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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

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. James Nkansah Obrempong</b>, Board Chair, Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW)</li><li>• African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)</li><li>• United Nations Environment Programme – <b>Ulf Bjornholm</b>, Chief, Civil Society Unit</li></ul>
09.20-09.40 a.m.	Goodwill Messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Marianne Steele</b>, CEO, The Donkey Sanctuary</li><li>• African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW-Kenya)</li><li>• <b>Wolf Gordon Clifton</b>, Executive Director, Animal People</li></ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Samuel Wakhusama</b>, World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)</li> <li>• FAO</li> </ul>
09.40-0.00 a.m.	An International Outlook on Climate Change, Animal Welfare and Sustainable Development, <b>Philip LyMBERy</b> , Global CEO, Compassion in World Farming
10.00-10.30 a.m.	Keynote Address and Official Opening: Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Republic of Rwanda
<b>10.30-11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b> (Group photo)
<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	
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 Donkey Sanctuary
11.30 a.m.-11.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad (SPANNA)
11.45 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Presentation 4: WTG - ANAW work
12.00 p.m.-12.15 p.m.	Presentation 5: 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>2.00-3.30 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Tennyson Williams</b> , Regional Director – Africa, World Animal Protection	
2.00-2.15 p.m.	Presentation 1: <b>Dr Judy Kimaru</b> , Director, Action for Protection of Animals Africa (APAA)
2.15-2.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: <b>Céline Sissler-Bienvenu</b> , Programme Director, European Disaster Response and Risk Reduction, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
2.30-2.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: <b>Dr Richard K. Ssuna</b> , Founder and Trustee, All creatures
2.45-3.30 p.m.	Q and A
<b>3.30-4.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 3: Faith based perspectives on animal welfare and environmental conservation.</b> <b>4.00-5.30 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Prof. James Herbert Williams</b> , Arizona State University	





4.00-4.15 p.m.	Presentation 1: A general outlook on faith-based perspectives on animal welfare and environmental conservation: <b>Joyce D' Silva/Wolf Gordon Clifton</b> (TBC)
4.15-4.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: Religious perspectives on environment preservation in Africa: <b>Beatrice Okyere-Manu</b> , University of Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa
4.30-4.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: Animal welfare in Africa: strength of cultural traditions, challenges and perspectives, <b>Prof. Nenene Qekwana</b> , Head of Department of Paraclinical Sciences at University of Pretoria
4.45-5.30 p.m.	Q and A

\*\*\*\*\*END OF DAY ONE\*\*\*\*\*

**Day 2: Tuesday 26 September, 2023**

**SESSION 4: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

**09.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.**

**Session Moderator:**

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>
<b>11:00 – 11:30 am</b>	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/Ayman Cherkaoui</b>
<b>1.00-2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

**SESSION 5: 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: The Donkey Sanctuary (TBC)
2.15-2.30 p.m.	Presentation 2: Bridging the Teaching Gap: Making Animal Welfare Education Accessible with Holistic Teaching Materials, <b>Carolyn Breitenbach</b> , WTS
2.30-3.45 p.m.	Presentation 3: <i>Animal Welfare Institute</i>





3.45-4.00 p.m.	Presentation 4: <b>University of Rwanda</b> , 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 6: 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>Prof. Phil Tedeschi</b> , Denver University, USA
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>Ross Miranti</b> , One Acre Fund
4.45-6.00 p.m.	Panel discussion: <b>Panel Moderator:</b> Dr Philip LyMBERy, Compassion in World Farming  <b>Panelists:</b> <b>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
6.30-7.30 p.m.	Vegan Dinner
*****END OF DAY TWO*****	
<b>Day 3: Wednesday 27 September, 2023</b>	
<b>SESSION 7: Wildlife and environmental conservation</b> <b>8.30-10.30 a.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Dr Tony Mudakikwa</b>	
08.30-08.45 a.m.	Presentation 1: RDB
08.45-09.10 a.m.	Presentation 2: Welfare of Aquatic Animals, <b>Wasseem Emam</b> , Ethical Seafood Research
09.10-09.25 a.m.	Presentation 3: AFEW





09.25-09.40 a.m.	University of Rwanda
09.40-10.30 a.m.	Q and A
<b>10.30-11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 8:AU-IBAR 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Session Moderator:</b>	
11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.	AU-IBAR
<b>1.00-2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 9: Conclusion and Way Forward 2.00-3.30 p.m.</b>	
2.00-2.20 p.m.	Conference Resolutions: <b>Dr Dennis Bahati</b>
2.20-2.40 p.m.	Vote of Thanks – <b>Josphat Ngonyo</b> , Conference Patron
2.40-3.00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony: Ministry of Environment, Republic of Rwanda
<b>3.00-3.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>
***** <b>END OF CONFERENCE</b> *****	

