



Republic of Rwanda
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7th 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: Wachira Kariuki , ANAW
09.00-09.20 a.m.	Welcome Remarks by Conference Co-hosting Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. James Nkansah Obrempong, Board Chair, Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW)• Dr Huyam Ahmed Mohammed Elamin Salih, Director, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)



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



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



4.45-5.00 p.m.	Presentation 2: Religious perspectives on environment preservation in Africa: Prof. Beatrice Okyere-Manu , 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, Prof. Janet Rumfelt , Regis University, Dr Katherine Baxter , CEO ANAW-USA, and Dr M.D Kinoti , Regis University
5.20-5.45 p.m.	Q and A
*****END OF DAY ONE*****	
Day 2: Tuesday 26 September, 2023	
SESSION 5 : United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 09.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Session Moderator: Isaiah Otieno , Senior Information Technology Assistant, UNEP	
09.00-09.30 a.m.	Introduction to UNEP, Ulf Bjornholm , UNEP
09.30-10.00 a.m.	Opportunities for MGS to engage – Isaiah Otieno , Senior Information Technology Assistant, UNEP
10.00-10.30 a.m.	Question and Answer session
10.30-11.00 a.m.	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30 am	The Sixth session of United Nations Environment Assembly, Ulf Bjornholm , UNEP
11.30-1.00 p.m.	African Major Groups' outcomes of 19 session of AMCEN and preparations for UNEA 6, David Munene
1.00-2.00 p.m.	Lunch
SESSION 6: Emerging trends in education and research 2.00-3.30 p.m. Session Moderator: Dr Mwenda Mbaka , 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, Carolyn Breitenbach , WTS



2.15-2.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: Implementing better training for veterinarians: Resources and strategies, Nick Jukes , 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, Dr Kavosa Mudoga , 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, Dr Emmanuel Irimaso , University of Rwanda, School of Veterinary Medicine
3.00-3.30 p.m.	Q and A
3.30-4.00 p.m.	Tea/Coffee Break
SESSION 7: Climate Change and animal welfare 4.00-5.00 p.m. Session Moderator: Dr Patrick Muinde , World Animal Protection	
4.00-4.15 p.m.	Presentation 1: Animal wellbeing and climate change, Esther Afolaranmi , Fair Start Movement, and Dr Carter Dillard , University of Denver
4.15-4.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: Reducing meat consumption-options for Africa, Dr Victor Yamo , 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, Prof. Charles Ssekyewa , St. Lawrence University, Uganda
4.45-5.00 p.m.	Presentation 4: One Acre Fund (<i>Tubura</i>) Alternative Protein Project, Jean Paul Gisa , One Acre Fund Rwanda
5.00-5.10 p.m.	Health / Screen Break
5.10-6.10 p.m.	Panel discussion: Diet Change for People, Animals, and the Environment Panel Moderator: Debbie Tripley , Global Director of Campaigns and Policy Advocacy, Compassion in World Farming Panelists: Monica Chen , Factory Farming Awareness Coalition; Dr Victor Yamo , World Animal Protection; Zeeshan Ali , Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine; Prof. Charles Ssekyewa , St.



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



11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Session Moderator: Prof. James Wabacha	
11.00 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	Re-energizing the APAW: Building Momentum towards the Implementation of AWSA, Dr Hiver Boussini
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 Sarah Ashanut Ossiya
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 Mary-Mbole Kariuki
11.45-12.00 p.m.	Aquatic Resources: An opportunity for Animal Nutrition Welfare in Africa, under Climate Change – Perspectives from AU-IBAR, Dr Nelly Isyagi
12.00-12.15 p.m.	Navigating the Opportunities in the Nexus between Animal Welfare and Sustainable Animal Production in Africa, Dr Mwenda Mbaka
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
1.00-2.00 p.m.	Lunch
SESSION 10: Conclusion and Way Forward 2.00-3.30 p.m. Session Chair: Moderator(s)	
2.00-2.15 p.m.	Progress report on outcomes of Pan African Donkey Conference (PADCO), Samuel Theuri , Brooke East Africa
2.15-2.45 p.m.	Conference Resolutions: Dr Dennis Bahati , Programmes Manager, ANAW Feedback on Resolutions: Wachira Kariuki , ANAW
2.45-3.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks – Josphat Ngonyo , 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*****	

