



8th 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	
8.30-9.00 am.	Arrival and registration of delegates
OPENING SESSION Moderator: Tennyson Williams , Director for Africa, World Animal Protection	
09.00-09.30 a. m	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme• Dr. Huyam Salih, Director, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)• Prof. James Nkansah-Obrempong, Chair, Board of Directors, Africa Network for Animal Welfare
9.30-10.00 a.m.	Special Remarks:





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennyson Williams, Director for Africa, World Animal Protection and Conference Organizing Committee chair • Philippe Tamini, Director General of the National Office for Protected Areas, Ministry of Environment, Water and Sanitation, representing Hon. Dr Roger Baro, Minister for Environment, Water and Sanitation, Burkina Faso • Hon. Lelise Neme, Director General of the Ethiopian Environmental Authority • Hon Aden Duale, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Forestry, Republic of Kenya
10.00-10.05	Short break (delegates remain seated)
10.05-10.30 a.m.	Keynote Address and Official Opening: H.E. Dr William S. Ruto , President and Commander in Chief of the Defense Forces of The Republic of Kenya
10.30-10.35 am	Break (delegates remain seated)
10.35-11.05 a.m.	<p>Moderators: Hellen Aura, Nation Media Group and Josiah Ojwang, Conference Director</p> <p>Goodwill Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luther Anakur Bois – Regional Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) • Dr. James Yeates – CEO, World Federation for Animals • Susan Millward - CEO, Animal Welfare Institute • Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit, Animal Welfare, European Union • Franck Berthe, The World Bank • Dr. Bernadette Abela-Ridder – World Health Organization • Daniela Battaglia – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) • Dr. Patrick Bestiaensen – World Organization for Animals (WOAH)
11.05-11.30 am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.30-11.50 am	Africa Animal Welfare Conference Impact Review: A Look at the Past, Present, and Future, Dr David Obiero – Masai Mara University
<p>SESSION 1: Innovations, Education, and Emerging Trends in Animal Welfare 11.50 -01.50 pm. Session Moderator: Prof. James Herbert Williams, Arizona State University, USA</p>	





11.50-12.05 pm	Sustainable plant-based food systems, Abigail Mukonyo , Thrive Philanthropy
12.05-12.20 pm	Just Transition from Industrial Animal Production to Equitable, Humane and Sustainable Food Systems, Dr. Patrick Muinde , World Animal Protection
12.20-12.35 pm	AI Collaborations to Protect Animals and the Environment, Yolanda Eisenstein , Animal Law Commission
12.35pm-12.50 pm	Building a more Humane Community through Human-Animal connection, Prof. Phil Tedeschi , University of Denver, USA.
12.50-01.05 pm	Animal welfare perspectives from Asia, Zhou Zunguo , Compassion in World Farming, China.
01.05-1.20 pm	Humane Innovations and Replacement: Case studies to illustrate the curriculum of an ideal veterinary degree, Nick Jukes , InterNICHE, United Kingdom.
1.20-1.50 pm	Q and A
1 .50-2.50 pm	Lunch
SESSION 2: A Farm and Working Animals (Part A) 2.50-4.50 p.m. Session Moderator: Rubina James , Director, Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group (ABCG)	
2.50-3.05pm	Progress of cage-free chicken campaigns in Africa, Aurelia Adhiambo , Africa Lead, Open Wing Alliance
3.05-3.20 pm	Human-Animal Interface in Urban Areas: A Holistic Approach to reducing the transmission of Rabies in Masvingo, Zimbabwe, Nancy Makuvise , Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe
3.20-3.35 pm	Hike in price of diesel and its effects on health and welfare of traction animals: a study of Taraba State, Nigeria, Moses Gani Umaru and Ezekiel Yudaunda Waba , Federal Polytechnic, Bali, Nigeria.
3.35 -3.50 pm	Implementing Farmed Animal Welfare Training: Successes, Experiences and Scale-Up, Dr Kikiope O. Oluwarore and Ilunamien E. Aisedion , OHDI, Nigeria.
3.50-4.20 pm	Q and A
4.20-4.50 pm	Plenary Session for reporting back on breakout sessions 2A and 2B
SESSION 2 B: Farm and working animals (Part B)	





2.50-4.50 p.m.	
Session Moderator: Alexis Olds – CEO, Compassion in World Farming, Southern Africa	
2.50-3.05 pm	African Union Decision on Donkey Species Preservation in Africa, Dr. Hiver Boussini , AUIBAR
3.05-3.20 pm	Case study of working donkey welfare in the Mwea rice belt, Kenya, Jane Njuguna , Animal Health Officer
3.20-3.35 pm	Case Study of SPANA and TAWESO Partnership for Emergency Response in Northern Tanzania, Martin Kahema , Tanzania.
3.35-3.50	Positive Cities, Patrick Gerard , Director Advocacy, ICAM
3.50-4.20 pm	Q and A
4.20-4.50 pm	Plenary Session for reporting back on breakout sessions 2A and 2B
4.50-5.20 pm	Tea/Coffee
- *****END OF DAY ONE*****	
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, Radhika Ochalik , 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 Ulf Bjornholm , UNEP.
10.15-10.30 a.m.	Question and answer session
10.30-11.00 am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.00-11.30 a.m.	Opportunities for Major groups to Engage at UNEP and UNEA, David Ombisi , UNEP





11.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	UNEP Accreditation Process, Melissa Ngilandala , UNEP
12.00—01.00 p.m.	Question and Answer
1.00-2.00 pm	Lunch
Session 4 A: Working Group on Africa Animal Welfare Conference Evaluation Report 2.00-3.30 p.m. Session Moderator: Isaiah Otieno	
2.00-2.30 pm	Presentation of Highlights of the AAWC Evaluation Report, Dr David Obiero , Masai Mara University
2.30-3.30 pm	Discussion
SESSION 4 B: Animal Welfare, Environmental Conservation and Development 2.00-3.30 pm Session Moderator: Dan Oduor , Stawisha Africa Initiative	
2.00-2.20 pm	Enhancing animal welfare through nature-based solutions, Charles Karangwa , Global Head of Nature Based Solutions Centre, IUCN, Switzerland.
2.20-2.40 pm	Animal welfare in development cooperation, Karin Siegmund , WTS and Dr Jean Claude Masengesho , Rwanda Animal Welfare Organization (RAWO)
2.40-3.00 pm	Shifting trade routes of live animals' export by sea, Dr Bryce Marock , NSPCA, South Africa.
3.00-3.30 pm	Q and A
3.30-4.00 pm	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 5: Disasters and Animal Welfare 4.00-5.30 pm Session Moderator: John Forelli - Stress Management Consultant	
4.00-4.15 pm	Disaster Preparedness and Response/Management in Animal Resource Sector in Africa Prof. James Wabacha , AU-IBAR
4.15-4.30 pm	Effects of floods on animal welfare in East Africa: Dr. Thomas Kahema , Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Dr. Dennis Bahati , 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, Abdul Rahman Safian , 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, Dr. Steve Glassey and Mark Anderson , Animal Avec. New Zealand.
5.00-5.30 pm	Q and A

*****END OF DAY TWO*****

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, Dr. Paul Kariuki Nding'ang'a , Regional Director-Africa, Birdlife International
8.45-9.00 a.m.	The power of storytelling and education to inspire empathy for nature, Trish Sewe , 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, Dr. Victor Musiime , Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre, Entebbe, Uganda.
9.15-9.30 a.m.	Africa Conservation Education Fund: an integrated conservation education model, Dr Brenda Oliwa-Okumu , Eunice Robai and Isaac Maina , Africa Network for Animal Welfare
9.30- 9.45 a.m.	The importance of wildlife corridors in Wildlife Conservation, Gabriella Mutethya Mutiso , Laikipia Conservancy
9.45-10.00 a.m.	Transboundary Partnerships to Combat Organized Wildlife Trafficking – Jim Karani ; and Etienne Lesage
10.00-10.30 a.m.	Q and A
10.30-11.00 a.m.	Tea/Coffee Break





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, Dr Hiver Boussini , AU-IBAR
11.15-11.35 a.m.	The status and prospects for strengthening aquatic animal welfare in Africa; Nelly Isyagi ; 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- Wasseem Emam - Director, Ethical Seafood Research
11.55-12.15 pm	Environmental Sustainability and Animal Welfare: Synergies and Challenges – Dr. Elynn Njeri – AU-IBAR
12.15-1.00 pm	Discussion
1.00-2.00 p.m.	Lunch
SESSION 8: Panel Discussion	
Panel moderator: Michael O’Brien Onyeka ; Executive Vice President, Nature for Justice	
2.00-3.00 p.m.	Keynote: Understanding Animal Sentience: Science, Ethics and Policy – Dr Mwenda Mbaka Panel speakers: Jim Karani , General Counsel at Lawyers for Animal Protection in Africa (LAPA), Yolanda Eisenstein , Animal Law Commission, Alexis Olds – Compassion in World Farming, Southern Africa (TBC); Dr Raphael Kinoti , CEO-Brooke EA.
SESSION 9: Conclusion and Way Forward	
3.00-4.00 pm	
3.00-3.30 pm	Implementation status on UNEA’s Animal Welfare, Environment and Sustainable Development Nexus Resolution, Abdelkader Bensada , UNEP
3.30-3.45 pm	Conference Resolutions, Wachira Kariuki and Dr Dennis Bahati
3.45-4.00 pm	Way forward for the Conference





4.00-4.10 p.m.	Vote of Thanks: Josphat Ngonyo , Conference Patron
4.10-4.30 pm	Closing Ceremony: Presided over by Dr Allan Azegele , Director of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Republic of Kenya
4.30-5.00 pm	Tea/Coffee
*****END OF CONFERENCE*****	

