



# 8<sup>th</sup> Africa Animal Welfare Conference – Action 2024

**Theme: Partnership Actions to Improve Animal Welfare and Environmental Sustainability**

**Venue: United Nations Complex, Nairobi, Kenya**

**Date: 30 September -02 October 2024**

## PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday 30 September 2024	
Conference Moderators: <b>Hellen Aura</b> , Journalist - Nation Media Group and <b>Josiah Ojwang</b> , Conference Director	
<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	
8.00-08.40 a.m.	Arrival and registration of delegates (Conference Secretariat)
08.40-09.00 a. m	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Elizabeth Maruma Mrema</b>, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme</li><li>• <b>Dr. Huyam Salih</b>, Director, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)</li><li>• <b>Prof. James Nkansah-Obrempong</b>, Chair, Board of Directors, Africa Network for Animal Welfare</li></ul>
9.00-09.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remarks by Conference Organizing Committee chair, <b>Tennyson Williams</b>, Director for Africa, World Animal Protection</li><li>• Remarks by <b>Hon. Dr. Roger Baro</b> - Minister for Environment, Burkina Faso</li></ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by <b>Hon. Lelise Neme</b> – Director General of the Ethiopian Environmental Authority (TBC)</li> <li>• Remarks by <b>Hon Adan Duale</b>, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Forestry, Republic of Kenya</li> <li>• Remarks by Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Republic of Kenya</li> </ul>
09.30-10.00 a.m.	Keynote Address and Official Opening: H.E. The President of The Republic of Kenya (TBC)
<b>10.00-10.15 am</b>	<b>Break/photo op</b>
10.15-10.45 a.m.	<p>Goodwill Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Luther Anakur Bois</b> – Regional Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. James Yeates</b> – CEO, World Federation for Animals</li> <li>• <b>Susan Millward</b> - CEO, Animal Welfare Institute</li> <li>• <b>Andrea Gavinelli</b>, Head of Unit, Animal Welfare, European Union</li> <li>• <b>Franck Berthe</b>, The World Bank (WB)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Bernadette Abela-Ridder</b> – World Health Organization (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Daniela Battaglia</b> – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Patrick Bestiaensen</b> – World Organization for Animals (WOAH)</li> </ul>
<b>10.45 -11.10 am</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
11.10-11.30 am	Africa Animal Welfare Conference Impact Review: A Look at the Past, Present, and Future, <b>Dr. David Obiero</b> – Masai Mara University
<p><b>SESSION 1: Innovations, Education, and Emerging Trends in Animal Welfare</b>  <b>11.30 -01.30 pm.</b>  <b>Session Moderator: Prof. James Herbert Williams</b>, Arizona State University, USA</p>	
11.30-11.45 pm	Sustainable plant-based food systems, <b>Abigail Mukonyo</b> , Thrive Philanthropy
11.45-12.00 pm	Just Transition from Industrial Animal Production to Equitable, Humane and Sustainable Food Systems, <b>Dr. Patrick Muinde</b> , World Animal Protection
12.00-12.15 pm	AI Collaborations to Protect Animals and the Environment, <b>Yolanda Eisenstein</b> , Animal Law Commission





12.15pm-12.30 pm	Building a more Humane Community through Human-Animal connection, <b>Prof. Phil Tedeschi</b> , University of Denver, USA.
12.30-12.45 pm	Animal welfare perspectives from Asia, <b>Zhou Zunguo</b> , Compassion in World Farming, China.
12.45-1.00 pm	Humane Innovations and Replacement: Case studies to illustrate the curriculum of an ideal veterinary degree, <b>Nick Jukes</b> , InterNICHE, United Kingdom.
1.00-1.30 pm	Q and A
<b>1 .30-2.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 2: A Farm and Working Animals (Part A)</b> <b>2.30-4.30 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Rubina James</b> , Director, Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group (ABCG)	
2.30-2.45pm	Progress of cage-free chicken campaigns in Africa, <b>Aurelia Adhiambo</b> , Africa Lead, Open Wing Alliance
2.45-3.00 pm	Human-Animal Interface in Urban Areas: A Holistic Approach to reducing the transmission of Rabies in Masvingo, Zimbabwe, <b>Nancy Makuvise</b> , Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe
3.00-3.15 pm	Hike in price of diesel and its effects on health and welfare of traction animals: a study of Taraba State, Nigeria, <b>Moses Gani Umaru</b> and <b>Ezekiel Yudaunda Waba</b> , Federal Polytechnic, Bali, Nigeria.
3.15 -3.30 pm	Implementing Farmed Animal Welfare Training: Successes, Experiences and Scale-Up, <b>Dr Kikiope O. Oluwarore</b> and <b>Ilunamien E. Aisedion</b> , OHDI, Nigeria.
3.30-4.00 pm	Q and A
<b>4.00-4.30 pm</b>	<b>Plenary Session for reporting back on breakout sessions 2A and 2B</b>
<b>SESSION 2 B: Farm and working animals (Part B)</b> <b>2.30-4.30 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Alexis Olds – CEO, Compassion in World Farming, Southern Africa</b>	
2.30-2.45 pm	African Union Decision on Donkey Species Preservation in Africa, <b>Dr. Hiver Boussini</b> , AUIBAR
2.45-3.00 pm	Case study of working donkey welfare in the Mwea rice belt, Kenya, <b>Jane Njuguna</b> , Animal Health Officer





3.00-3.15 pm	Case Study of SPANA and TAWESO Partnership for Emergency Response in Northern Tanzania, <b>Martin Kahema</b> , Tanzania.
3.15-4.00 pm	Q and A
<b>4.00-4.30 pm</b>	<b>Plenary Session for reporting back on breakout sessions 2A and 2B</b>
<b>4.30-5.00 pm</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>5.00-6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Networking session</b>

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## Day 2: Tuesday 01 October, 2024

### SESSION 3: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**09.00 am-1.00 p.m.**

**Session Moderator: Isaiah Otieno, UNEP**

09.00-09.20 am	UNEP Governing bodies: Structure and functions of UNEA, <b>Radhika Ochalik</b> , UNEP [Ulf to Introduce Radhika]
09.20-09.30 a.m.	Question and answer session
09.30-10.15 a.m.	The Outcomes of UNEA-6, Preparations towards UNEA-7 and the Role of Major Groups and Stakeholders <b>Ulf Bjornholm</b> , UNEP.
10.15-10.30 a.m.	Question and answer session
<b>10.30-11.00 am</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
11.00-11.30 a.m.	Opportunities for Major groups to Engage at UNEP and UNEA, <b>David Ombisi</b> , UNEP
11.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	UNEP Accreditation Process, <b>Melissa Ngilandala</b> , UNEP
12.00—01.00 p.m.	Question and Answer
<b>1.00-2.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

### Session 4 A: Working Group on Africa Animal Welfare Conference Evaluation Report





<b>2.00-3.30 p.m.</b> <b>Session Moderator: Isaiah Otieno</b>	
2.00-2.30 pm	Presentation of Highlights of the AAWC Evaluation Report, <b>Dr David Obiero</b> , Masai Mara University
2.30-3.30 pm	Discussion
<b>SESSION 4 B: Animal Welfare, Environmental Conservation and Development</b> <b>2.00-3.30 pm</b> <b>Session Moderator: Dan Oduor</b> , Stawisha Africa Initiative	
2.00-2.20 pm	Enhancing animal welfare through nature-based solutions, <b>Charles Karangwa</b> , Global Head of Nature Based Solutions Centre, IUCN, Switzerland.
2.20-2.40 pm	Animal welfare in development cooperation, <b>Karin Siegmund</b> , WTS and <b>Dr Jean Claude Masengesho</b> , Rwanda Animal Welfare Organization (RAWO)
2.40-3.00 pm	Shifting trade routes of live animals' export by sea, <b>Dr Bryce Marock</b> , NSPCA, South Africa.
3.00-3.30 pm	Q and A
<b>3.30-4.00 pm</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 5: Disasters and Animal Welfare</b> <b>4.00-5.30 pm</b> <b>Session Moderator: John Forelli</b> - Stress Management Consultant	
4.00-4.15 pm	Disaster Preparedness and Response/Management in Animal Resource Sector in Africa <b>Prof. James Wabacha</b> , AU-IBAR
4.15-4.30 pm	Effects of floods on animal welfare in East Africa: <b>Dr. Thomas Kahema</b> , Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and <b>Dr. Dennis Bahati</b> , Kenya.
4.30-4.45 pm	The state of animals during climate-related and environmental disasters in West Africa, a case for emergency animal welfare, <b>Abdul Rahman Safian</b> , West African Centre for the Protection of Animal Welfare (WACPAW), Accra, Ghana.
4.45-5.00 pm	Animal Disaster Management Law and how African Nations can Collaborate to Minimize Disaster-Related Harm to Animals, <b>Dr. Steve Glassey</b> and <b>Mark Anderson</b> , Animal Avec. New Zealand.
5.00-5.30 pm	Q and A



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**Day 3: Wednesday 02 October, 2024**

**SESSION 6: Wildlife Conservation**

**8.30 am-10.30 am**

Session Moderator: **Susan Millward** – CEO, Animal Welfare Institute (AWI)

8.30-8.45 a.m.	Improving bird welfare and conservation in Africa: the case of vultures, <b>Dr. Paul Kariuki Nding'ang'a</b> , Regional Director-Africa, Birdlife International
8.45-9.00 a.m.	The power of storytelling and education to inspire empathy for nature, <b>Trish Sewe</b> , Wildlife Direct.
9.00-9.15 a.m.	Clinical Approaches in the Rehabilitation of African Grey Parrots: a UWEC success story from rescue to release, <b>Dr. Victor Musiime</b> , Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre, Entebbe, Uganda.
9.15-9.30 a.m.	Africa Conservation Education Fund: an integrated conservation education model, <b>Dr Brenda Oliwa-Okumu, Eunice Robai and Isaac Maina</b> , Africa Network for Animal Welfare
9.30- 9.45 a.m.	The importance of wildlife corridors in Wildlife Conservation, <b>Gabriella Mutethya Mutiso</b> , Laikipia Conservancy
9.45-10.00 a.m.	Transboundary Partnerships to Combat Organized Wildlife Trafficking – <b>Jim Karani</b> ; and <b>Etienne Lesage</b>
10.00-10.30 a.m.	Q and A
<b>10.30-11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>

**SESSION 7: African Union -Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)**

**11.00 am -1.00 pm.**

Session Moderator: **Tennyson Williams** – Regional Director, World Animal Protection

Session Theme: **Unlocking the Obstacles to the Adoption of Animal Welfare Policies in Africa**

11.00 am-11.15 a.m.	Opening Remarks: A Review of the Barriers to Animal Welfare Policy Adoption in Africa, <b>Dr Hiver Boussini</b> , AU-IBAR
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11.15-11.35 a.m.	The status and prospects for strengthening aquatic animal welfare in Africa; <b>Nelly Isyagi</b> ; Fisheries and Aquaculture Trade and Investment, Expert -AU-IBAR
11.35 am-11.55 am	Advancing farmed fish welfare in Africa: Lessons learned from Egypt and Kenya- <b>Wasseem Emam</b> - Director, Ethical Seafood Research
11.55-12.15 pm	Environmental Sustainability and Animal Welfare: Synergies and Challenges – <b>Dr. Elynn Njeri</b> – AU-IBAR
12.15-1.00 pm	Discussion
<b>1.00-2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 8: Panel Discussion</b>	
Panel moderator: <b>Michael O’Brien Onyeka</b> ; Executive Vice President, Nature for Justice	
<b>2.00-3.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote:</b> Understanding Animal Sentience: Science, Ethics and Policy – <b>Dr Mwenda Mbaka</b>  <b>Panel speakers:</b> <b>Jim Karani</b> , General Counsel at Lawyers for Animal Protection in Africa (LAPA), <b>Yolanda Eisenstein</b> , Animal Law Commission, <b>Alexis Olds</b> – Compassion in World Farming, Southern Africa (TBC); <b>Dr Raphael Kinoti</b> , CEO-Brooke EA.
<b>SESSION 9: Conclusion and Way Forward</b>	
<b>3.00-4.00 pm</b>	
3.00-3.30 pm	Implementation status on UNEA’s Animal Welfare, Environment and Sustainable Development Nexus Resolution, <b>Abdelkader Bensada</b> , UNEP
3.30-3.45 pm	Conference Resolutions
3.45-4.00 pm	Way forward for the Conference
4.00-4.10 p.m.	Vote of Thanks: <b>Josphat Ngonyo</b> , Conference Patron
4.10-4.30 pm	Closing Ceremony: <b>Minister for Agriculture, Republic of Kenya</b> (TBC)
<b>4.30-5.00 pm</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>
<b>*****END OF CONFERENCE*****</b>	

