Other panellists include Roland Hunter (Southpole), Jonas Syapze (WWF) and James Kairo (Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute). They will focus interventions on nature-based projects and barriers and opportunities to accessing carbon finance, the landscape of Trinationa Dja, Odzala and Minkebe (TRIDOM, Gabon, Congo and Cameroon), community engagement in REDD+, and mangrove carbon (Mikoko Pamoja Kenya).

After panellists make their comments, the audience will discuss questions on conservation finance, natural capital; finance for marine biodiversity, REDD+, emerging financial technologies (Blockchain, NFTs); and wildlife economies.

Thursday 21 July, 10:30-12:00, Room T2

CT-20

Cross-Cutting Theme-6 Parallel Workshops Infrastructure and Biodiversity: Reducing the impact of physical infrastructure on ecosystems and biodiversity in key African landscapes

Session Manager: Lucy Waruingi

Title of Session: Resilient landscapes: ensuring no net-loss of biodiversity due to infrastructure

The moderator, Adam Sessay (Wetlands International, Senegal) will introduce the session and Frank Turyatunga (UNEP Africa Representative) will give a keynote address on "Futures thinking for Africa related to linear infrastructure" and questions such as How Africa should plan for its economic development, with the aim of meeting the SDGs and the aspirations of its people without compromising the sustainability of its natural resources. While the temptation to grow now, clean up later is huge, Africa also being careful to protect its environmental assets against overexploitation. What models do we need to generate value and direct benefits to local communities and balance/reverse the on-going biodiversity loss

10.30-12.00

There will be a moderated panel of 3 experts: Amrei Von Hase (WCS), Demba Marico, PRCM, Senegal), Li Wenqi, (CRBC, China, Rwanda Office), and Lucy Waruingi (ACC). They will share experiences as to how COMBO demonstrates implementation of effective mitigation and offset policies reduce harm to nature and support progress towards national contributions to global targets. Balancing nature and development can generate finances for investment in PA management and support sustainable growth. Partnerships for conserving coastal areas and the sea can help sustainably manage marine biodiversity and coastal areas using the proxy of environmentally sensitive areas. Connectivity conservation, and innovations are accelerating this work as to how sectors from agriculture to infrastructure are part of the solution, and will look ahead to the crucial opportunities we need to collectively capitalize on to secure a connected and resilient Africa for nature and people. The session will look at what safeguards and guidelines are there to protect habitats and migratory routes and ensure no net-loss to biodiversity as a result of the construction projects in Africa

After panellists make their comments, the audience will discuss questions: What future scenarios for landscapes and seascapes can be predicted? Which policies needed to be put in place to ensure sustainable landscapes?

Stream Concluding Session: Key Recommendations, Actions and Challenges – Friday 22 July 14:00–17:00

Friday 22 July, 14:00-17:00, Stream 1-KCC Auditorium; Stream 2-MH1; Stream 3-T1

Stream Wrap up sessions to summarize key messages, actions and recommendations

Session Managers: Helena Motta & Edmund Barrow; Moderators: Stream Leaders/2 Thematic Leaders each

14.00-15.30

1. Each Stream Session moderated by Stream leads.
2. Each stream receives reports from Cross-Cutting themes, relevant side events and pavilions.
3. In advance each stream agrees on a series of questions to address (concerning recommendations, action points, learning, for example): What are the key action points and recommendations? What are the key things that have been learnt? What key challenges have been identified?
4. Each table or group of about 20 participants discuss and summarize their responses to these questions

16.00-17.00

Agree on the key components of the Stream Reports
Small drafting team develop stream reports (evening of Friday 22 July and morning of Saturday 23 July)

day 6

Plenary Closing Day

Saturday 23 July

Saturday 23 July, 8:30-17:00, KCC Auditorium

Closing Plenary and Report Back

Co-Moderators: Luther Anuker and Fred Kumah

Managers: Tanya Merceron and Charles Karangwa

8:30-
12:00

Report back and Closure:

- Festival organized by Kigali
- Finalize Stream Report back preparation
- Final discussions and Agreement on Kigali Action Plan by working group

14.00-17.00

5. Introductory remarks by Master of Ceremonies
6. Stream 1 Report Back (10 min) – Stream Leaders
7. Stream 2 Report Back (10 min) – Stream Leaders
8. Stream 3 Report Back (10 min) – Stream Leaders
9. IPLC statement on Commitments and Actions
10. Youth statement on Commitments and Actions
11. Reading & Ratification by acclaim of Kigali Call to Action by the Minister of Environment Rwanda

Closing remarks by:

1. Kaddu Sebunya - CEO AWF
2. Bruno Oberle - Director General IUCN
3. Hon Jeanne d'arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda

Delegates Depart evening of 23 July, or on 24 July, or go on tourism trip