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The World Parks Congress: the place to be!

If there were only one species that was not endangered, it would definitely be the conference speaker: the person that, with his serious expression and fast walk, paces up and down the corridors, halls and workshops of every environment conference. For this poor individual who was designated “focal point” of a given conference, a new life of plane travel, jetlag and cholesterol begins. In addition to the croissants he eats in hotels where he is constantly watching the same TV shows, the conference speaker has to ingest texts that he constantly tries to improve by adding a coma or moving a word here and there to make sure that his invaluable contribution goes down in history.

He does more than just his job, he joins an entire society that has its own language, codes and gurus. If he decides to really get involved, he will even change his style and behaviours and adopt practices that fit such places and events. He will then soon become the main defender of a position (and advantages that go with it) that he intends to keep as long as his peers do not notice the incorrectly placed coma in his text.

Of course, this is a caricature, but is it that far from reality?

The World Parks Congress is now right around the corner. November, Sydney, from the 12th to the 19th. 5,000 people expected, maybe more, coming from all

over the world to Sydney Olympic Park. One more conference dedicated to meaningless rhetoric?

No.

The WPC is the congress of a philosophy: over time, protected areas have become the irreplaceable tool for nature conservation. There are more than 180,000 protected areas today. They are very diverse, large or small, led by communities or state institutions, marine or terrestrial, in mountains or forests, etc....but they all have the same goal: conserve biodiversity there, in nature. This idea may make one smile (“*what good would it do to protect these creatures and remote places?*”) but it is not obsolete. On the contrary, in a context of multiple global crises – climatic, economic, security, health, social, moral – it is even more urgent to make sure that some territories will not be the victims of the madness of man and that they will weather the storm and still be there when the rest will not.

Catastrophism? Maybe. Hopefully. However, I still have the feeling that some day in 20, 30 or 50 years, humanity will wake up with a hangover and will make a review of what is left on the planet. Protected areas will be part of this capital in places where brave people have taken the good decisions, today.

This congress is the place where people interested in conservation meet. Not those who talk about it but those who make it happen. They have diverse profiles: managers, researchers, volunteers, NGOs, politicians... They will be there because they believe in this philosophy, because they want to talk and learn about it. People who go to Sydney will design protected areas’ future through the “Promise of Sydney”, the final message that will be given after

the congress. This message will have to be read, understood and implemented. Let's hope it will.

Finally, this congress only takes place every 10 years; this is long enough to estimate what has been done between two congresses. And eventually to rectify what is being done. This is also one of the main differences between the WPC and these conferences that are so frequent it is not possible to evaluate their results and to implement changes.

In a word, the World Park Congress is the place to go. This NAPA presents a selection of events related to Africa where we recommend you should go. These are the ones we selected, a deliberate and partial choice. *Looking forward to seeing you there!*

WPC – 1 month to go!



**Twenty-two stories to know
a bit more about
conservation in Africa...**

On the road to the World Park Congress!

You will find here after a selection of events and presentations related to African challenges that will be presented at the 2014 World Park Congress. Following the call for applications to participate to the World Parks Congress, 22 “champions” were selected by the PAPACO and will have the chance to go to the congress to present their stories on present and future of Africa's protected areas. These stories are included in the programme here and labeled with the “Papaco at the World Parks Congress” logo so as to make the programme more lisible. 

What kind of presentation?

The models of the presentations given at the World Parks Congress vary from e-posters available on screens to interactive, formal or informal oral presentation. Due to the very long list of e-poster and the ease of their access by key word, this programme does not list all Africa-related e-poster but rather all oral presentation that may be of interest to you. These presentations can be of the four types described below and are specified for each presentation mentioned in the following programme.

- **E-poster oral presentation:** within a session related to his/her work, the author will make a presentation (similar to a short “TED talk”) of his/her 8 slides e-poster for a duration of 5 to 10 minutes.
- **World café:** parallel small-group informal discussions combined with reflections of results and recommendations in a plenary session.
- **Panel:** informal discussion or debate in a small-group in front of an audience that can ask questions at the end of the session.
- **Key note:** very short summary of the core message or most important revelation that the presenter want to present at a given event

What will be the theme of these presentations?

The events of the congress will be presented within 8 different streams listed below but can also be organised out of a stream, by a pavilion or as a parallel event.

Stream 1	Reaching conservation goals
Stream 2	Responding to climate change
Stream 3	Improving health and well-being
Stream 5	Reconciling development challenges
Stream 6	Enhancing the diversity and quality of governance
Stream 7	Respecting indigenous and traditional knowledge and culture
Stream 8	Inspiring a new generation
No stream	Events not organized within a specific stream

 Note also that each morning, from Thursday 13th to Wednesday 19th, a **quick breakfast meeting** will be organized on the “**France Stand**” from 10h30 to 11h where you'll be able to meet our champions for a “francophone talk”.

Attention: some dates and times may change – check before attending!

Thursday, November 13th

Side Event “Conflict-sensitive management of protected areas: Building sustainable and equitable peace” 8:00pm - 9:00pm

BIOPAMA This workshop will consider the knowledge, skills and tools needed to better understand conflict, avoid conflict, engage in conflict resolution, and formulate lasting and implementable governance solutions. It will include a presentation focused on African challenges.

Friday, November 14th

Stream 6: Achieving Aichi Target 11: Governance and equity 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Governance as a determinant of equity in conservation. Exploring concepts and experience in strengthening governance for more equitable outcomes. Any lessons to bring for the **IUCN Green List** of PAs?

Stream 1: Land tenure, governance and conservation 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Is large-scale land tenure reform essential to reach conservation goals? Regional experiences and focused recommendations.



Nils ODENDAAL e-poster oral presentation “**Governance of the NamibRand Nature Reserve**”: the NamibRand Nature Reserve as an example of successful private governance of protected area in Southern Africa.



Dancilla MUKAKAMARI e-poster oral presentation “**Gender approach in conservation of protected areas in Rwanda**” on the necessity to implement reforms promoting the empowerment of women in resources management.

Stream 1: Innovative protected area management 3:30pm - 5:30pm

This session will explore innovative approaches for the management of protected areas focused at the national level. It will share successes from around the world, and examine what worked and why. Case studies from Europe, West and Central Africa and South America will be presented, highlighting successful management approaches and the contributions of protected areas to achieving Aichi Target 11.

Side event: The Africa Night 5:30pm - 8:30pm

BIOPAMA The Africa night – an event funded and introduced by Biopama, organized with the PAPACO - will be an opportunity for every attendants to the congress interested by African protected areas to come and discuss their interest for topics related to the continent with others - including the PAPACO's 22 “champions” – over a dinner buffet and a drink. *Informal and fun!*



Saturday, November 15th

Stream 5: Protected areas and Sustainable Development Goals: delivering on sustainable development challenges

8:30am - 10:00am

This session will focus on how protected areas can deliver against broader multiple development objectives, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (CBD) and national sustainable development goals.



Daniel MARNEWWICK = e-poster oral presentation “**Protecting Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas using Biodiversity Stewardship: through government, landowner and NGO partnerships** »: how the collaboration between provincial conservation agencies/departments and partner environmental organizations has allowed BirdLife South Africa to engage landowners towards declaring around 100 000 ha of Protected Environments in three priority IBAs within three years.

Stream 5: Safeguards for equitable, sustainable development and inclusive decisions

8:30am - 10:00am

This session focuses on how protected areas and conservation can be planned to contribute to social development policies and how to plan for more socially inclusive and environmentally responsible investments.



Ravaka RANAIVOSON = e-poster oral presentation. “**When protected areas provide life and ensure development: myth or reality – Madagascar case study?**”: accounting the economic value of natural resources in protected areas in order to estimate their support to the national development.

Stream 7: Territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities (ICCAs)

8:30am - 12:00pm

ICCA exemplars from different continents, societies and biomes, and their recognition by state governments in diverse legal and policy ways, within but also outside protected area systems. Crucial “DOs and DON’Ts” in recognizing and supporting ICCAs at the heart of the global ICCA movement. What is the broad long-term vision? What are the strategic directions to get there?



Joseph ITONGWA = e-poster oral presentation. “**Toward legal recognition of community based protected areas in Democratic Republic of Congo**”: While local communities and indigenous peoples remain largely marginalized in the governance of natural resources, the creation of Aboriginal and Community Heritage Areas and Territories circumvents these prohibitions and shows the effectiveness of collective governance, based on knowledge and traditional practices.



Salatou SAMBOU = e-poster oral presentation “**Community based governance: lessons learned from Local heritage and Community based Area of Mangagoulack, Senegal**”: The success story of Kawawana, a community based area maintained through the voluntary cooperation of fishermen and supported by the local community.



Martial KOUDERIN = e-poster oral presentation “**Community based natural resource management: case study of the Sitatunga Valley in Benin**”: The Sitatunga Valley initiative – a programme aiming to create a community-based protected area in Benin, not far from Cotonou - is a concrete answer to the pressure of demography and urbanisation through public awareness, creation of a community nature reserve, establishment of community management bodies and implementation of concrete and participatory management.

Stream 6: Protected areas under government governance

8:30am - 12:00am

Exemplars of protected areas and protected area systems governed by governments in different continents, biomes, societies and geopolitical contexts and at different levels (e.g. national, municipal, transboundary). Efforts to adopt good governance principles and enhance effectiveness. Analysis of array of processes to better engage public and private actors, and allow room for learning. Conclusions, lessons learned and recommendations of crucial issues and inspiring examples for improving policy and practice.



High level panel with **Georges MUAMBA** and **Leseho SELLO** on regional/transfrontier agreements to enhance conservation between Protected Areas.



Nicholas De Goede = “world café” on the harmonization of South African and Namibian policies for the management of the Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park.



Virat KOOTSOSITSE = “world café” on the lessons learnt for policy formulation and for mainstreaming conservation activities thanks to the analysis of biodiversity monitoring, financial and operational management in protected areas in Botswana.

Stream 1: Wildlife crime and law enforcement in protected areas

10:30am - 3:00pm

Protected areas are facing a widespread wave of illegal hunting and fishing, and subsequent trafficking. Such poaching is increasingly linked to organized crime, and threatens species from elephants, rhinos and tigers to pangolins, turtles and sharks. These two sessions will present data showing the importance of terrestrial and marine protected areas in conserving species that are the target of wildlife traffickers, and explore key elements critical to success in addressing these threats.

Stream 1: Protected area management effectiveness

10:30am - 3:00pm



Part 1 (10:30-12:00): This session will focus on what is being achieved in and learned about protected area evaluations both at site and system level. The session consists of three case studies highlighting regional and global results of evaluation studies interspersed with short “presentations from the floor”. This session will expose the participants to the wide range of work being undertaken to help build the practitioner network. The session will conclude with a panel-led open discussion.

Part 2 (12:30-3:00): This session on management effectiveness will focus on two related topics (i) PAME (Protected Area Management Effectiveness) data quality and credibility and (ii) Application of PAME results. Discussions from this session will contribute to developing a quality control framework for PAME based around a set of principles and good practices for PAME processes, data analysis and application of results within an adaptive management approach.

The moderation of this event (part 1) as well as one of the presentations will be done by PAPACO members.

Stream 8: Schools connecting children to nature in parks, gardens and outdoor landscapes for learning

10:30am - 12:00pm

There are many innovative approaches to “greening” schools as places for children and teens to learn through integrating experiences within curricula combined with direct experiences in nature-based settings. This session highlights successful models and showcases available resources.



Mary Margaret OTIENO = e-poster oral presentation “**Learn to conserve for a better tomorrow: Engaging the youth in the conservation of key ecosystems in Kenya**”: a presentation of the work of the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya (WCK), a program aiming at instilling a commitment to environmental stewardship in Kenya’s next generation and encouraging sustainable lifestyles.

Stream 7: Indigenous and Community Land Rights and Conservation

1:30pm - 3:00pm

This workshop will examine ways to expand and leverage the interests of the conservation community to support and promote recognition and protection of community land and resource rights as part of conservation efforts around the world, building on the outcomes of a September 2013 international conference in Interlaken, Switzerland that called for a new global target on recognition of community land rights.



Binta BA = “world café” presentation “**Participative management plans and step forward for marine protected areas in Senegal**”: Senegal has recently switched from the top-down approach for its marine protected area to a new and more constructive approach. Henceforth, the new MPAs are established with the participation and full involvement of local actors throughout the process of creation and design of management rules. Participatory management plans have already been developed with the communities.

Stream 6: Governance, sustainable use of wild resources and combating wildlife crime

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Use and trade of wild species in terrestrial and marine protected areas, challenges and successes and the governance elements - who makes the decisions, and how - critical for effectiveness and equity. Analyses of principles, models and institutions (communal, private and government) and particular focus on combating illegal activity and wildlife crime.

Stream 8: Inspiring a new generation of citizen scientists

1:30pm - 3:00pm

This session will explore how Citizen Science using both new technologies and traditional methods in both developed and developing world contexts can reach and stimulate new audiences, inspiring people, especially youth, to connect with, care about, and ultimately look after nature.



Aristide Kamla (AMMCO – supported by the French GEF *FFEM-PPI*) = e-poster oral **presentation** “**Assessing the distribution of Marine mammals in Cameroon coastal areas**”: strengthening local fishermen capacity through education on observation documentation of marine mammals.

Stream 6: Protected areas under shared governance: inspiring solution for adaptive co-management

1:30pm - 5:00pm

Exemplars of protected areas from different continents, societies and biomes, sharing power/authority, responsibility and accountability. Celebrating success in reaching multiple goals (conservation, diversity, equity) under a convincing shared governance rationale. Analysis of specific challenges and exploration of key principles and ingredients for ever more effective, efficient, equitable and adaptive models. Joint development of recommendations to sustain commitment and persevere in adaptive shared governance/ co-management models.



Binta BA = e-poster “world café” presentation on Senegal new approach for the creation and management of community-based marine protected areas.



Inza KONE = e-poster “world café” on the Tanoé forest protected area - the first relatively large community-managed protected forest in Côte d'Ivoire - involving several villages where communities receive continuous technical support from scientists, conservationists and governmental authorities.



Dancilla MUKAKAMARI = e-poster “world café” presentation on gender approach for conservation in Rwanda.

Business and Biodiversity Pavilion networking event: Protected areas and the extractive industry sector in Africa - Good decisions for better impacts

3:30pm - 5:00pm



This session - organised by PAPACO and BIOPAMA - aims to provide a platform for concrete engagement around the question: “How can extractive industries businesses and the PA sector engage better in Africa for more sustainable development?”. It will be composed of brief presentations of case studies of recent cross-sectoral engagements followed by an open discussion between IUCN and companies to identify opportunities for engagement.

Side event “Governance in Africa”

6:30pm - 9:30pm



This side event will start with the presentation of the results of a study launched by the PAPACO on the context of PA governance in Africa (with IIED and WCMC). It will present then some lessons learnt in terms of governance in Africa thanks to the sum of the individual stories of our “champions”. The compilation of these stories led to the creation of three e-posters that will be formally presented (as an oral presentation of about 10 minutes) by their authors during the event. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion between the authors and the participants.

“**Shared governance in francophone Africa: various model involving local communities**” will be presented by **Binta BA** with the participation of **Alexis KABORE**, **Joseph ITONGWA**, **Georges MUAMBA**, **Jean Bruno NGOUGNOGBIA** and **Salatou SAMBOU**.

“**The shift of African PAs: away from ‘fences & fines’, traditional & formal protected areas to inclusive, people driven, participatory governance driven protected areas.**” will be presented by **Nils ODENDAAL** with the participation of **Nicholas DE GOEDE**, **Togarasei FAKARAYI**, **Inza KONE**, **Daniel MARNEWICK** and **Dancilla MUKAKAMARI**.

“**We can’t address today’s problems with yesterday solutions. New ideas to address current challenges**” will be presented by **Motshereganyi Virat KOOTSOSITSE** with the participation of **Freddy MANONGI**, **Martin MULAMA**, **Mary Margaret OTIENO** and **Leseho SELLO**.



Monday, November 17th

Side event stream 7: Resource Fair - Capacity Development tools and partners - Presenting the Mutual Gains Approach

7:00am - 8:00am

BIOPAMA How can we better engage with competitors for Protected Areas land and resource users in and around PAs? This session will be a brief overview of soft skills tools for consensus building focussing in particular on engagements between PAs and other sectors and neighbouring communities, including in Africa.

Stream 6: Effective and equitable governance of the landscape

8:30am - 12:00pm

The landscape approach, success in landscape governance (i.e. delivery of multiple benefits and functions), and underlying conditions. Analysis of key challenges and ideas for solutions (e.g., “land-sparing and land-sharing”; COMPACT initiatives in WH Sites; sustainability standards; respecting substantive rights; agro-

ecology; addressing issues of scale). Joint distillation of the ingredients of a “strong” landscape governance model and coherent WPC recommendations



Nicholas DE GOEDE = e-poster “world café” presentation “**Best Practice Guideline on Transboundary Conservation in the Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park.**” Case study of the success of the Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park (ARTP) in all facets of Transboundary conservation.



Aladsair HARRIS = e-poster “world café” presentation “**Creating a climate of change for locally-led marine conservation in Madagascar.**”: Blue Ventures’ multidisciplinary approaches to marine conservation and coastal poverty alleviation in Madagascar.



Freddy Safieli MANONGI = e-poster “world café” presentation “**45 Years of multiple used management areas: case of Ngorongoro**”: the presentation will provide lessons learnt in the management of multiple used management areas in savannah. It will describe the practical challenges facing the NCA and potential and practical solutions to overcome them. Wildlife-people-tourism conflicts that exist at NCA provide unique lessons to be learnt by protected area management practitioners across the world.



George MUAMBA = e-poster “world café” presentation on the challenging yet successful transfrontier cooperation between the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and the Republic of Rwanda for the conservation of the Great Virunga landscape.

Side event stream 1: RedLac - CAFÉ (Consortium of African Funds for the environment) capacity building project

1:30pm - 3:00pm

This session will begin with a presentation of CAFE, of what has been done until now and of the coming challenges. It will be followed by a discussion on the importance of sustainable financial mechanisms for environment conservation.



Ravaka RANAIVOSON will participate to the panel discussion on the necessity to create sustainable financial mechanisms for conservation.

Stream 1: Vision and characteristics for an IUCN Green List of Protected Areas

1:30pm – 3:00pm

This session will launch a new global standard for protected areas management, The **IUCN Green List of Protected Areas**. It will discuss the characteristics of the list, and lessons learned from several pilot studies around the world (including Kenya which was supported by the PAPACO). It will conclude with a panel discussion on the future of this exciting initiative.

Stream 5: Mainstreaming Protected Areas solutions for mining and energy: challenges and solutions

1:30pm – 5:00pm

This session will address with the challenges of investments in the extractive industries and the energy sector, and how to plan for responsible investments and how development co-benefits can be generated



Tom OKELO = e-poster oral presentation “**Managing impacts of oil & gas exploration in Murchison Falls N.P – seeking a critical balance between Uganda’s development needs and conservation**”. This presentation will explore the best practices that Uganda governmental institutions are pursuing to achieve the critical balance between getting oil out of the reservoirs that were found in the Albertine Rift region while not compromising conservation in Uganda’s largest and oldest national park, the Murchison Falls national park.

Stream 3: Sustainable livelihoods

3:30pm - 5:00pm

The session will explore a wide range of practical experiences for the sustainable management of park resources to benefit livelihood security, improve human health and contribute to the health of the park ecosystems. The session will also share research findings and examine some of the emerging innovations in various regions.



Aladsair HARRIS = key note “**Creating a climate of change for locally-led marine conservation in Madagascar.**” Will discuss Blue Ventures’ multidisciplinary approaches to marine conservation.

Stream 6: Inspiring solutions: governance, sustainable living and well-being

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Governance pathways and principles to ensure human well-being and equity while sustaining ecological integrity and resilience at site level and for landscapes/ seascapes. What governance issues are crucial for sustainability, equity and resilience? Diversity? Appropriate land and resource tenure? Cultural respect? Radical democracy, including economic democracy and social justice? Eco-regional or bioregional governance and planning? What practices and lessons from other fields appear particularly relevant? Collective development of WPC recommendations.



Alexis KABORE = panel presentation on the governance of the parks and reserves of the Eastern part of Burkina Faso and their periphery.



Jean Bruno NGOUGNOGBIA = panel presentation on the community rights and involvement in natural resources management of Mbaere Bodingue park (Central African Republic).



Sakhile Nsukini = panel presentation on the Socio-Economic impact of ecotourism in rural areas in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

World leaders’ dialogue: The Nature of Crime — the extent and impact of illegal wildlife trade

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Increasing consumption is depleting the Earth’s natural resources — the very foundation upon which human society depends — at an alarming rate. The commercial use of wild animals and plants, known as wildlife trade, is at the core of the tensions between biodiversity conservation and human development. According to TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, illegal wildlife trade is estimated at US \$10-20 billion annually, and is among the largest sources of illegal trade. This criminal activity is driving the extinction of many species, disrupting critical ecosystem functions, undermining sustainable economic development and threatening communities, livelihoods and human health. In recent years, the drivers of illegal wildlife trade have evolved significantly to include highly organized, transnational criminal networks. This first World Leaders’ Dialogue will explore the causes and effects of illegal wildlife trade, and new approaches and investments to combat it. It will explore how the issue extends far beyond wildlife crime to include trade in forest, agricultural and fishing products, fuel and more.



Martin MULAMA will participate to a panel discussion on wildlife crime and will, in particular, share his related experiences from Kenya.



Pavilion Conservation Finance event: “KfW, AFD, GEF: experiences with CTF in Africa”

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Experiences with Conservation Trust Funds in Africa by AFD, GEF, KfW. Three of the main donors to Conservation Trust Funds in Africa share their experience and views on investing in CTF in Africa.

Tuesday November 18th

Stream 7: Bridging from oral knowledge to conservation employment opportunities: formalising Indigenous knowledge of tracking in conservation and protected area management in Africa

8:30am - 10:00am

This presentation and workshop will examine how oral knowledge systems can be supported through training, assessment and certification to empower local communities in relation to protected areas management and employment, while respecting cultural norms, values and context.

Stream 1: Inspiring Hope: Protected Area Restoration

1:30pm - 3:00pm

This session will showcase innovations and approaches for restoring protected areas, including restoration of ecological connectivity between protected areas through area based conservation measures outside the protected area network. It will also discuss experiences in restoration and connectivity projects in different types of ecosystems. At the end of the session, emerging issues will be explored to set goals for connectivity conservation and restoration beyond 2020.



Leseho Sello = e-poster oral presentation “**Translocation as a way of restocking the less populated areas within the shared ecosystem in the Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Area**” on the restoration of the Futi corridor between Mozambique and South Africa to allow the transfer of animals within the two countries in the Lubombo Tranfrontier Conservation Area.

**Pavilion Oceans: Fishing in West Africa - Adaptation to climate change in coastal zones: linking coastal and marine conservation, development and risk reduction.**

4:30pm - 5:00pm

This event will involve the presentation of two short powerpoint presentations on coastal spatial planning at a regional level: the case of the west African (11 countries) coastal risk reduction master plan (UEMOA - UICN) and West African marine protected network (RAMPAO). It will also include an interactive question and answer session with the audience to identify and comment relevant experiences from other regions linking conservation and coastal spatial planning and promotion of interregional experiences and best practice sharing.

Stream 1 Side event: “The Voice of Africa”

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Theme: The voice of Africa is organized by the PAPACO with the financial support of the French Agency for Development (AfD). It will look for initiatives that reach conservation goals in and around protected areas: a few pilot cases from the ground. Three questions will support the debate and exchanges during the event :

1. Empowerment of local people/stakeholders: which contribution to conservation in Africa and how to make it happen?
2. Integrating wildlife conservation and livestock farming in the same conservation area as a solution to recurrent wildlife-livestock conflicts in Africa: how does it work and how to make it a success?
3. Creating and/or institutionalising common ecological zones for conservation across borders in Africa (transfrontier PAs): which contribution to conservation of wildlife in Africa?

**Six Presenters will interact:**

- **Aladsair HARRIS**

Theme: Village by village: creating a climate of change for locally-led marine conservation in Madagascar.

- **Daniel MARNEWICK**

Theme: Protecting Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas using Biodiversity Stewardship: through government, landowner and NGO partnerships.

- **Inza KONE**

Theme: Community empowerment for the conservation of critically endangered primates and their habitat in South-eastern Ivory Coast

- **Martin MULAMA**

Theme: Wildlife-Livestock Integration: an innovative approach to conservation.

- **Nicholas DE GOEDE**

Theme: Best Practice Guideline on Transboundary Conservation in the Ai/Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park.

- **Nils ODENDAAL**

Theme: The NamibRand Nature Reserve, a model for private conservation.

Pavilion Conservation Finance event: Cocktail Madagascar

7:00pm - 8:30pm

This cocktail will be an opportunity to exchange with people involved in Madagascar conservation and to talk about the involvement of Madagascar funds for Protected Areas.

**Wednesday November 19th****Pavilion Oceans event “Gabon Bleu”: 20% of the Gabonese EEZ under protection**

12:15pm - 1:30pm

The « Gabon Bleu » project aims at the expansion of marine protected area to 20% of Gabon EZZ. Developed in cooperation with the private sector, this project also aims at strengthening the security of tanker exclusion zones and at implementing a fishing management policy. *Come to celebrate the success of the project!*



The participation of these 22 champions to the WPC is supported by the French Agency for Development (AfD), The Fondation internationale pour le Banc d'Arguin and by the BIOPAMA project (EU)





Call for Applications - Negotiation skills training

Protected areas and biodiversity (terrestrial and marine) are under increasing pressure from other sectors such as agriculture, extractive industries and fisheries. Many governments in the eastern and southern African region are focussing economic growth and poverty alleviation efforts around the increased exploitation of natural resources, expansion of agricultural and fishing activities, both large-scale and subsistence as well as increased infrastructure development to aid access to markets. Often little consideration is given to the longer-term impacts of these activities on key ecosystem services and protected areas, which provide a crucial basis for future economic growth. This puts pressure on the managers of these key areas to defend the protected area and the specific resources it protects as a legitimate land use at all levels – site level, national level and even internationally – and requires extensive stakeholder engagement and negotiation with other sectors and neighbouring communities to ensure a sustainable approach to development.

Negotiation Training

BIOPAMA, in collaboration with the Sustainability Challenge Foundation, is offering training on stakeholder engagement and negotiation skills, using the Mutual Gains Approach, to support efforts to better secure protected areas and key biodiversity areas in the Eastern and Southern African region. A central principle of the Mutual Gains Approach to negotiations is that the vast majority of negotiations in the real world involve parties who have more than one goal or concern in

mind and more than one issue that can be addressed in the agreement they reach. This model allows parties to improve their chances of creating an agreement superior to existing alternatives and meeting the priority needs of all stakeholders.

Who should apply

Protected Area staff and other relevant stakeholders actively engaging on potential land/resource use conflict issues to improve the sustainability of protected areas in the context of development.

How to apply

Applicants should identify and describe a specific land or resource use conflict that they are dealing with (existing or potential) and the key stakeholders involved in this existing or potential conflict. Applicants are requested to fill in the application form

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/application_form_negotiation_training_for_resolving_m_pa_conflicts.docx and send it by email to Christine Mentzel (Christine.Mentzel@iucn.org).

Applications will be accepted until **30 November 2014** (for the February dates). The courses will be held in either Kenya or South Africa, dependent on the applications received.

Financial support:

Costs covered by BIOPAMA for all participants are all costs at the training venue (accommodation, meals, training and conference package) and transfers from the airport to the venue. BIOPAMA is also offering financial support to applicants who are unable to cover their own travel costs to attend this training, however, we encourage some contribution from the applicant or the applicant's employer.

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