

The Africa Protected Area Directors Conference 2024

Main Conference Program

Monday, March 4th

Participants arrive

Venue and Recommended Accommodation: Elephant Hills Resort, Victoria Falls

Tuesday, March 5th

Optional field trips organized by ZimParks (Itineraries shared separately)

Wednesday, March 6th

9:00-10:30

Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Prof. Patience Gandiwa-Director & Technical Advisor International Conservation Affairs, Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Authority

Cultural Show and Video

Keynote Speakers

H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe
Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, APAC Patron, A-PACT Steering Committee Chair

Dr. Harsen Nyambe Nyambe
Director of Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC)

Arona Soumare
Principal Climate Change and Green Growth Officer, African Development Bank (AFDB)

Dr. Alban Kisife
German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV)

Video Interlude

Kaddu Sebunya
CEO, African Wildlife Foundation

Madhu Rao
Chair, IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas

Malidadi Langa
Interim Chairperson, Alliance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa

Knowledge Vingi
Zimbabwe Youth Biodiversity Network

Official Opening Speech

Hon Nqobizitha Mangaliso Ndlovu
Minister of Environment, Climate and Wildlife of Zimbabwe

10:30-11:00 Tea Break

11:00-12:30

High Level Ministerial (SADC) Dialogue #1: What will it take to enhance PCA governance and management effectiveness?

Moderator: Dr. Fulton Mangwanya - Director General, Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority

Keynote Speakers

Leah Wanambwa
Senior Policy Officer, Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, AUC

Malidadi Langa
Interim Chairperson, Alliance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa

Panelists

Reuben Msongelwa Ngwenya
South African National Parks, (Sanparks)

Patience Gandiwa
Director & Technical Advisor International Conservation Affairs, ZimParks

Nyambe Nyambe
Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA) Secretariat

Mohamed Harun

Special Advisor, Administração Nacional das Áreas de Conservação – ANAC

Cyrille Barnerias

Head of Directorate of European and International Relations, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-15:00

High level Dialogue #2: Why and how is it important for PAs to be part of adapting to and mitigating climate change, and what capacities are needed to achieve this?

Moderator: Samuel John Mwandha - Executive Director, Uganda Wildlife Authority

Keynote Speakers

Peter Moll
Interim Lead, Coordinator APAC, Youth

Harisoa Rakotondrafazy
Coordinator, Africa Adaptation Hub, WWF Africa

Panelists

Milan Ngangay Yves
Director General, Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN)

Bennett Kahuure
Director of Wildlife and National Parks, Namibia

Bonaventure Kpidiba
Chef Section Déménagement des Aires Protégées à la Direction des Ressources Forestières, Togo

Frida Razafinaivo

Coordinateur du projet Peche Cotière Durable, Madagascar National Parks

Peter Ossei-Wusu

IPs and LCs Representative

High level Dialogue #3: Why and how is it important for PAs to be part of Integrated Landscape Management (ILM), and what capacities are needed to achieve this?

Moderator: Brighton Kumchedwa - Director, Department of National Parks and Wildlife, Malawi

Keynote Speakers

Grace Alawa
IPs and LCs Representative

Kirstin Siex
Senior Biodiversity Advisor, Africa Bureau, USAID Washington DC

Panelists

Thulani Methula
Director of Parks, Eswatini National Trust Commission

Bello Nuhu
Chief Park Warden, National Park Service, Nigeria

Dr. Yemi Katerere
Coordinator, Africa CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA)

Genevieve Fomo
Deputy Director of Conservation, Directorate of Wildlife and Protected Areas, Ministry of Forest and Wildlife (MINFOF)

Mr. Diel Mochire Mwenge
Francophone IPs and LCs Representative

Thursday, March 7th

8:30-9:30

Main Plenary

Moderator: Evangeline Swope-
Protected Area Manager, Liberia
APAD

Opening plenary

Scene Setting: Carousel Workshop
Format

Community Conservation for GBF

Kendi Borona
Regional Facilitator, Africa Program,
Rights and Resource Initiative (RRI)

Protected and Conserved Areas Governance Models

Dr. Philip Muruthi
Vice President, *Species
Conservation and Science*
African Wildlife Foundation

10:00-17:30

*Group A and Group B will run
parallel to each other*

Carousel Discussions Group A:

**Introduction: "What will it take
to enhance PCA governance and
management effectiveness?"**

Moderator: Kumara Wakjira -
Director General, Ethiopia Wildlife
Conservation Authority

Presentations

**A-PACT -an APAD initiative for
sustainable finance for PAs &
CCAs**

Prof. Patience Gandiwa - ZimParks

**Sustainable Finance for PAs and
CCAs**

*Stefanie Lang - Executive Director,
Legacy Landscapes Fund*

Carousel Group A (Room A):

Break into 5 carousels (*guiding
questions to be provided*)

Carousel Discussions Group B:

**Introduction: "Why and how
is it important for PAs to be
part of Integrated Landscape
Management (ILM), of adapting
to and mitigating climate change,
and what capacities are needed to
achieve this?"**

Moderator: Dr. Ibrahim Musa Goni
- Conservator General, National
Parks Service, Nigeria)

Presentations

**What sacred groves tell us about
ILM from a community IPs and
LCs perspective:**

*Eric Atta-Kusi - Protected Area
Manager, Wildlife Division, Forestry
Commission - Ghana*

The case of Varuna Programme
*Emmanuelle SARAT Sevahnee
Pyneeandy* - Coordinator of
NatureXpairs

Sevahnee Pyneeandy - Coordinator
and Facilitator, Southwest Indian
Ocean Marine Area Managers
Network

Carousel Group B (Room B):
Break into 5 carousels (*guiding
questions to be provided*)

Friday, March 8th

9:00-10:30

Recommendations and Action Planning (RECs)

Moderator: Bonaventure Kpidiba
- Direction des Ressources
Forestières, Togo

Action planning by sub-regions (RECs)

Regional Groupings
(SADC, COMIFAC/ ECCAS, ECOWAS
+ N Africa, EAC+ IGAD)

10:30-11:00
Tea break

11:00-13:00

**Main Plenary
Partnership Panel 1: What sorts of
partnerships are needed? What are
the roles of bi- and multi-lateral
partners?**

Moderator: Mohamed Harun -
ANAC Mozambique

Panelists

Mali Ole Kaunga
Executive Director, IMPACT

Tanya Merceron
Regional coordinator of the
BIO-PAMA program for West and
Central Africa, IUCN

Stefanie Lang
Executive Director, Legacy
Landscapes Fund

Richard Vigne
Executive Director, School of Wildlife
Conservation Africa Leadership
University

Michel Masozera
Africa Policy Director, WCS

Partnership Panel 2

Moderator: Benneth Bojo Nicholas
- APAD, South Sudan

Panelists

Cecilia Wandiga
Executive Director - Centre for
Science & Technology Innovations
(CSTI),

Kirstin Siex
Senior Biodiversity Advisor, Africa
Bureau, USAID Washington DC

Kina Murphy
Chief Scientist, Africa Strategy Lead
Campaign for Nature

Domoina Rakotobe
Senior Program Officer, High
Ambition Coalition for Nature, and
People (HAC for N&P) Secretariat

David Williams
Senior Director-Conservation
Geography, African Wildlife
Foundation

Laurent Some
Head, WWF Policy and Partnerships
Africa

WWF

13:00-14:00
Lunch Break

14:00-16:00

**Closing Ceremony - Agreement on
High-level Outcomes and Formal
Closing**

Moderator: Dickson Chitupa,
International Conventions
Manager, ZimParks

Bonaventure Pidiba
Direction des Ressources Forestières,
Togo- REC Session Report Out

**Mohamed Harun (ANAC)
Mozambique
and Benneth Bojo Nicholas**
Assistant Director General,
Protected Areas and National Parks,
Department of Wildlife - South
Sudan

**Formal closing ceremony:
ZimParks**

Departures starting evening of Friday, March 8th - Saturday, March 9th



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