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6th Session	Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania	12-16 September 1983
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10th Session	Sanbonani, South Africa	27 November-1 December 1995
11th Session	Dakar, Senegal	14-17 April 1998
12th Session	Lusaka, Zambia	27-30 March 2000
13th Session	Libreville, Gabon	25-29 March 2002
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15th Session	Maputo, Mozambique	29 March-1 April 2006
16th Session	Khartoum, Sudan	18-21 February 2008
17th Session	Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo	22-26 February 2010
18th Session	Cotonou, Benin	16-20 January 2012
19th Session	Windhoek, Namibia	30 September - 4 October 2013
20th Session	Nairobi, Kenya	1-5 February 2016
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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ATTENTION OF ITS MEMBERS

The Commission:

- encouraged Members to:
 - submit their reports on the implementation of the AFWC recommendations, and urged them to appoint, as appropriate, an AFWC technical focal point to support in reporting and liaising with Secretariat.
 - promote intra-African dialogue to exchange knowledge and experiences for strengthening the sustainable use, management and trade of wildlife products, in collaboration with other relevant entities.
 - strengthen the capacity of institutions on wildlife management and trade to facilitate the exchange of databases and monitoring systems to combat illegal wildlife trade through existing technologies, instruments and platforms.
 - consider the incorporation of wildlife management into education and training curricula and promote forestry and wildlife professions among children and youth in Africa.

- invited Members to:
 - raise the profile of forest and wildlife sectors in their countries and to bring forestry and wildlife sectors to the negotiating table for accessing financial mechanisms.
 - strengthen collaboration across the continent to manage and reduce wildfire through review, analysis, use of tools and field-based data.
 - ensure food security and other livelihood needs are integrated in forest policies to support the communities and Indigenous Peoples, including men, women, and youth, through increased coordination with agriculture, forestry and other relevant sectors while responding to the changing climate.
 - enhance collaborative research in combatting illegal wildlife trade.
 - promote sustainable beekeeping practices and the development of national beekeeping strategies to strengthen apiary value chains for food security, income generation and environmental conservation.
 - improve data on production, consumption and trade, market information, traceability systems and more tailored policies and interventions to support beekeepers in marketing apiculture products.
 - continue to actively support the Regional Forestry Commissions (RFCs) of FAO, through AFWC for Africa. The RFCs are the main instruments in forestry for linking the global and regional levels under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31.
 - develop recommendations for the FAO Regional Conference for Africa (ARC), the agenda for the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and the programme priorities for FAO's work in forestry.

- urged Members to:
 - spearhead education, vocational training and extension services in forest policies and strategies.
 - engage with the private sector to protect ecosystems and contribute to green cities as well as adopt climate-smart agriculture.

- requested Members to:
 - collaborate and develop coherent programmes and approaches, implement laws, policies and strategies that empower communities, secure the use and access rights and support them to combat illegal activities in the forestry sector.
 - take the AFWC24 recommendations to the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held from 30 November until 12 December 2023.

- called upon Members to:
 - hold multisectoral discussions and engage at national and subnational levels to improve sustainable management of forest and wildlife resources.
 - analyse the scale and impact of human-wildlife conflicts in national and transboundary contexts and to collaborate with FAO in developing approaches to measure and monitor trends in effective human-wildlife conflict management and coexistence.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ATTENTION OF FAO/COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

The Commission:

- requested FAO to:
 - advance the work on the AFWC thematic areas by working with experts and other partners in Africa, mobilize resources and develop national, subregional, and regional projects and programme.
 - support capacity building of its Members on Integrated Fire Management.
 - support Members in developing and strengthening policies and the enabling environment to access funds for conserving forest-related ecosystems with a long-term vision.
 - continue to support Members, in collaboration with partners, in addressing emerging issues using the One Health approach.
 - support Members in implementing the African Strategy on Combating Illegal Exploitation and Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora in Africa at national, regional, and transboundary levels.
 - continue scaling up successful models and good practices from the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme to other African countries, with a particular emphasis on governance models that include enabling policies and legal frameworks.
 - design frameworks for sustainable beekeeping and value chain development.
 - mobilize national capabilities to support pollinator-friendly agricultural practices, research and extension services and develop a platform on beekeeping development to showcase success stories in Africa.

- called upon Members and FAO, to hold multisectoral discussions and engage at national and subnational levels on practices to improve sustainable management of forest and wildlife resources.

- invited FAO to strengthen collaboration, partnerships and synergies with organizations working in the area of forest and wildlife in the Africa region.

- recommended FAO to:
 - prepare guidelines and/or a standard framework for doing business on carbon markets and trades.
 - help design a holistic capacity development programme for human-wildlife conflict management and promoting coexistence.
 - continue to add more focus on wildlife aspects, and include carbon markets and climate change mitigation, dryland plants management and conservation, mobilizing resources for forest management in the Small Islands Developing States in the agenda of next session of the Commission.
 - ensure that recommendations are presented to COFO and the Africa Regional Conferences (ARC) and shared with other Regional Forestry Commissions.

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
OF RELEVANCE TO THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Commission:

- requested FAO to support Members to improve policies and strategies on sustainable forest management as well as to promote legal and sustainable production and trade of forest products, in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
- recommended that FAO continues to add more focus on wildlife aspects, and includes carbon markets and climate change mitigation, dryland plants management and conservation, mobilizing resources for forest management in the Small Islands Developing States in the agenda of the next session of the Commission.

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING OF THE 24TH SESSION (ITEM 1)

1. The African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) held its Twenty-fourth Session in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 30 October to 3 November 2023, at the kind invitation of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. The Session was convened in hybrid modality (physical presence in Arusha, the United Republic of Tanzania and virtual participation). The Session was attended by 226 participants including representatives from 29 Members, Representatives from four institutions of the United Nations System, observers from ten intergovernmental, international, and regional non-governmental organizations, and Regional Economic Communities, youth, women, local group representatives, academia, and research institutions (Annex B - list of participants).
2. The Twenty-fourth Session of the AFWC was held together with the Eighth African Forestry and Wildlife Week (AFWW8) under the common theme, “*Sustainable Management of Africa’s Forests and Wildlife Resources: Boosting Food Security and Resilience to Climate Change for Improved Livelihoods*”. A summary outcome of the AFWW8 is presented in Annex E.
3. Mr Edward Kilawe, Senior Forestry Officer and AFWC Secretary from FAO Regional Office for Africa, provided an overview of the Commission’s work, membership, and the role it plays in the region to advocate for the development of forestry and wildlife sectors.
4. Mr Hergeney Chutukuro, Assistant Regional Administrative Secretary for Economic and Productive Sector, representing the Arusha Regional Commissioner, welcomed the participants and highlighted the positioning of the city as the centre for diplomacy, tourism, and a place to learn forest and wildlife management. He assured the delegates of the safety and security of Arusha and wished them a memorable stay.
5. Ms Tipo Nyabenyi, FAO Representative in the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the United Nations Resident Coordinator, also welcomed participants and commended the strong partnerships between the United Nations and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, particularly on efforts related to biodiversity conservation and the sustainable management of natural resources, including forests and wildlife.
6. Mr Ade Freeman, Regional Programme Leader, representing the Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for Africa of the FAO, welcomed participants on behalf of FAO, and expressed his gratitude to the host Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the AFWC bureau. He reiterated the importance of the AFWC as a regional forum to discuss, identify key priorities as well as innovative solutions, and for strengthening collaboration on topics related to forestry and wildlife.
7. Prof. Dos Santos Silayo, Conservation Commissioner for Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS), and First Vice-chairperson of the 23rd Session of the AFWC, on behalf of Mr Jose Ilanga Lofonga (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Chairperson of the 23rd Session of AFWC Executive Committee, thanked FAO for the support, trust and confidence given to the outgoing bureau. He underlined the importance of the AFWC24 theme to reflect on the current challenges in both the forestry and wildlife sectors and to boost resilience to climate change for improved livelihoods in Africa. He wished that identified solutions be implemented at national and regional levels.

8. His Excellency Adan Mohamed Ali, Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range in Somalia also greeted participants and referred to the challenges in the forestry and range sectors. He emphasized the importance of the deliberations to bring changes and to strengthen the resilience of the African people, forest, and wildlife ecosystems in overcoming the emerging crisis, noting the linkages between these sectors and climate change.

9. His Excellency Fidel Esono Mba Eyono, Secretary of State of Equatorial Guinea stated the country's efforts to move away from non-renewable energy and promote sustainable natural resource management. He further appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Commission to learn and exchange with the Members.

10. Dr Fortunata Msoffe, Acting Director of the Wildlife Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, speaking on behalf of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism introduced the guest of honour Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism in the United Republic of Tanzania.

11. Honourable Angellah Kairuki (MP), Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism in the United Republic of Tanzania, welcomed AFWC delegates to the country. She showcased the country's endeavours and strategies to conserve forest and wildlife resources. She reaffirmed the Government's readiness to enhance cooperation, foster leadership and strengthen multilateralism in the field of environmental conservation and natural resources management. Thereafter, she declared the Twenty-fourth Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission and Eighth African Forestry and Wildlife Week opened.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (ITEM 2)

12. The Agenda (Annex A) was adopted. The documents considered by the Commission are listed in Annex C.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (ITEM 3)

13. In accordance with the provisions of Rules II-1 and II-5 of its Rules of Procedure of the AFWC, the Commission is to elect its Executive Committee, composed of a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur. The 24th Session of AFWC elected the following members in the office:

(i) Chairperson: Prof. Dos Santos Silayo (United Republic of Tanzania)

(ii) Vice-Chairpersons: Ms Fatoumata Koné Epouse Kanouté (Mali)

Mr Titus Sanza Zulu (Malawi)

Third vice chairperson to be determined (in consultation with Central Africa/ North Africa subregions)

Rapporteur: to be determined (in consultation with Central Africa/ North Africa subregions)

14. Mr Edward Kilawe, Senior Forestry Officer, FAO Regional Office for Africa, served as Secretary of the Commission.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 23RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (ITEM 4)

15. The AFWC Secretariat presented two documents (document FO:AFWC/2023/2.1 and document FO:AFWC/2023/2.2) outlining the actions and measures taken by Members and FAO to address the recommendations of the 23rd Session of the Commission. The Commission commended the efforts made by Members and FAO in ensuring the implementation of these recommendations.

16. The Commission acknowledged responses submitted by Members and encouraged them to make efforts to submit their reports on the implementation of the AFWC recommendations, and urged them to appoint, as appropriate, an AFWC technical focal point to support in reporting and liaising with Secretariat.

17. The Secretariat presented the “Progress on AFWC main thematic areas” (Document FO:AFWC/2023/2.3) and “Sustainable financing for forestry programmes in Africa” (Document FO:AFWC/2023/2.4), which highlighted FAO activities related to the five priority areas of the Commission. These are: (i) Advocating for, and profiling Africa's forests and wildlife; (ii) Sustainable financing for forestry and wildlife programmes in Africa; (iii) Climate Change: Restoration for resilience and forest and landscape restoration in Africa (AFR100); (iv) Enhancing action against deforestation and illicit exploitation and trade of forest and wildlife products for sustainable development in Africa; and (v) Promoting forest and wildlife education and professional training.

18. The Commission further appreciated the key messages deriving from the pre-event meeting “Results-based finance, social inclusion and benefits sharing mechanisms in African countries’ REDD+ process.” Outcomes of the pre-event meeting are presented as Annex F.

19. The Commission invited Members to raise the profile of forest and wildlife sectors in their countries and to bring forestry and wildlife sectors to the negotiating table for accessing financial mechanisms.

20. The Commission also requested Members to collaborate and develop coherent programmes and approaches, implement laws, policies and strategies that empower communities, secure the use and access rights, and support them to combat illegal activities in the forestry sector.

21. The Commission recommended FAO to prepare guidelines and/or a standard framework for doing business on carbon markets and trade. The Commission also requested FAO to advance the work on the AFWC thematic areas by working with experts and other partners in Africa, mobilizing resources and developing national, subregional, and regional projects and programmes.

INTEGRATED FIRE MANAGEMENT (ITEM 5)

22. The Secretariat presented document FO:AFWC/2023/3 on “Integrated Fire Management in Africa: Approaches and Partnerships”. The Commission appreciated the initiatives taken by FAO to address fire management in an integrated manner.

23. The Commission invited Members to strengthen collaboration across the continent to manage and reduce wildfire through review, analysis, use of tools and field-based data.

24. The Commission requested FAO to support capacity building of its Members on Integrated Fire Management.

HEADS OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE DIALOGUES (ITEM 6)

Theme 1: Forest policy and governance in Africa

25. The Secretariat presented document FO:AFWC/2023/7, “Forest policy and governance in Africa”. The Commission took note of deforestation, land, and forest degradation in Africa, highlighting the opportunities to advance solution-oriented governance processes.

26. The Commission invited Members to ensure food security and other livelihood needs are integrated in forest policies to support the communities and Indigenous Peoples, including men, women, and youth, through increased coordination with agriculture, forestry and other relevant sectors while responding to the changing climate.

27. The Commission urged Members to: (i) spearhead education, vocational training and extension services in forest policies and strategies; and (ii) engage with the private sector to protect ecosystems and contribute to green cities as well as adopt climate-smart agriculture.

28. The Commission called upon Members and FAO, to hold multisectoral discussions and engage at national and subnational levels to improve sustainable management of forest and wildlife resources.

29. The Commission requested FAO to:

- support Members to improve policies and strategies on sustainable forest management as well as to promote legal and sustainable production and trade of forest products, in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
- support Members in developing and strengthening policies and the enabling environment to access funds for conserving forest-related ecosystems with a long-term vision.

Theme 2: Wildlife trade, extension, and research

30. The Commission took note of the current activities associated with combatting illegal wildlife trade especially within transboundary context. The Commission invited Members and FAO to enhance collaborative research in combatting illegal wildlife trade.

31. The Commission encouraged Members to:

- promote intra-African dialogue to exchange knowledge and experiences for strengthening the sustainable use, management, and trade of wildlife products, in collaboration with other relevant entities.
- strengthen the capacity of institutions on wildlife management and trade to facilitate the exchange of databases and monitoring systems to combat illegal wildlife trade through existing technologies, instruments, and platforms.
- consider the incorporation of wildlife management into education and training curricula and promote forestry and wildlife professions among children and youth in Africa.

32. The Commission requested FAO to:

- continue to support Members, in collaboration with partners, in addressing emerging issues using the One Health approach.
- support Members in implementing the African Strategy on Combating Illegal Exploitation and Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora in Africa at national, regional, and transboundary levels.

SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA (ITEM 7)

33. The Commission considered Secretariat document FO:AFWC/2023/4 "Sustainable wildlife management in Africa" and informed the Members of the inclusion of sustainable use of wildlife in several targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework as well as the 2023-2025 Work Plan of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management.

34. The Commission called upon its Members to analyse the scale and impact of human-wildlife conflicts in national and transboundary contexts and to collaborate with FAO in developing approaches to measure and monitor trends in effective human-wildlife conflict management and coexistence. It further recommended FAO, to help design an holistic capacity development programme for human-wildlife conflict management and promoting coexistence.

35. The Commission requested FAO to continue scaling up successful models and good practices from the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme to other African countries, with a particular emphasis on governance models that include enabling policies and legal frameworks.

BEEKEEPING AND VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (ITEM 8)

36. The Commission presented document FO:AFWC/2023/5 "Sustainable beekeeping value chain in Africa: Opportunities and challenges", which informed about the potential of beekeeping as a way to combat deforestation and biodiversity loss while implementing Nature-based Income Generating Activities based on utilisation of non-wood forest products.

37. The Commission invited Members to:

- Promote sustainable beekeeping practices and the development of national beekeeping strategies to strengthen apiary value chains for food security, income generation and environmental conservation.
- Improve data on production, consumption and trade, market information, traceability systems and more tailored policies and interventions to support beekeepers in marketing apiculture products.

38. The Commission requested FAO to support Members in:

- Designing frameworks for sustainable beekeeping, value chain development, research, and extension.
- Mobilizing national capabilities to support pollinator-friendly agricultural practices, research and extension services and developing a platform on beekeeping development to showcase success stories in Africa.

UPDATE ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND PROCESSES OF RELEVANCE TO THE REGIONAL FORESTRY COMMISSIONS (ITEM 9)

39. The Secretariat presented documents FO:AFWC/2023/6.1 “Overview of major global processes and initiatives” and FO:AFWC/2023/6.2 “Input to FAO governance and FAO strategic planning”. The Commission took note of key global developments of relevance to forests and the forest sector and of interest to the Commission, and the process to develop a new “roadmap” document for FAO’s work in forestry between 2024 and 2031.

40. The Commission invited Members to:

- continue to actively support the Regional Forestry Commissions (RFCs) of FAO, through AFWC and other regional bodies. The RFCs are the main instruments in forestry for linking the global and regional levels under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31.
- develop recommendations for the FAO Regional Conference for Africa (ARC), the agenda for the Committee on Forestry (COFO) and the programme priorities for FAO’s work in forestry.

41. The Commission recommended FAO to ensure that recommendations are presented to COFO and the Africa Regional Conferences (ARC) and shared with other Regional Forestry Commissions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 10)

42. The Commission requested Members to take the AFWC24 recommendations to the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held from 30 November until 12 December 2023.

43. The Commission noted the increased number of national, regional, and international organizations working in the area of forest and wildlife in the Africa region and invited FAO to strengthen collaboration, partnerships, and synergies with these organizations.

44. It further requested FAO to add more focus on wildlife aspects, and includes carbon markets and climate change mitigation, dryland plants management and conservation, mobilizing resources for forest management in the Small Islands Developing States in the agenda of next session of the Commission.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION (ITEM 11)

45. The Commission requested Members to consult with their governments and inform the Secretariat on their availability to host the 25th session of AFWC in 2025. The Commission called the Secretariat to follow on this matter with Members and to decide in consultation with its New Executive Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (ITEM12)

46. The Commission adopted the report as amended.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION (ITEM 13)

47. Mr Daniel Mukubi, Democratic Republic of the Congo and H.E. Adan Mohamed Ali, Deputy Minister of the Federal Ministry of Livestock, Forestry & Range in Somalia representing the Members thanked FAO for its continued support to Africa and hoped that outcomes of the discussion bring changes and strengthen the resilience of the African people in overcoming the emerging crisis.

48. Prof. Dos Santos Silayo, Chairperson of the AFWC appreciated the Commission for their trust in the new Executive Committee (bureau) and promised to bring forestry, wildlife, and natural resources management as priorities in the region. He reiterated its gratitude to the Local and National Organizing Committee, partners and the AFWC Secretariat for the excellent organization of the Commission.

49. Mr Ade Freeman, Regional Programme Leader, thanked the Government and People of the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting the Session, the participants for their contribution, indicating that recommendations of the Commission will be taken to the next Committee on Forestry and Africa Regional Conference.

50. Hon. Shamata Shaame Khamis (MP), Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zanzibar, delivered the closing remarks on behalf of the Government of United Republic of Tanzania. He thanked the participants for their active participation and reminded Members on the importance of follow-up on the implementation of AFWC recommendations within their countries and to report back the actions taken to the next session of the AFWC.

*Annex A***AGENDA OF THE 24TH SESSION OF AFRICAN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION****Theme: Sustainable Management of Africa's Forests and Wildlife Resources: Boosting Food Security and Resilience to Climate Change for Improved Livelihoods**

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of Officers
4. Follow-up activities to the recommendations of the 23rd Session of the Commission
 - Report on FAO activities in response to the recommendations of the 23rd Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission
 - Progress on AFWC main thematic issues:
 - Advocating for, and profiling Africa's forests and wildlife;
 - Sustainable financing for forestry and wildlife programmes in Africa;
 - Climate Change: Restoration for resilience and forest and landscape restoration in Africa (AFR100);
 - Enhancing action against deforestation and illicit exploitation and trade of forest and wildlife products for sustainable development in Africa;
 - Promoting forest and wildlife education and profession.
5. Integrated Fire Management
6. Heads of Forestry and Wildlife Dialogues:
 - Forest Policy and governance in Africa
 - Wildlife trade, extension, and research
7. Sustainable wildlife management in Africa
8. Beekeeping and value chain development
9. Update on Global and Regional Initiatives and Processes of Relevance for the Regional Forestry Commissions
10. Any other business
11. Venue and date of the next Session of the Commission
12. Adoption of the Report
13. Closure of the Session

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*Annex C***LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Code	Title
FO: AFWC/2023/1	Provisional agenda
FO: FWC/2023/2.1	Report on measures taken by member countries to implement the recommendations of the 23rd Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC)
FO:AFWC/2023/2.2	Report on FAO activities in response to the recommendations of the 23rd Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission
FO:AFWC/2023/2.3	Progress on the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission main thematic areas
FO:AFWC/2023/2.4	Sustainable financing for forestry programmes in Africa
FO:AFWC/2023/3	Integrated Fire Management in Africa: Approaches and Partnerships
FO:AFWC/2023/4	Sustainable wildlife management in Africa
FO:AFWC/2023/5	Sustainable beekeeping value chain in Africa: opportunities and challenges
FO:AFWC/2023/6.1	Overview of major global processes and initiatives
FO:AFWC/2023/6.2	Input to FAO Governance and FAO Strategic Planning
FO:AFWC/2023/7	Forest policy and governance in Africa
FO:AFWC/2023/INF.1	Information note
FO:AFWC/2023/INF.2	Provisional timetable
FO:AFWC/2023/INF.3	List of documents
FO:AFWC/2023/INF.4	Achievements of the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme from August 2018 to July 2023
FO:AFWC/2023/INF.5	Progress on African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFR100)

*Annex D***THE EIGHTH AFRICAN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE WEEK (AFWW8)****LIST AND PROGRAMME OF THE EVENTS**

Time	Title
All week	<i>Exhibition (crafts, posters, products, and project resources)</i>
Monday, 30 October 2023 15:15-16:45	<p><i>AFWW8 Event 1: Emerging and re-emerging issues in the Management of Forest Resources</i></p> <p>Moderated by Prof. Suzana Augustino, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Arusha, Tanzania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks, Moderator • Presentation on the Overview of Forestry Management in Tanzania: Opportunities and Challenges: By Mr Deusdedith Bwoyo, Director of Forestry and Beekeeping Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT), Tanzania • Sharing of experiences from Tanzania <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Siima Bakengesa, Director of Forest Production Research, TAFORI (Forest fire) - Dr Balama Chelestino, Director of Forestry Utilization-TAFORI (CITES issues) - Dr John Richard, Centre Director -TAFORI (Invasive Alien Species) - Mr Fandey Mashimba, Assistant Conservation Commissioner, Seed Biology manager-TFS (Tree seed diseases) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing experience from other African Countries: Case of South Sudan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Jaden Tongun Emilio Wani, Under Secretary for Forestry, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, South Sudan • Discussion: Q & A • Wrap-up & closing remarks: Dr Revocatus Mushumbusi, Director General, Tanzania Forest Research Institute
Tuesday, 31 October 2023 10:45 - 12:00	<p><i>AFWW8 Event 2: Drylands, Forest Landscape, and restoration Initiatives in Tanzania, and beyond</i></p> <p>Moderated by Prof. Dos Santos Silayo, Conservation Commissioner, Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks • Overview of the Forest Landscape and Restoration Initiatives in Tanzania and Africa: GEF-7's Dryland Sustainable Landscape Initiative and Miombo Declaration, Ms Zainabu Shabani Bungwa, Assistant Conservation Commissioner, TFS

- Sharing of experiences from AFR100, Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) and other restoration initiatives in Tanzania
 - Ms Anna Lauwo, Focal Point Forest Landscape restoration in Tanzania (AFR100) -Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) Agency
 - Ms Miza Suleiman Khamis, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation Natural Resources and Livestock – Government of Zanzibar.
 - Dr Damas Mapunda, Coordinator of the Restoration Project in Tanzania- Vice President Office (Division of Environment)
 - Mr Thomas J. Chali, GGWI in Tanzania - Division of Environment, Vice President’s Office
 - Dr Severine Kalonga, WWF Forest restoration and Landscape Programme, Tanzania
 - Mr Jasper Makala, MCDI, Tanzania
- Sharing of experiences from AFR100, GGWI and other restoration in Africa: Mr Mohamadou Diakhite, AFR 100 Secretariat, AUDA-NEPAD, South Africa
- Discussion: Q & A
- Wrap-up & closing remarks: Mr Mohamadou Diakhite, AFR100 Secretariat, AUDA-NEPAD, South Africa

**Tuesday 31
October 2023
13:30 - 15:15**

***AFWW8 Event 3: Forest and wildlife education in Africa:
Incorporating Forestry in School Education to Enhance
Conservation and Interest in Forestry and Wildlife Careers***

Moderated by Prof. A.B Temu, Consultant: Forest Education, Research and Policy

- Introduction and overview
- Welcome Remarks
 - Ms Thais Linhares Juvenal, Senior Forestry Officer, Team Leader, Sustainable Forestry, value chain innovation and Investments, FAO
 - Mr Deusdedith Bwoyo, Director, Forestry and Beekeeping Division, MNRT, Tanzania
- Outcomes of the global assessment of forest education in Africa and recommendations to the AFWC, Mr Edward Kilawe, Senior Forestry Officer, FAO Regional office for Africa
- “Forests for a Sustainable Future: Educating Children” – An overview of a forest education project in Tanzania, Mr Geoffrey Bakanga, FAO Tanzania
- The importance of forest education and the perception of forestry and forestry professions among young people, Mr Chrispus Abalo, Ongom, Student/International Forestry Students Association (IFSA) representative
- Africa Perspectives and experience on Forest Education:

Keynote speakers:

- Prof. Labode Popoola, Chief Executive Officer, African Forest Forum
- Prof. Godwin Kowero, Senior Advisor, African Forest Forum

SESSION: FOREST MANAGEMENT AND EXTENSION

- Forest extension services in Tanzania: Lessons, experience, and Youth participation, by Prof. John F Kessy, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania
- Participatory Forest Management (PFM)

Panellists:

- Mr Emmanuel Msoffe, Forest and Beekeeping Division, Ministry of Natural Resources, Tanzania
- Dr Kajenje Magesa, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania
- Mr Jasper Makala, MCDI, Tanzania
- Discussion: Q &A
- Closing remarks
 - Mr Charles Tulahi, Assistant FAO Representative in-charge of Programme, FAO Representation in Tanzania
 - Mr Deusdedit Bwoyo, Director of Forestry and Beekeeping Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania

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AFWW8 Event 4: Carbon credit market and blue economy

Moderated by Ms Miza Suleiman Khamis, Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation Natural Resources and Livestock, Zanzibar

- Management of Mangrove Ecosystem in Tanzania: Hotspots of National and Global Relevance to Carbon Sink and Blue Economy: Mr Makame Kitwana Makame, Director of Planning, Policy, and Research, Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation Natural Resources and Livestock, Zanzibar
- Carbon Trading Opportunities in Tanzania: Dr Deo D. Shirima, National Carbon Monitoring Centre, Tanzania
- Current opportunities of Blue Economy on Mangroves from coastal of Tanzania (mainland) and Zanzibar: Mr Makame Kitwana Makame, Director of Planning, Policy, and Research, Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation Natural Resources and Livestock, Zanzibar
- Sharing experience on carbon markets: Case of Zimbabwe: Joyce Gombe
- Discussion: Q & A
- Wrap-up & closing remarks: Daniel Mukubi, Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Wednesday, 1
November 2023
Time: 9:30-
10:45**

AFWW8 Event 5: Emerging and re-emerging issues in the management of wildlife resources

Moderated by Dr Edward Kohi, Director of Research and Training, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania

- Presentation on the Overview of Human Wildlife Conflicts in Tanzania, Dr Fortunata Msoffe, Acting Director of Wildlife, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania
- Sharing of experiences of the scale and magnitude of HWC in Tanzania
Panellist:
 - Rangeland ecology and HWC drivers, Dr Pius Kavana, Principal Research Officer, TAWIRI
 - Wildlife movement and conflicts, Dr Emmanuel Masenga, Principal Research Officer, TAWIRI
 - Wildlife diseases, Dr Iddi Lipende, Principal Research Officer, TAWIRI
 - Management and mitigation of HWCs, Dr Victor Kakengi, Principal Research Officer, TAWIRI & Dr Angela Mwakatobe, Principal Research Officer, TAWIRI
- Sharing experiences on control and management of IAS in Tanzania: a case of Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), by Mr Gregory Mtega, NCAA
- Sharing experience from other countries: Case of Kenya and Zimbabwe
- Sharing of experiences of illegal exploitation and illegal trade (Wildlife trafficking) in wildlife fauna in Tanzania:
 - Mr Elisante Ombeni, Senior Assistant Conservation Commissioner, Wildlife Division, MNRT
 - Mr Stephano Msumi, Senior Assistant Conservation Commissioner, Tanzania National Parks
 - Mr Imani Nkuwi, Deputy Conservation Commissioner, RTU
- Mapping the Global Policy Landscape of Human-Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence, Ms Kristina Rodina de Carvalho, Forestry Officer (Wildlife), NFO Division, FAO HQ.
- Discussion: Q & A
- Wrap-up & closing remarks by Prof. Alex Kisingo, Senior Lecturer, College of Wildlife Management, Mweka, Moshi, Tanzania

**Wednesday, 1
November 2023
14:00-15:00**

AFWW8 Event 6: Beekeeping Value chain: Opportunities and Lessons

Moderated by Mr Deusdedith Bwoyo, Director of Forestry and Beekeeping Division, MNRT

- Beekeeping value chain in Tanzania for sustainable livelihood and forest ecosystems: Presentation by Mr Hussein Msuya, Senior Assistant Conservation Commissioner, Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) Agency

Panellists:

- Mr Allen Richard, Acting Director of Beekeeping Research, TAFORI
- Ms Magdalena Muya, Coordinator, BEVAC Project
- Sharing of Experiences of APIMONDIA 2027: Mr Daniel Pancras, Acting Director, Beekeeping Development
- Sharing Experiences of Beekeeping from other Countries:
 - Case of Zimbabwe: Barnabas Mawire, FAO Zimbabwe
 - Case of Ethiopia: Kabtamu Girma, Ethiopia
- Discussion: Q & A
- Wrap-up & closing remarks: Mr Daniel Pancras, Acting Director, Beekeeping Development, MNRT

**Thursday, 2
November 2023
(All day)**

Field Trip

- **Randilen Wildlife Management Area** (Wildlife)
- **Meru Usa Forest Plantation** (Forest)

**Friday, 3
November 2023
08:30-09:30**

AFWW8 Event 7: Technologies, Innovation, and Investment in Forestry and Wildlife Sectors

Moderated by Dr Deo Shirima, Senior Lecturer, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania

- Welcome Remarks
- Overview of Earth Observation on Forest and Wildlife Conservation in Tanzania: Opportunities and Challenges
- Dr Elikana John, GIS & Remote Sensing Expert, TFS
- Mr Ephraim Danford Geo-IT Expert, Director of Private Company (Drones based application), Tanzania
- Talking about experiences of Earth Observation in Forest Conservation, experience from Tanzania: Dr Richard Giliba, Lecturer, Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology, Arusha, Tanzania
- Sharing insights of Earth Observation in Wildlife Conservation: A case study of wildlife corridors, experience from Tanzania by Dr Hamza Kija, GIS & Remote Sensing Expert, TAWIRI
- Tanzania's business environment and investment opportunities: Role of, and contribution of Forestry and wildlife sector, by Mr Imani Nkuwi, Deputy Conservation Commissioner, RTU
- Use of Applications and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Systems in Forestry and Wildlife Management by Ms Bernadette Natukwasa, Student/Youth Representative from IFSA
- Discussion: Q & A
- Wrap-up & closing remarks

*Annex E***SUMMARY REPORT OF
THE EIGHTH AFRICAN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE (AFWW8) WEEK**

The 24th Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC24) was held together with the 8th African Forestry and Wildlife Week (AFWW8). The National/Local Organizing Committee (NOC) of the United Republic of Tanzania coordinated the week event under the guidance of the AFWC Secretariat. Seven (7) topics were presented and discussed. Below is a succinct summary of the key messages from the topics presented.

This summary is a compilation of reports prepared by the rapporteur and organizers of the AFWW8 events and submitted to the AFWC Secretariat.

**AFWW8 EVENT 1: EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING ISSUES IN THE
MANAGEMENT OF FOREST RESOURCES**

This AFWW8 event provided an opportunity to discuss success stories, best experiences and practices, opportunities, challenges, and lessons learnt on forest management including fire management, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) implementation, invasive plant species management, tree seed disease. It provided an overview of the emerging and re-emerging issues of management of forest resources in Africa to ensure sustainable management of forests, environmental conservation, economic growth, and the well-being of local communities.

Key messages and recommendations:

- **Fire Management**
 - Balancing human, environmental, and fire dynamics is challenging due to shifting demographics, changing land management practices, and the loss of indigenous knowledge.
 - Community-based Fire Management is a key strategy for sustainable forest management in collaboration with stakeholders.
 - Long-term research, robust data collection, and awareness of fire's long-term impacts are essential.
 - The United Republic of Tanzania is currently using improved technologies such as satellite images to report incidences of a forest fire, trends of areas burnt are decreasing by 14% annually.
 - Research to support new technical knowledge generation, technology development and innovations for wildfire risk assessments, control, and management.
 - Support the development of national framework(s) for strengthening coordination of actors/sectors and long-term partnerships building on wildfire management.
 - Enforcement of laws and regulations on management of forest resources.

- **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**

- Lack of a unified African voice in decision-making on resource conservation.
- Technology gaps for wood specimen identification and limited financial resources for resource assessments.
- Ongoing stakeholder meetings for awareness about CITES issues.
- There are good practices of CITES, however there are limitations on the requirements that eventually impact trade of flora and fauna in Africa.

- **Invasive Plant Species Management**

- Management of invasive species should focus on prevention, early detection, eradication, and control.
- Invasive species are managed in isolation and through various projects, often with limited success.
- Limited incentives for managing invasive species on general lands.
- Lack of policy and regulatory harmonization, inadequate enforcement, and poor inter-sectoral collaboration.
- Effective management of Invasive Plant Species Management (IAS) requires all stakeholders and communities to develop adaptive capacity and adopt proper land use planning and habitat management.
- Comprehensive approach is required for the management of IAS, involving adaptive capacity, expanded sector involvement, integrated regulation, resource prioritization, and realistic management plans with measurable goals and monitoring.

- **Tree seed diseases**

- Areas which need immediate attention include identification of pathogens associated with tree seeds; detection of seed-borne infections in laboratory on routine basis; management of seed-borne diseases.
- The tree seed diseases can be eradicated by using the improved genetic germplasm.

AFWW8 EVENT 2: DRYLANDS FOREST, AND RESTORATION INITIATIVES IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND BEYOND

This event provided an opportunity to share best practices, opportunities, challenges, and lessons learnt on (i) the African Forest and Landscape Restoration (AFR100); (ii) Miombo Initiatives (Declaration); (iii) Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI); (iii) Tanzania Restoration Initiative (TRI) with experience from Great Ruaha and Lake Rukwa Basin; and (iv) Dryland Sustainable Landscape Impact Programme (DSL IP) under GEF-7.

Key messages and recommendations:

- Agriculture is among key factors contributing to deforestation in many African countries. Therefore, restoration practices can be effective when they are integrated to Agriculture initiatives.
- Promotion of agroforestry and income generation activities by the communities is important to decrease their pressure on forest.
- Lack of reliable tool to gather data and measure progress in the implementation of AFR100 and various restoration activities. Therefore, monitoring and evaluation need to be given priority.
- Impact of climate change is accelerating the challenges in terms of biodiversity loss, desertification, and drought while climate change financing is becoming more complicated to access.
- There are many strategies that have been endorsed by African Countries, however, their implementation is being affected by availability of financial resources.
- Gender responsive good practices that enable income generating opportunities and empower Forest and Farm Producer Organizations (FFPOs) can be used to tackle common sustainable forest and land management challenges to achieve land degradation neutrality (LDN).
- Land restoration needs good advocacy, knowledge sharing, and monitoring.
- National investment plan for land restoration is required to attract international funding for forest and landscape restoration. FAO has been requested to support mobilization of resources through various partners to address regional strategies that mainly touch transboundary restoration initiatives.
- Adequate, predictable, and timely availability of technical and financial resources for restoration is needed.
- Multistakeholders' engagement is needed in terms of both financial and technical support.
- Request AFWC through FAO to continue resource mobilization through various partners to address all regional strategies that touch transboundary restoration initiatives.

AFWW8 EVENT 3: FOREST AND WILDLIFE EDUCATION

The event provided an overview of Forestry and Wildlife Education in Africa, including the learning modules (targeting primary schools) produced by FAO and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of the United Republic of Tanzania. Discussions were held on how to incentivize young people to consider forestry as a career and explored the opportunities to enhance and strengthen forestry education in the African region. The event stressed the global growing momentum to enhance Forest Education, including Declarations from the past two World Forestry Congresses: the 2015 XIV World Forestry Congress (Durban Declaration) emphasized investing in forest education, and the 2022 XV World Forestry Congress (Seoul Forest Declaration) called for increased investment and capacity building in forest communication and education.

Key messages and recommendations:

- Forest institutions should proactively establish collaborative partnerships to elevate the quality of forest and wildlife education. These collaborations should encompass engagement with the forest private sector, especially small and medium-scale enterprises, to enhance wildlife forest education and provide new opportunities for the younger generation.
- Recognizing the environment as the cornerstone of development necessitates a thorough review of primary school curricula. It is crucial to integrate a deeper understanding of forests and wildlife and to promote the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
- Vocational education should prioritize practical skills that prepare students for the labor market.
- Going digital is crucial when targeting youth, involving skilled training, and integrating technology into climate change, wildlife and forestry initiatives.
- Providing scholarships for students and involving youth in technical and political forestry events is vital. Additionally, fostering a global exchange of ideas and experiences related to forests and wildlife is essential for a comprehensive forest education.
- Inspire young people to appreciate nature through experiential learning, balancing theoretical knowledge and practical experiences.
- Addressing the rural-urban dimension in forest and wildlife education ensures that the curriculum is inclusive, relevant, and prepares students to engage with forests in diverse settings while fostering an understanding of the value of forests in both urban and rural contexts.
- Awareness raising of communities through educational programmes in schools play a pivotal role in ensuring the sustainable management of forests.

AFWW8 EVENT 4: CARBON CREDIT MARKET AND BLUE ECONOMY

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon dioxide, is a key element in the fight against climate change. Governments and Companies are trying to reduce their emissions through Carbon Trading. To align with the existing and new international carbon credit frameworks, African government have revised and developed climate change strategies and plans including National Environmental Master Plan. These policy instruments are aiming to support implementation of carbon trading and emerging credit mechanisms under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change such as Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreements.

Mangrove ecosystems remain hotspots for both carbon sequestration and the blue economy. Mangrove ecosystems are carbon sink, as the organic material that accumulates in the waterlogged soils of mangrove ecosystems can remain sequestered for long periods. This makes mangrove forests essential for mitigating climate change by capturing and storing carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas. They also support fisheries, tourism, and other industries, contributing to the national economy.

Despite their importance, mangrove ecosystems face several threats, including deforestation, over-exploitation of resources, and habitat degradation. These activities can release stored carbon back into the atmosphere and disrupt the balance of the blue economy. Therefore, the conservation and restoration are essential for global climate goals and the well-being of the planet. Efforts to protect and restore these ecosystems are crucial in the fight against climate change and the preservation of coastal ecosystems.

Key messages and recommendations:

- Mangroves are facing some challenges (illegal cutting, harvesting for charcoal, food, medicine, fuel, etc.).
- For carbon market to function, there is need to put in place sound regulations, policies, risk management strategy, benefit sharing mechanism and standards.
- Africa has a big potential for carbon trading with its vast and diversified landscapes and existing policies for forest management and restoration of degraded forests.
- The United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe, and few other countries in Africa have established carbon frameworks that include benefit-sharing mechanisms.
- Strengthen capacity of countries to access and participate in the carbon market.
- Support countries with operational guidelines and modules on carbon trading.
- Compile and share country experiences on carbon markets.
- Countries are in different stages of implementing REDD+. Efforts are needed to assist other countries to also reach in a good stage of implementation.
- Recognize mangrove as an important ecosystem that provides huge potential for economic growth, especially through blue carbon.

AFWW8 EVENT 5: EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING ISSUES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

The increasing human populations in Africa, driven by resource demands and land access, have resulted in habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation. This has led to Human Wildlife Conflicts (HWCs), which significantly pose challenges to biodiversity conservation and food security. Crop damage by animals like elephants and baboons, are causing food insecurity and economic hardship for agriculture-dependent communities. Livestock attacked by predators like lions and hyenas also threatens rural communities relying on livestock for their livelihoods. Attacks by animals such as elephants, buffalo, or crocodiles have been causing injuries and loss of human life. Additionally, there is a risk of zoonotic diseases, which can be transmitted between animals and humans. Wildlife can carry diseases like rabies, anthrax, or tuberculosis, posing a threat to human health. Alien Invasive Species (AIS) is also a growing concern, disrupting local ecosystems and affecting humans and wildlife. Furthermore, the illegal wildlife trade is another significant issue in Africa, this trade involves the illegal capture, killing, and trade of wild animals and their parts which threatens the survival of many species and undermines conservation efforts.

Key messages and recommendations:

- Human-wildlife conflict drivers (competition for food resources and water).
- Member states addressed some of the efforts developed such as legal framework that includes wildlife policy, law, regulations, guidelines, and strategies.
- Implementation of the wildlife corridor assessments and prioritization and the action plan on HWC.
- Collaboration with partners at the national to international levels, on restoration and demarcation of wildlife corridors
- Support scientific research on zoonotic diseases in wildlife.
- Develop and implement a strategy to fight against illegal trade at regional level.
- Harmonize policies and strategies on trade of wildlife products.
- Increase capacity of border officers to combat illegal wildlife trade.
- Improve framework, surveillance technologies and create dialogue framework to address conflicts at borders.
- Initiate partnerships with regional and international research institutions.
- Develop knowledge- and experience-sharing forum to strengthen collaboration and partnership on combatting illegal wildlife trade in Africa.
- Collaboration with institutions such as Universities and others to conduct research on the use of biological methods to control the IAS.

AFWW8 EVENT 6: BEEKEEPING VALUE CHAIN: OPPORTUNITIES AND LESSONS

Beekeeping value chain is vital for income generation, food security, and environmental conservation. Beekeepers are primary producers who manage beehives and harvest bee products like honey, beeswax, and propolis, preserving forest ecosystems and providing economic incentives for forest preservation. Beekeeping cooperatives, groups, and individual beekeepers collaborate to support production, processing, and marketing of bee products, promoting sustainable practices and economic development. The interconnectedness of input suppliers, equipment, honey processing, and marketing networks is instrumental in fostering sustainable beekeeping practices, supporting forest conservation, and ensuring economic prosperity for beekeepers. Good beekeeping practices promote biodiversity, protect forests, and support long-term livelihoods, while safeguarding natural resources.

Key messages and recommendations:

- Beekeeping value chain is very important for food security, income generation and environmental conservation.
- Where there is the national beekeeping policy, promote sustainable beekeeping practices and the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment.
- Where good beekeeping practices are in place, they contribute to protect forest, ensure biodiversity conservation, and improve livelihoods of local communities involved in beekeeping activities.
- Support countries develop framework for sustainable beekeeping development.
- Encourage participants to attend the 50th World Beekeeping Congress (APIMONDIA), to be hosted by the United Republic of Tanzania in September 2027.
- Members requested FAO to support establishment of African Beekeeping Platform (ABP) to bring together African beekeepers to discuss and share experiences on sustainable beekeeping as well as commercial beekeeping.
- Develop joint strategies to address adulteration of honey and other bee products in Africa.

AFWW8 EVENT 7: TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION, AND INVESTMENT IN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE SECTORS

Due to threats such as territory loss, deforestation, and poaching, many wildlife and tree species are deteriorating at a startling rate. These require commitments to minimize these challenges including investments on both Forestry and Wildlife sectors. Therefore, remote sensing images at high-resolution enable ecologists and conservationists to accurately observe wildlife populations, to promptly identify activities surrounding deforestation, and to detect and analyse further alterations being made to the environment.

Key messages and recommendations:

- Integrated technological use to reduce time and cost in measurement, monitoring and reporting and generating information to inform policy makers and natural resource management.
- Emphasis on the importance of enhancing communication and experience sharing among member state on emerging technologies, and lessons learned.
- To enhance sustainability in technology and innovations there should be deliberate involvement of local private sector and research institutions to pick up from donor-based project supports after the end of the projects periods.
- Technological and innovation investments in the forest and wildlife sectors should maintain a balance between achieving ecological integrity, economic and social gain that benefits people and nature.
- The use of Applications and Artificial intelligence (AI) machine learning will be useful in tracking animal, diseases, extension services, data entry, forest inventory, education, and wildlife and plant populations.
- Technologies and innovation should be used to enhance job other than taking the existing job from the local communities.
- There is need to more investment in building capacity on used AI in training institution and involvement of youth to solve existing challenges in Wildlife and Forest Sectors,
- Youth involvement in technology applications and capacity building is crucial in solving the challenges facing wildlife and forestry sectors.
- Most of the technologies in Africa are driven by Foreign direct investment, but there is a need for African to take initiative to bring these investments into their countries by taking advantage of global initiatives such as Global climate funds.

EXHIBITION

In parallel to the presentation and discussion that was going on during the AFWC24 and AFWW8, there were more than twenty (20) exhibitors who showcased their initiatives covering both Forestry and Wildlife sectors.

The exhibition involved the display of books, banners, posters and leaflets for information and knowledge sharing on land and forestry initiatives. The documents displayed include Forest assessment reports, books on community engagement in forest management, forest governance books etc. Exhibition also had display of non-timber forest product such as mushrooms, honey, and other honey products to show case how community are supported to generate incomes to sustainably conserve and manage forest resources.

There were some documentaries also shared as part of exhibition in three categories, namely:

- Promoting cultural aspects as a measure to restore and conserve natural forest resources.
- Support engagement of community in establishment of forest product enterprises as means for income generation but also sustainable management of forest and wildlife.
- The introduction of Biogas as means to reduce deforestation by reducing the amount of firewood consumed by communities. The by-products from the process are used as manure in home garden supporting vegetable production to enhance nutrition.

There was a demonstration of the Drone as part of technology used for Surveillance and Monitoring Forest and Wildlife resources. This demonstration of use of drones indicated collaboration among different partners including FAO, Tanzania Plant Health and Pest Authority (TPHPA) in data collection and monitoring forest and wildlife resources for improved and informed decision making.

Key results/observation from the exhibition

- More than 80 people including the Guest of Honor, Hon. Angellah Kairuki (MP), Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism visited the exhibition for learning and experience sharing on the concepts presented above on forest management.
- The guest of honor commended the initiatives supported by FAO with regards to engagement of village community in beekeeping and value addition. He requested to link the beekeepers with TanTrade to ensure the value-added honey products are promoted to international market.
- Many delegates who visited FAO booth commended positively the model presented and indicated their intention to out scale it in their countries.
- Exhibition also provided an excellent experience sharing space for members and FAO to showcase their role in supporting rural communities' engagement in forest product production, value addition contributing to food security, income generation and management of forest resources for adaptation and mitigation to climate changes.

*Annex F***FIELD TRIP**

On Thursday, 2nd November 2023 members of AFWC, Observers, and National participants had an opportunity to visit two sites as part of the study visit.

RANDILEN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Randilen is one of twenty-two community-owned Wildlife Management Area (WMA) established in 2012 and registered in 2013. It encompasses 312 km² which corresponds to 31 200.68 ha of land. The WMA is in Monduli district, Arusha. It is formed by eight villages namely, Lolkisale, Lemoot, Oldonyo, Lengolwa, Mswakini, Nafco, Mswakini Juu and Naitolia, and governed by the local Maasai, who protect this unique area, look after its wildlife, and respect the people who live there and depend on the rich resources. Randilen is located 98 km from Arusha town. More information about Randilen WMA can be accessed here: <https://www.randilen.org>.

Areas visited and activities experienced:

- Community participation in wildlife management.
- Resource management in Randilen WMA.
- Investment in WMA.
- Tourism activities in Randlilen WMA.
- Community benefit and revenue sharing from wildlife management.
- Human-wildlife conflict management in Randilen WMA.
- Practice of Grass Bank, a resource model that controls Grazing within the WMA.
- Invasive species control i.e., Sicklebush (*Dichrostachys cinerea*).
- Maasai culture.

Lessons learned

- There is a need to support community-led conservation initiatives.
- More effort is required to foster gender inclusion on management of wildlife and forest resources.
- Need to acknowledge the use of traditional knowledge on management of wildlife resources.

MERU USA FOREST PLANTATION

Meru Usa Forest Plantation is among twenty-four plantations owned and managed by Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS). The plantation was established in 1950 with a

purpose of raising fast-growing species to supply both internal and external markets with timber.

Areas visited during field trip to Meru Forest Plantation:

- Meru Head Office
- demonstration of beekeeping activities;
- tree nurseries to observe activities as per calendar and plantations;
- field/plantation compartment with taungya system (agroforestry);
- ecotourism site at Napuru waterfalls (traditional dance, coffee tour, investment in ecotourism facilities).

Lessons learned:

- beekeeping as a tool for forest conservation and income generation;
- Taungya system as one among the best practices in agro/forest management;
- community involvement in forest management starting from the nursery to the field;
- ecotourism development, investment and community engagement in tourism activities is another good venture in forestry.

Annex G

**OUTCOMES OF THE PRE-EVENT MEETING ON “RESULTS-BASED FINANCE,
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND BENEFITS SHARING MECHANISMS IN AFRICAN
COUNTRIES’ REDD+ PROCESS”
KEY MESSAGES**

We, the participants,

1. Representing 10 *African countries*, namely; Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, attended a prior event to the 24th Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission, organised by the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (UN REDD) and African Forest Forum (AFF). This event took place on the 27 and 28 October 2023 in Arusha, Tanzania and was on REDD+ Results Based Finance, Social Inclusion and Benefit Sharing Mechanisms.
2. Coming together with *primary objectives* of building our capacity as technical practitioners on comprehensive understanding of REDD+ finance types and sources in order to support our African countries to have better knowledge of the international results-based financing architecture including tapping climate finance on carbon markets based on different Standards; share experiences, lessons learnt, opportunities and challenges on efforts to leverage climate finance from various sources; and facilitating peer-to-peer exchange among countries on approaches to ensure stakeholders’ engagement, social inclusion and benefit sharing mechanisms employed by African countries in the implementation of REDD+. It is in this context that we:
3. *Appreciated* the role played by UN REDD and AFF in providing the optimal platform to learn from international experiences and best practices of accessing REDD+ finance, including market and non-market-based approaches and highlight the important challenges that African countries are facing in accessing REDD+ finance, including REDD+ Result-Based Finance (RBF) and the need for ensuring social inclusion and robust benefit sharing mechanisms for a successful implementation of REDD+ in Africa;
4. *Recognized* that forests in Africa cover about 624 million hectares (20.9%) of the continent’s land mass and represent 15.6% of the world's forest cover, thus playing a significant role towards the attainment of the Agenda 2063, the Africa We Want. Specifically, our forest resources are crucial in maintaining environmental quality and stability, realisation of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals SDG 1,2,13, 14 and 15, and supporting ecosystem services such as pollination, soil conservation, water retention and climate moderation.
5. *Acknowledged* that African countries are experiencing multiple challenges related to the management of their forests, including but not limited to land use policies; competition for land from agriculture, mining, infrastructure, settlement, and other land uses; unsustainable forest management practices; low priority in national plans and budgeting;
6. *Noted* that as per the 2019/2020 financial flows the land use sector received 2.5% of the total estimates of US\$ 653 billion as compared to other sectors;
7. *Noted* that between 2008-2022, most of the funds supporting REDD+ were channelled to Latin America (52%, US\$ 1.5 billion) as compared to Africa (29%, US\$ 863 million); Asia (11%, US\$ 616 million) and 8% to Global and regional.

8. *Noted* that the projected financial flows to nature-based solutions is expected to triple by 2030 to about US\$ 420 billion and quadruple to US\$ 600 billion by 2050 if Parties are committed to address biodiversity loss and climate change; and

We learned that:

9. Some African countries have made significant progress in accessing results-based payments including Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda etc.
10. Among success factors that contributed to those substantial achievements are: country's political will to invest public fund in supporting REDD+ process; effective institutions and legislative regime steering REDD+, enabling environment for private investment in REDD+ and existing technical capacities to deliver REDD+ elements;
11. The success of REDD+ implementation in Africa has a significant potential to contribute to nature-based solution in climate change mitigation with adaptation co-benefits in line with Paris Agreement Art. 5.2, 6.2, 6.4 and 6.8;
12. There are various initiatives of climate finance such as Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Financing (LEAF), Forest and Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), bio carbon fund, Green Climate Fund and private sectors financial investments among others that African countries need to tap in order to strengthen implementation of REDD+;
13. Voluntary Carbon Markets (VCM) with adoption of new jurisdictional standards will create opportunities to implement REDD+ mitigation actions at scale, extending beyond individual projects to support comprehensive reporting aligned with NDCs;
14. Jurisdictional and nested REDD+ programmes need to be designed in a such way that they can address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation at scale;
15. Africa has rich cultural diversity translated into social structures and local knowledge that needs to be explored and utilised to inform REDD+ policies and to ensure bottom-up approach in decision making;
16. African countries have been employing different benefit sharing mechanisms in the implementation of REDD+ across different landscapes that require to be anchored in law to accelerate implementation of REDD+;
17. African countries are experiencing various challenges on addressing social inclusion such as: elite capture; low technical capacity; inadequate level of awareness, cultural and religious beliefs; insecurity; taking advantage of marginalised and disadvantaged groups; discrepancies between national legal frameworks and social safeguard instruments and prolonged times to engage various stakeholders; and
18. African countries are encountering varied challenges in benefit sharing mechanisms such as: elite capture; brokerage; lack of clarity on land use and tenure rights; political interferences; low technical capacity on benefit allocations; prolonged time frames for negotiations.

We realised that:

19. There are more opportunities (SCALE, LEAF, GCF-RBPs, CAFI) to be explored by African countries to deepen their accessibility and engagement to/with forest carbon markets, effectively harnessing carbon finance as part of their climate strategy.
20. The comprehensive knowledge on REDD+, with a holistic understanding of its international finance (up-front) and markets mechanisms (results-based), plays a critical role in facilitating well-informed decision-making processes enabling the African region to diversify its funding sources to catalyse climate mitigation in the forestry sector.
21. African countries that submitted updated NDCs made ambitious commitments to meet their mitigation and/or adaptation targets, and that REDD+ Actions have the potential to deliver a significant portion of these targets.
22. There is a critical need for increased financing for REDD+ alongside the development and expansion of forest carbon markets to ensure Africa's long-term sustainability of climate mitigation efforts in the forest sector.
23. Africa should actively pursue private finance, especially from the Voluntary Carbon Markets opportunities, to complement government actions and existing government policies, laws, and regulations.
24. Different approaches for stakeholders engagement are crucial to ensure social inclusion and minimise/eradicate social exclusivity in order to fast track implementation of REDD+.

We therefore call for action from:**A. The African forestry Directors and stakeholders to:**

25. Fulfil within their forestry mandate to ensure that finances are allocated to advance REDD+ process in their country.
26. Strengthen local, Indigenous, and traditional governance systems in advancing the approaches of stakeholder's engagement to ensure social inclusion, benefit sharing and overall effective implementation of REDD+;
27. Leverage public and private investments towards nature-based solutions.
28. Strengthen institutional capacity of African countries at all levels to support implementation of REDD+ in different landscapes.
29. Facilitate the implementation of social inclusivity and benefit sharing across sectors, scales and across supply chains, and translated into an integrated regulatory framework to ensure that Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including vulnerable groups have informed access to the various benefits and advantages of REDD+.

B. The 24th Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission to echo the needs of the African REDD+ stakeholders to the international communities and follow up specifically to:

30. Mobilize financing and ensure distribution towards African countries which are lagging behind in the REDD+ implementation, to bring them on par with other REDD+ leading countries and address the deforestation challenges at global level;

31. Advocate for upfront financing to raise African countries' ambitions in their updated NDCs through on the ground investments and deliver the much sought after high integrity carbon credits.

32. Support mobilisation of the necessary capital to facilitate African countries in transitioning from readiness phase to implementation and results-based payment phase through leveraging forest carbon finance in the region.

33. Support Africa's regional capacity-building initiatives tailored to each country's needs and level of progress, to enable them to overcome the obstacles that prevent the region from accessing the REDD+ finance, including both upfront and results-based finance.

Annex H**STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON FORESTS
SECRETARIAT**

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Dear colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) is honoured to deliver its statement on the occasion of the 24th Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission. Our special thanks to the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission Secretariat for the excellent documentation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, allow me to provide a quick update on global initiatives and processes of relevance for the Commission from the perspective of the UNFF. This includes the following four (4) points:

- 2023 International Day of Forests
- Eighteenth session of the UNFF
- Country-led initiative in India
- Progress on the Midterm Review of the International Arrangement on Forests
- Preparation for the Nineteenth session of the UNFF

Ladies and Gentlemen, as you know, The International Day of Forests was established by the UN General Assembly in 2012, to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests and of trees outside forests.

The General Assembly further requested our Secretariat to facilitate the implementation of the Day, in collaboration with our partners in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

In carrying out this mandate, we organize these annual events at UN Headquarters in New York with the participation of representatives of Member States, IGOs, regional organizations, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and stakeholders.

The theme of International Day presents an opportunity to highlight how forests support every aspect of our lives, from clean air and water to providing essential food, fuel, medicines, and income. The 2023 celebration focuses on “Forests and Health”. You would agree with me that this is a critical topic. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to the ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section for their longstanding partnership with the UNFF particularly on the International Day of Forests.

Regarding the UNFF18, in accordance with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2021/6, the UN Forum on Forests, at its eighteenth session (UNFF18), held technical discussions on the thematic priorities in support of the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) 2017–2030. The thematic priorities are to be based on the Global Forest Goals (GFGs) and targets, considering the post-2020 programme of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and relevant international forest-related developments.

Members of the Forum were invited to take concrete steps to accelerate efforts towards achieving all global forest goals, including through increasing financial, technical, and technological collaboration, enhancing forest governance and forest law enforcement, and increasing involvement of local communities and relevant stakeholders in decision-making and implementation of policies.

Members of the Forum were also invited to promote coherence and integration of forest-related actions in the nationally determined contributions to the Paris Agreement and national biodiversity strategies and action plans for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

The UNFF18 also provided an opportunity to discuss emerging issues, including the linkages between Forests, Energy, and Livelihoods, which was moderated by the UNECE Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, Ms Paola Deda.

Finally, the Government made the announcement of its offer to host a Country-led Initiative which was held from 26-28 October this year.

The country-led initiative under the United Nations Forum on Forests brought together close to 120 delegates from 40 countries and 20 international organizations. The meeting, which was conducted in Dehradun, the capital of the state of Uttarakhand in India, hosted discussions on the topics of forest fires/wildfires, and Forest Certification and Sustainable Forest Management through two plenary sessions over the two days. Both the plenary sessions witnessed scene-setting presentations, country presentations, and interactive sessions. The event concluded with the address of the Hon'ble Vice President of India.

Through consultation, a set of inputs and ideas, including questions were put forth for the two thematic areas.

A summary of recommendations that emanated from discussions on forest fires/wildfires is as follows:

1. Adopting an integrated approach to prevent and manage forest fires/wildfires and post-fire landscape restoration through policy interventions.
2. Incorporating technology and digital solutions to enhance forest governance and monitoring.
3. Strengthening the involvement of civil society, focusing on capacity building and recognizing the roles of youth and women as important stakeholders in enforcing on-ground implementation of integrated forest fire/wildfire management strategies
4. Fostering regional, inter-continental, and international cooperation for the management of transboundary forest fires/wildfires.

The following points highlight the key recommendations that were derived from the interaction session on Forest Certification and Sustainable Forest Management:

1. Establishing universally accepted benchmarking standards for forest certification for adoption at a global scale and evaluating current certification programmes with respect to the universal standards.
2. Enhancing international cooperation between producer and consumer countries for acceptance of forest certification schemes that are based on international standards.
3. Promoting UN-based international exchange of knowledge about national and regional regulations, approaches, and international standards for enhancing trade efficiency.

With Regard to the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests, In its resolution 2015/33, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) strengthened and extended the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) to 2030. The Council further requested the Forum to undertake a midterm and final review of the effectiveness of the IAF in achieving its objectives in 2024, and 2030, respectively. In accordance with the program of work of the Forum for 2022-2024, the seventeenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF17), which took place in May 2022, considered, and decided on the actions to be taken in preparation for the IAF midterm review in 2024. These actions are contained in the following ten sections in the annex to ECOSOC resolution 2022/17:

- A. Actions related to the United Nations Forum on Forests and its members.
- B. Actions related to the Forum secretariat.
- C. Actions related to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)
- D. Actions related to the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN)
- E. Actions related to the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests
- F. Actions related to the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030
- G. Actions related to the contributions of the Forum to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- H. Actions related to the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030
- I. Actions related to the involvement of regional and subregional partners.
- J. Actions related to the involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, in preparation for the midterm review, the UNFF Secretariat took the following steps:

- Recruited nine consultants to carry out a total of eleven assessment reports regarding the areas identified in annex to ECOSOC resolution 2022/17.
- Organized an expert group meeting in Bangkok in January 2023 to review and discuss the assessment reports on section G of annex to ECOSOC resolution 2022/17 on the

contribution of the Forum to 2030 Agenda, Section I on the involvement of regional and subregional partners, and Section J on the involvement of major groups.

- Organized jointly with FAO, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) Organization-Led Initiative (OLI), in February 2023 in Rome, Italy to review and discuss the assessment report on section C of annex to ECOSOC resolution 2022/17 on actions related to the CPF.
- Organized an expert group meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in June 2023 to review and discuss assessment reports on Section D on the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN), and Section F on the implementation of the UNSPF. In conjunction with the expert group meeting, we organized the CPF retreat, which provided an opportunity to sharpen our joint workplan in view of achieving the Global Forest Goals and targets.
- From 10 to 13 October 2023, an Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG) Meeting was held in Vienna to take stock of all input from the various expert group meetings. Following the conclusion of AHEG, the UNFF 19 Bureau will conduct informal consultations with members of the Forum and prepare and submit to UNFF 19 the zero draft of the resolution on the International Arrangement on Forests beyond 2024.

We are now preparing for UNFF 19, scheduled to take place in New York from 6 to 10 May 2024. UNFF's next session will be critical since members of the Forum will deliberate on the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests.

Given the importance of the UNFF19, I look forward to a massive participation of Ministers, including Ministers of Finance in the UNFF19 which will take place from 6-10 May 2024. We expect the participation of Senior Officials in the High-level segment scheduled for May 9.

I thank you for your kind attention.

Annex I

**PRIORITIES OF AFWC24 FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY (COFO), THE FAO PROGRAMME OF
WORK, AND THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE (ARC)**

Priority issues	Expected outcomes <i>(information, discussion, guidance)</i>
Integrated fire management	Technical guidance (Capacity building) on Integrated fire management
Forest Policy and governance	<p>Guidance on standard framework for doing business on carbon markets and trades.</p> <p>Policies and strategies on sustainable forest management as well as to promote legal and sustainable production and trade of forest products, in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).</p> <p>Information and guidance on developing and strengthening policies on enabling environment to access funds for, conserving forest-related ecosystems.</p> <p>Strengthen collaboration, partnerships and synergies with national, regional, and international organizations working in the area of forest and wildlife in the Africa region these organizations.</p> <p>Multisectoral discussions and engagement at national and subnational levels on practices to improve sustainable management of forest and wildlife resources.</p>
Forestry and wildlife education and research	<p>Guidance to spearhead education, vocational training and extension services in forest policies and strategies.</p> <p>Discussion and engagement with the private sector to protect ecosystems and contribute to green cities as well as the adoption of climate-smart agriculture.</p>
Wildlife trade, extension, and research	Information and collaboration on combatting illegal wildlife trade.
Sustainable Wildlife management	<p>Discussion and guidance on addressing emerging issues using One Health approach.</p> <p>Information and guidance on capacity development programme for human-wildlife conflict management and promoting coexistence.</p> <p>Information and guidance on scaling up successful models and good practices from the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme, with a particular emphasis on governance models that include enabling policies and legal frameworks.</p>

Priority issues	Expected outcomes <i>(information, discussion, guidance)</i>
Beekeeping value chain development	<p>Information and technical guidance on designing frameworks for sustainable beekeeping, value chain development, mobilizing national capabilities to support pollinator-friendly agricultural practices, research, and extension services.</p> <p>Guidance on mobilizing national capabilities to support pollinator-friendly agricultural practices, research and extension services and develop a platform on beekeeping development to showcase success stories in Africa.</p>
Proposed agenda for the next Commission	Discuss Carbon markets and climate change mitigation, dryland plants management and conservation, financing forest management in the Small Islands Developing States

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