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Ministry of Agriculture  
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## 7<sup>th</sup> Africa Animal Welfare Conference – Action 2023

**Theme:** *Navigating the delicate balance of animal welfare, climate change and development: concerted actions towards a healthy and sustainable environment*

**Venue :** Sainte Famille Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda

**Date:** 25 -27 September 2023

# PROGRAMME

Note: The time indicated here is Rwanda Time (UTC+2)

Day 1: Monday 25 September 2023	
Conference Moderators: Jean Claude Masengesho and Josiah Ojwang	
OPENING SESSION	
08.00-08.30 a.m.	Arrival and registration of delegates (Conference Secretariat)
08.30-08.45 a.m.	Preliminaries - Moderator
08.45-09.00 a.m.	Conference Overview and Theme Exposition: <b>Wachira Kariuki</b> , ANAW
09.00-09.20 a.m.	Welcome Remarks by Conference Co-hosting Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. James Nkansah Obrempong</b>, Board Chair, Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW)</li><li>• <b>Dr Huyam Ahmed Mohammed Elamin Salih</b>, Director, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ulf Bjornholm</b>, Chief, Civil Society Unit, United Nations Environment Programme</li> </ul>
09.20-09.40 a.m.	<p>Goodwill Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marianne Steele</b>, CEO, The Donkey Sanctuary</li> <li>• <b>Wolf Gordon Clifton</b>, Executive Director, Animal People</li> <li>• <b>Emmanuel Ngumbi</b>, African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW)-Giraffe Centre</li> <li>• <b>Dr Samuel Wakhusama</b>, Regional Representative for Eastern and Horn of Africa, World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)</li> </ul>
09.40-09.55 a.m.	An International Outlook on Climate Change, Animal Welfare and Sustainable Development, <b>Debbie Tripley</b> , Global Director of Campaigns and Policy Advocacy, Compassion in World Farming
09.55-10.00	Special remarks by Conference Organizing Committee Chair, <b>Tennyson Williams</b> , Director for Africa, World Animal Protection
10.00-10.30 a.m.	Keynote Address and Official Opening: <b>Dr Olivier Kamana</b> , Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Republic of Rwanda
<b>10.30-11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b> (Group photo)
<p><b>SESSION 1: Farm and working animals.</b> <b>11.00 a.m-1.00 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Dr Solomon Onyango</b>, Country Director, The Donkey Sanctuary-Kenya</p>	
11.00-11.15 a.m.	Presentation 1: Cage Free Campaigns in Africa, <b>Aurelia Adhiambo</b> , Africa Coordinator, Open Wing Alliance
11.15-11.30 a.m.	Presentation 2: The Global Donkey Skin Trade: its impacts in Africa and a Call to Action to support a Pan African 15-year moratorium on the trade, <b>Dr Otieno Mtula</b> , Africa Campaigns Manager, The Donkey Sanctuary
11.30 a.m.-11.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: Case Study of WTG-ANAW Community Focused Donkey Welfare Project in Kenya, <b>Dr Dennis Bahati</b> , Programmes Manager, ANAW
11.45 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Presentation 4: Donkeys: Case study of past, present and future use in Africa, <b>Dr Bojia Duguma</b> , Country Representative, Donkey Sanctuary Ethiopia



12.00 p.m. – 12.15 p.m.	Presentation 5: Livestock Animals, Environment and Sustainable Development in Rwanda, <b>Dr Fabrice Ndayisenga</b> , Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB)
12.15-1.00 p.m.	Q and A
<b>1.00-2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 2: Welfare of animals in disasters</b> <b>2.00-3.00 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Tennyson Williams</b> , Director for Africa, World Animal Protection	
2.00-2.15 p.m.	Presentation 1: Welfare of animals in disasters in Africa, <b>Dr Judy Kimaru</b> , Director, Action for Protection of Animals Africa (APAA)
2.15-2.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: Enhancing Livestock dependent communities' preparedness to challenges of climate change, <b>Dr Raphael Kinoti</b> , CEO, Brooke EA
2.30-2.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: Animal welfare challenges and opportunities during disaster situations in Africa, <b>Dr Laurien Ntamugabumwe</b> , Rwanda Council of Veterinary Doctors (RCVD)
2.45-3.00 p.m.	Q and A
<b>SESSION 3: Implementation status on UNEA's Animal Welfare, Environment and Sustainable Development Nexus Resolution.</b> <b>3.00-4.00 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Isaiah Otieno</b> , Senior Information Technology Assistant, UNEP	
3.00-3.20 p.m.	Presentation 1, <b>Dr Abdelkader Bensada</b> , UNEP
3.20-3.40 p.m.	Présentation 2, <b>Dr Rebeca Garcia Pinillos</b> , UNEP
3.40-4.00 p.m.	Discussion/Q and A
<b>4.00-4.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 4: Faith based perspectives on animal welfare and environmental conservation.</b> <b>4.30-5.45 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Dr Mary Agutu</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Veterinary Board	
4.30-4.45 p.m.	Presentation 1: A general outlook on faith-based perspectives on animal welfare: <b>Joyce D' Silva</b>



4.45-5.00 p.m.	Presentation 2: Religious perspectives on environment preservation in Africa: <b>Prof. Beatrice Okyere-Manu</b> , University of Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa
5.00-5.20 p.m.	Presentation 4 (Joint presentation): How NGOs can responsibly partner with religious communities to promote peaceful coexistence with the natural world and non-human animals, <b>Prof. Janet Rumfelt</b> , Regis University, <b>Dr Katherine Baxter</b> , CEO ANAW-USA, and <b>Dr M.D Kinoti</b> , Regis University
5.20-5.45 p.m.	Q and A
*****END OF DAY ONE*****	
<b>Day 2: Tuesday 26 September, 2023</b>	
<b>SESSION 5 : United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</b> <b>09.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Isaiah Otieno</b> , Senior Information Technology Assistant, UNEP	
09.00-09.30 a.m.	Introduction to UNEP, <b>Ulf Bjornholm</b> , UNEP
09.30-10.00 a.m.	Opportunities for MGS to engage – <b>Isaiah Otieno</b> , Senior Information Technology Assistant, UNEP
10.00-10.30 a.m.	Question and Answer session
<b>10.30-11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
11:00 – 11:30 am	The Sixth session of United Nations Environment Assembly, <b>Ulf Bjornholm</b> , UNEP
11.30-1.00 p.m.	African Major Groups' outcomes of 19 session of AMCEN and preparations for UNEA 6, <b>David Munene</b>
<b>1.00-2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 6: Emerging trends in education and research</b> <b>2.00-3.30 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Dr Mwenda Mbaka</b> , Animal Welfare Expert, AU-IBAR	
2.00-2.15 p.m.	Presentation 1: Bridging the Teaching Gap: Making Animal Welfare Education Accessible with Holistic Teaching Materials, <b>Carolyn Breitenbach</b> , WTS



2.15-2.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: Implementing better training for veterinarians: Resources and strategies, <b>Nick Jukes</b> , Coordinator - InterNICHE
2.30-2.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: Findings from the 2021-2022 survey to determine the institutional preparedness of African countries to eliminate rabies by 2030, <b>Dr Kavosa Mudoga</b> , Action for the Protection of Animals in Africa (APAA)
2.45-3.00 p.m.	Presentation 4: Revolutionizing Animal Welfare Education in Rwanda: A transformative journey for animal wellbeing, <b>Dr Emmanuel Irimaso</b> , University of Rwanda, School of Veterinary Medicine
3.00-3.30 p.m.	Q and A
<b>3.30-4.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 7: Climate Change and animal welfare</b> <b>4.00-5.00 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Dr Patrick Muinde</b> , World Animal Protection	
4.00-4.15 p.m.	Presentation 1: Animal wellbeing and climate change, <b>Esther Afolaranmi</b> , Fair Start Movement, and <b>Dr Carter Dillard</b> , University of Denver
4.15-4.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: Reducing meat consumption-options for Africa, <b>Dr Victor Yamo</b> , World Animal Protection
4.30-4.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: A call to stopping factory farming to mitigate Climate Change and ensure animal welfare, <b>Prof. Charles Ssekyewa</b> , St. Lawrence University, Uganda
4.45-5.00 p.m.	Presentation 4: One Acre Fund ( <i>Tubura</i> ) Alternative Protein Project, <b>Jean Paul Gisa</b> , One Acre Fund Rwanda
<b>5.00-5.10 p.m.</b>	<b>Health / Screen Break</b>
5.10-6.10 p.m.	<b>Panel discussion: Diet Change for People, Animals, and the Environment</b> <b>Panel Moderator: Debbie Tripley</b> , Global Director of Campaigns and Policy Advocacy, Compassion in World Farming <b>Panelists: Monica Chen</b> , Factory Farming Awareness Coalition; <b>Dr Victor Yamo</b> , World Animal Protection; <b>Zeeshan Ali</b> , Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine; <b>Prof. Charles Ssekyewa</b> , St.





	Lawrence University; <b>Jean Paul Gisa</b> , One Acre Fund Rwanda; <b>Taylor Quinn</b> , Tailored Food
*****END OF DAY TWO*****	
<b>7.00 – 9.00 p.m. - Vegan Dinner</b>	
<b>Day 3: Wednesday 27 September, 2023</b>	
<b>SESSION 8: Wildlife and Environmental Conservation</b> <b>8.30-10.00 a.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Dr Tony Mudakikwa</b> , Wildlife Veterinarian	
08.30-08.45 a.m.	Presentation 1: Promoting responsible dog ownership around Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda-preventing potential economic, conservation, public health and welfare consequences, <b>Dr Gaspard Nzayisenga</b> , Gorilla Doctors
08.45-09.00 a.m.	Presentation 3: Mountain Gorilla health and Conservation: The work of Gorilla Doctors in Rwanda, <b>Dr Julius Nziza</b> , Country Director, Doctors, Rwanda
09.00-09.15 a.m.	Presentation 2: Welfare of Aquatic Animals, <b>Wasseem Emam</b> , Ethical Seafood Research
09.15-10.00 a.m.	Q and A
<b>10.00-10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
10.30 -11.00 a.m.	100 Years of SPANA and our new strategy, <b>Dr Linda Evans</b> , Director of Global Animal Welfare, SPANA
<b>SESSION 9 A: UNEP Meeting with Civil Society Organizations</b> <b>11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Isaiah Otieno</b> , Senior Information Technology Assistant, UNEP	
<b>SESSION 9 B:AU-IBAR: Coordination, Harmonization, and Scaling of Africa’s Interventions in the delicate balance of Animal Welfare, Climate Change and Development</b>	



<b>11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Prof. James Wabacha</b>	
11.00 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	Re-energizing the APAW: Building Momentum towards the Implementation of AWSA, Dr <b>Hiver Boussini</b>
11.15-11.30 a.m.	The RAFFS Project: AU-IBAR's response to the Triple Crises of Climate Change, Covid-19, and Conflict in Europe, Dr <b>Sarah Ashanut Ossiya</b>
11.30-11.45 a.m.	The African Union OHDA Project: Enhancing Data Management for sustainable evidence-based Animal, Human and Environmental Health Interventions, Dr <b>Mary-Mbole Kariuki</b>
11.45-12.00 p.m.	Aquatic Resources: An opportunity for Animal Nutrition Welfare in Africa, under Climate Change – Perspectives from AU-IBAR, Dr <b>Nelly Isyagi</b>
12.00-12.15 p.m.	Navigating the Opportunities in the Nexus between Animal Welfare and Sustainable Animal Production in Africa, Dr <b>Mwenda Mbaka</b>
12.15 p.m.-12.45 p.m.	Panel Discussion: The Place for Animal Sourced Foods in Africa
12.45-1.00 p.m.	Q&A: Feed-back to the Panel Discussion
<b>1.00-2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 10: Conclusion and Way Forward</b> <b>2.00-3.30 p.m.</b> <b>Session Chair: Moderator(s)</b>	
2.00-2.15 p.m.	Progress report on outcomes of Pan African Donkey Conference (PADCO), <b>Samuel Theuri</b> , Brooke East Africa
2.15-2.45 p.m.	Conference Resolutions: <b>Dr Dennis Bahati</b> , Programmes Manager, ANAW Feedback on Resolutions: <b>Wachira Kariuki</b> , ANAW
2.45-3.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks – <b>Josphat Ngonyo</b> , Conference Patron
3.00-3.30 p.m.	Closing Ceremony:



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3.30-4.00 p.m.	Tea/Coffee
*****END OF CONFERENCE*****	

