Programme

African Solutions for Nature and People

24th – 25th June 2024
Pre Forum

26th – 28th June 2024
Forum
Introduction to the IUCN Africa Conservation Forum

Held every four years, the IUCN Regional Forums aim to improve how we manage our natural environment for human, social and economic development.

The IUCN Africa Conservation Forum (ACF) co-organised with the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife in collaboration with the IUCN Kenya National Committee, brings together about 700 representatives drawn from a wide spectrum of society from Africa.

Organised under the theme, ‘African Solutions for People and Nature’, the Forum aims to catalyze impactful change across the continent by fostering collaboration among Governments, NGOs, local communities, private sector and international organizations, to develop transformative responses to the biodiversity and climate crisis in Africa.

The forum is a platform to mobilise African voice on solutions that integrate conservation with sustainable development ensuring that economic growth in Africa is balanced with the preservation of its biodiversity and natural resources. It also seeks to emphasize the long-term commitment required to tackle current challenges and anticipate future threats effectively.

The overall goal is to establish resilient conservation efforts that can adapt and thrive in the face of environmental changes to not only safeguard Africa’s diverse ecosystems but also ensures that economic development is sustainable and benefits future generations.
It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Africa Conservation Forum, hosted in the vibrant city of Nairobi from the 24th to the 28th of June 2024. On behalf of the Republic of Kenya and its people, I extend a warm welcome to all the delegates, including esteemed Ministers from Africa’s International Union for Conservation of Nature Member States.

This Forum, co-organised by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Kenya’s Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, is a gathering of minds and efforts dedicated to the preservation of our continent’s rich and diverse natural heritage. Your presence here underscores a collective commitment to safeguarding Africa’s unique ecosystems for future generations with a collective voice.

Kenya has long been at the forefront of conservation efforts in Africa. Our nation is renowned for its vast and diverse landscapes, from the iconic savannas of the Maasai Mara to the lush forests of the Aberdares, and the stunning coastal reefs of the Indian Ocean. Home to a remarkable variety of flora and fauna, Kenya is dedicated to protecting this biodiversity, ensuring that it continues to thrive.

As part of our commitment to conservation, I am proud to share our ambitious national initiative to plant and grow 15 billion trees by 2030. This initiative aims to increase our forest cover to 30 percent, reflecting our dedication to combating climate change and preserving our natural environment. This is not just a goal but a pledge to enhance the resilience of our ecosystems and support the livelihoods that depend on them.

We recognise that conservation is not just about protecting wildlife and natural resources; it is about ensuring sustainable development that benefits all our people. Through collaborative efforts and shared knowledge, we can achieve a balance between economic growth and environmental stewardship.

As you engage in discussions and share insights over the next few days, I encourage you to explore and experience Kenya’s renowned hospitality. Nairobi, our bustling capital, offers a unique blend of modernity and rich cultural heritage. I invite you to visit our national parks, enjoy our diverse cuisine, and connect with our warm and welcoming people.

Together, let us forge stronger partnerships and innovative strategies that will secure the future of Africa’s natural heritage. Your presence and contributions to this forum are invaluable, and I am confident that our collective efforts will pave the way for a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

Once again, welcome to Kenya, and I wish you a fruitful and inspiring Forum.

Sincerely,
H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H
President of the Republic of Kenya
Dear Delegates,

I am delighted to welcome you to the Africa Conservation Forum. Kenya’s Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife is honoured to partner with the International Union for Conservation of Nature as a longstanding State Member. This Forum cements Kenya’s leadership in conservation. Just last week, on the 19th of June 2024, I launched Kenya’s first comprehensive wildlife census - an initiative that underscores our commitment to data-driven decision-making in conservation. Kenya is blessed with some of the most spectacular national parks in the world, each offering a unique glimpse into the rich tapestry of our natural heritage. Our national parks are more than just tourist destinations; they are vital ecosystems that support biodiversity, provide research opportunities, and sustain local communities through eco-tourism. By preserving these natural wonders, we ensure that future generations can also draw inspiration and sustenance from them.

From the vast savannahs of the Maasai Mara, teeming with the grandeur of the Great Migration, to the rugged landscapes of Tsavo, home to the ‘Big Five’, our parks are not only vital sanctuaries for wildlife but also living museums of our natural history. In particular, I would like to highlight the Nairobi National Park, a true gem and a testament to Kenya’s unique offering. This is the only national park in the world that is located within a capital city. Here, you can witness lions, giraffes, rhinos, and a myriad of other wildlife against the stunning backdrop of Nairobi’s skyline.

As we gather to discuss and shape the future of conservation on our continent, I am honoured to extend a special invitation to you to experience the unparalleled beauty and heritage of Kenya’s national parks. Your visit will not only provide you with unforgettable memories but will also contribute to the ongoing efforts to conserve these precious landscapes for posterity.

Thank you for your commitment to conservation, and I look forward to welcoming you to Kenya’s magnificent national parks.

Sincerely,
Dr. Alfred Mutua
Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife, Kenya
IUCN Leaders

H.E RAZAN AL MUBARAK
IUCN President

DR GRETHEL AGUILAR
IUCN Director General
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Regional Director – Eastern and Southern Africa

MAHER MAJJOUB
Director – Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
Pre-Forum Workshops

The Pre-Forum events ahead of the African Conservation Forum are planned as independent workshops, intended to provide inputs into the discourse at the ACF. They are independently organised by various teams of IUCN staff, Members, Commissions and Councillors and will deliberate on specific topics relevant to the ACF, pulling together key messages and insights that would inform the panels discussions on the first day of the Forum.

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18.00 Welcome by Masters of Ceremony
  - Dr. Margaret Otieno, Deputy Chair, IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)
  - Mr. Sean Soutey, Chair, IUCN CEC

18.10 Opening Remarks
  - Mr. Mutuso Dhliwayo, Executive Director, Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association
  - Dr. Grethel Aguilar, Director General, IUCN
  - Ms. Silvia Museiya, Principal Secretary, State Department of Wildlife, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, Kenya

18.30 Film #1: Ormoilaa Ogal ‘The Strong One’ by Wildlife Direct (Kenya)

18.40 Film #2: Ndossi by Kristina Delphine (Gabon)

18.40 Film #3: The River People a Trader Films Production (Namibia)

19.00 Film #4: The Forest Guardian (Uganda) by Anthony Ochieng Onyango, Hans Ngoteya and NgoteyaWild. A TonyWild and NEWF production.

19.15 Meet the Producers Discussion
  - Anthony Ochieng Onyango, Tony Wild Productions
  - Charlene Khisa and Trish Sewe, WildlifeDirect

19.45 Drinks, snacks and networking

20.20 Closing Remarks – guests leave at their leisure
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- Dr Nirmal Shah – Chief Executive Officer of Nature Seychelles.

Moderator: Michel Masozera – Director Policy and Partnerships Africa, WCS.

Africa Conservation Forum Programme

Forum Session Starts

7:00  Registration Starts

7:45 – 8:00  Participants Sit

8:00 – 8:10  Welcome participants: MC John Sibi Okumu OGW and IUCN Councillor Ali Kaka

8:10 – 8:30  MC and entertainment

8:30 – 8:40  IUCN Remarks – Dr. Grethel Aguilar IUCN Director General

08:40 – 9:10  Setting the scene: African Solutions for Nature and People
Creating transformative responses to the biodiversity and climate crisis in Africa
  • Keynote speaker – Dr. David Obura, Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

9:10 – 9:40  High Level Panel: Reflections from the Forum
Discussants:
  • Ms. Chiyedza Heri – Founder, Ubuntu Alliance, Zimbabwe
  • Dr. Patrick Omondi - Director Wildlife Training and Research Institute, Kenya and Chair of IUCN Kenya National Committee
  • Malidadi Langa –Chair, Alliance for Indigenous People and Local Communities
  • Dr. David Obura, Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Moderator: H.E. Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President.

11:00 – 12:30  Official Opening
IUCN remarks
Luther Anukur, IUCN Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa
H. E. Razan Al Mubarak – President of IUCN

Opening Plenary Panel
1. Dr. William Ruto, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya,
3. Mr. Valli Moosa, IUCN Former President and Deputy Chairperson of the Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa.
4. Dr Daouda SEMBENE, Founder and CEO of AfriCatalyst, Senegal.

Moderator: Dr. Grethel Rojas Aguilar – IUCN Director General

Government of Kenya Welcome Remarks
Dr. Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary Tourism and Wildlife, Republic of Kenya

Official Opening of the Forum
Dr. William Ruto, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya,

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00  Parallel High-level Panel sessions:
The Future we need. A new Era for Conservation in Africa

Panel 1: Responding to the Biodiversity and Climate Crisis
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Panel 2: Regenerative Actions

Restoring the productivity, diversity, and resilience of ecosystems across Africa is crucial for biodiversity and sustaining people’s livelihoods, health, and wellbeing. This approach will become central to conservation, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, water management, and various economic sectors. Support through development processes, the Decade for Ecosystem Restoration, and sustainable production initiatives should be harnessed across landscapes and waterscapes to make conservation the foundation for achieving these goals. The panel will discuss effective regenerative actions needed for food production, such as agroecology, marine resources and ecosystems management, sustainable use of wild species, and ecosystem restoration, including forest landscape and wetlands restoration.

Speakers:
• Mr. Domingos Gove – Director, Food Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR), Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Secretariat
• Dr. Adalbert Aine-omucunguzi – East African Regional Manager, International Crane Foundation (ICF)/ Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) Partnership, Uganda
• Dr. Rym Zakhama – Assistant Professor, High Institute of Biotechnology of Sidi Thabet and Researcher, Laboratory of Diversity, Conservation and Monitoring of Biological Systems at the Faculty of Science, Tunisia
• Mr John Nakel – Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGOT)

Moderator: Ms. Charlotte Karibuhoye, Founder and CEO, Interface pour la Nature, Senegal

Panel 3: Innovative Finance

Donor aid and current funding mechanisms to mitigate the impacts of global economic trends on Africa’s biodiversity and climate resilience are increasingly overwhelmed by the pace and scale of change. Current approaches are not succeeding in directing sufficient funding to the ground, reflecting power dynamics between donors and recipients. Innovative financial options and perspectives are more necessary than ever. This panel, with representatives from various conservation finance sectors and respondents from recipient communities, will assess the current situation, highlight promising innovations, and explore opportunities and barriers to getting funding directly to the point of impact at grassroots level.

Speakers:
• Mr. David Emmett – Senior Manager, Biodiversity Partnerships, Hempel Foundation, Denmark
• Dr. Mwangi Githiru – Chief Conservation Officer, Wildlife Works, Kenya
• Ms. Geilan Malet-Bates - Senior Programme Coordinator - Blended Finance Lead, Centre for Science and Knowledge, IUCN (representing Subnational Climate Fund)
• Thomas Yatich - EU Delegation Kenya

Moderator: Mr. John Kamanga, Co-Founder, South Rift Association of Land Owners (SORALO), Kenya
Panel 4: The rising demand for infrastructure development in Africa – is there room for nature-positive solutions?

Infrastructure is essential for economic growth and societal advancement, providing access to markets, energy, and services, and lifting people out of poverty. In Africa, infrastructure projects are rapidly developing, often with biodiversity as a secondary consideration. By 2050, 25 million kilometres of linear infrastructure are projected, including ports, energy networks, and urban centres, significantly impacting natural environments. How can nature-positive solutions reduce the negative impacts of this development in the coming years? The panel will explore current infrastructure examples (e.g., roads, powerlines, urban infrastructure, ports, and pipelines), their ecological and social impacts, and potential nature-positive solutions to balance these trade-offs for people and nature.

Speakers:
- Caroline Aguti Mugisha – Head, Health, Safety and Environment, Climate Change Coordinator - Ministry of Environment and Mineral Development, Uganda
- H.E. Ambassador Nancy Karigithu – Kenya Special Envoy for Ocean and Blue Economy
- Mr. Alex Ngari – Migratory Birds and Flyways Programme Manager for Africa, BirdLife International
- Dr. Arthur Muneza – East Africa Coordinator, Giraffe Conservation Foundation, Kenya
- Alexis Coffi Aqueruburu – Mayor of Aneho, Togo

Moderator: Ms. Lucy Wariungi – Executive Director, Africa Conservation Centre, Kenya

Panel 5: Fragility, conflicts and environment

Natural resources support community growth, providing production, employment, food security, and development. However, increasing demands have led to overexploitation and ecosystem degradation. Environmental vulnerability is closely linked with state fragility in Africa, often exacerbating conflicts. The UN Secretary-General noted that 40% of civil wars in the past 60 years are linked to competition over scarce resources. People in conflict zones are highly vulnerable to climate and environmental crises. Fourteen West and Central African countries, most affected by environmental degradation and climate change, are also experiencing conflicts, reducing their ability to address these challenges. This panel will discuss the impact of the fragility–conflict–environment nexus on African communities and its threat to achieving sustainable development goals by 2030. It will also explore preventive strategies, solutions, and recovery plans to help African states and communities address this dual vulnerability.

Speakers:
- Dr. Emad Adly – General Coordinator at the Arab Network for Environment and Development – RAED
- Dr. Grethel Aguilar – Director General, IUCN

Moderator: Ms. Nana Toure – Regional Director, IUCN West and Central Africa
Recent years have seen a growing recognition among African and international governments, donors, and conservation agencies of the need to engage indigenous peoples and local communities (IP&LCs) to achieve conservation and sustainable development goals. This engagement is crucial for advancing rights-based approaches to conservation in the interest of equity and fairness. The inclusion agenda has two main aspects: recognising and respecting IP&LC rights and securing tenure over their land and resources, and ensuring inclusive natural resource management governance that enables effective participation in policymaking through legitimate organisations.

Despite these efforts, IP&LCs still struggle for legal recognition and control over their lands, access to resources, acceptance of their cultural identities and governance forms, and acknowledgment of their role in biodiversity conservation. Although IP&LCs have conserved biodiversity for millennia, they remain marginalised, risking exclusion from biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable development agendas.

The panel will address these issues, focusing on land rights and tenure, drivers of biodiversity loss, benefit sharing, human-wildlife conflict, and sustainable funding for IP&LC organisations. It will also present IP&LC positions and practical measures to inform the IUCN 2026-2029 programme and other policy processes.

Speakers:
- Hawe Hamman Bouba – AIWOCAN, AU Commissioner on human rights, Cameroon
- Malidadi Langa – Chair AICA Steering Committee
- General Tondassama – Head of Parks and Reserves, Côte d’Ivoire
- Dr Shylock Muyengwa – Programme Director, Resource Africa

Moderator: Holly Dublin – Special Advisor, IUCN ESARO
15:00 – 17:00
Parallel Sessions and Member side events

**Members side events**

**STAND-ALONE EVENTS**

1. **What Should Conservation–Driven Sustainable Development Look Like in Africa’s Protected and Conserved Areas?**
   - Session Lead: Sharon Andersen (AWF)
   - Rapporteur: Mina Epps
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Mara Talek Emara, 1st Floor

2. **Resilient Watersheds – Sustainable Finance Mechanism for Protecting and Restoring Africa’s Water Towers**
   - Session Lead: Muhtari Aminu-Kano (TNC)
   - Rapporteur: Alphonse Guzha
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Mara Loita Emara, 1st Floor

3. **Écosystèmes arides : Cas d’Oasis comme hotspots menacée**
   - Session Lead: Brahim Haddane
   - Rapporteur: Tanya
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Java room, 10th Floor

4. **Nature-based Solutions for effective Community Conservation and Climate Action**
   - Session Lead: Dr. Adalbert Aine-Omucunguzi (International Crane Foundation)
   - Rapporteur: Alain Ndoli
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Pride Solo

5. **Integrated management and sustainable development of the Kenya–Tanzania transboundary marine system: Other Effective Conservation Measures**
   - Session Lead: Dr. Mohamed Omar (WRTI)
   - Rapporteur: John Kebenel
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Pride Jones

6. **For an African Civil Society at the heart of environmental action**
   - Session Lead: Paul Esteve
   - Rapporteur: Francis Okalo
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Pride Dickens

7. **Biodiversity, Land and Climate Change in the SADC region**
   - Session Lead: Vhalinavho Khavhagali (IUCN ESARO)
   - Rapporteur: Melissa Mavhenge
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Pride Dickens

8. **Promotion of environmental and social assessment for reconciliation between Conservation and development**
   - Session Lead: Bitondo Dieudonné
   - Rapporteur: Arsene Alain
   - Time: 15:00 – 16:30
   - Room: Java room, 10th Floor

9. **Indigenous people and Local Communities – governance in Africa**
   - Session Lead: Vhalinavho Khavhagali (IUCN ESARO)
   - Rapporteur: Vatason
   - Time: 17:00 – 18:30
   - Room: Pride Jones

10. **What can IUCN Members do for World Heritage Conservation in Africa?**
    - Session Lead: Casier Robbert (IUCN)
    - Rapporteur: Yvonne Khaemba
    - Time: 15:00 – 16:00
    - Room: Pride Dickens

11. **Showcasing Rwanda’s Community-centric Restoration efforts in Agricultural Landscapes and Opportunities for World Agroforestry Conference 2025 hosted by Government of Rwanda**
    - Session Lead: Dr Thabang Rainett TEFFO
    - Rapporteur: Rachel Asante
    - Time: 16:15 – 17:15
    - Room: Java room, 10th Floor

12. **Business case for NBS implementation in Africa (Members invites only)**
    - Session Lead: Casier Robbert (IUCN)
    - Rapporteur: Yvonne Khaemba
    - Time: 15:00 – 16:00
    - Room: Pride Dickens
1. Global biodiversity framework and Target 3 in Africa:
Achieving GBF Target 3: Technical support for implementing the 30x30 target in Africa
OECMs Towards Effective Conservation of Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems towards
attaining the 30x30 GBF target 3 in Africa
Session Lead: Dr Harriet Davies-Mostert (IUCN WCPA)
Rapporteur: Daniel Maverick

2. Les solutions fondées sur la nature en Afrique
Les solutions fondées sur la nature pour s’adapter au changement climatique et préserver la
biodiversité en Afrique du nord Smart Agri, Transformation of Plants into Botanical Pesticides,
Experimentation and Challenges
Session Lead: Rym Zakhama (Atu-Tax)
Rapporteur: Casper and Felicite

3. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Community-Centred Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation: Lessons Learnt From Darwin C&C
Project. Born to be Wild: Restoring the Mountain Bongo Population in Kenya
Le financement par segment: menace la survie de la réserve de biosphère du mono
Session Lead: Steve Itela (CAK)
Rapporteur: Nicola

4. BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY & SUSTAINABLE FINANCE
Inclusive Biodiversity Economy, A case Study for South Africa
Innovative Financing Solutions for Conservation: Showcasing Trees for Global Benefit
Miombo and Sustainable investment for global conservation goals
Session Lead: Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni
Rapporteur: Innocent

5. NATURAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE
Natural Resource Governance (NRG) in Protected and Other Conserved Areas Exchange and
Discussion for Africa
Community Governance for Cheetah Landscapes in Somaliland
Session Lead: Harrison AjebeNnoko
Rapporteur: Carla Rombe

6. MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS
Alternative Monitoring and Managing Approaches of the 2nd biggest MPA in Africa using
young knowledge exchange programs and involving local communities Aires Marines
protégées et protection des espèces menacées marines et côtières au Bénin
Session Lead: Samantha Matjila
Rapporteur: Renauld (PACO)

7. PLASTIC POLLUTION IN COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS
Cabo Verde—un pays libre du plastique
Case study from Morocco
Session Lead: Januario Nascimiento
Rapporteur: Karuna

8. POSTERS/PROMOTIONAL EVENTS
Poster – Regenerative Agricultural Practices in Communities –
A huge contribution to the Wildlife-Based Economy
Landscape Scale Restoration of The Hirola Rangelands
Education environnementale transformatrice et la préservation des ressources
naturelles au Bénin
Showcasing Rwanda’s Community-centric Restoration efforts in Agricultural Landscapes and
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Session Lead: Dr Thabang Rainett TEFFO
Rapporteur: Rachel Asante
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Financing locally led adaptation
Session Lead: Deba Rolland
Room: Almasi

16:00 - 17:00
Dialogue between IPLCs and Development Partners – Unlocking Direct Funding Access for IPLCs
Session Lead: Kaori Yasuda
Room: Almasi

17:00 - 18:30
Creating Legal Awareness as a Prerequisite for the Conservation of Nature
Session Lead: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Kaori Yasuda
Room: Almasi

Invites only sessions:

1. 15:00 - 16:30
   ACF Business Leaders Roundtable
   Session Leads: Faridah Ibrahim and Catherine Mungai
   Room: Almasi

2. 16:00 - 17:00
   Ministers Round Table
   Session Lead: Nana Toure and Vhali Khavhag

15:00 - 18:30 IUCN: Academy Learning Zone

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Nature and culture reception at KICC: celebrating our diverse African cultures
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