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18-23, 2019

Nairobi, Kenya



IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas in partnership with Kenya's Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and conservation partners extend you a very warm welcome to the first ever Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC), which will be held in Nairobi on November 18-23, 2019.

This landmark forum aims to position Africa's protected areas within the broader goals of sustainable development and community well-being. The Congress will advance an ambitious agenda that will inspire sustainable solutions for today's most pressing conservation and livelihood challenges in Africa.

It will bring together political and community leaders, protected area practitioners, professionals from diverse fields, scholars, researchers, the youth, partners and stakeholders from public and private sectors from across the continent - to discuss how to protect Africa's resources, and to develop a strong and united voice in the management of protected areas, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

The over 2000 delegates from every African country will forge partnerships and commitments to help secure a sustainable future for Africa's protected areas, people and biodiversity. Participants will identify key issues and challenges, and showcase inspiring African examples of practical, innovative, sustainable and replicable solutions that harmonize conservation and human development goals.

They will also develop priorities and strategies on issues of common interest and provide consolidated African input into the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The forum will report on the progress made in implementing relevant regional and global commitments and identify new steps and alliances to address Africa's unique challenges.

A new paradigm for protected areas, defining and advancing the role of governance, sustainable finance, capacity development, private and community conservation trends, conflicts, social equity and benefit sharing will be on the agenda. We look forward to welcoming the youth, governments, businesses, communities and people from beyond the conservation world to put their heads together and develop a common vision and ambition for Africa's protected areas.

The outcome of this effort will contribute to achieving the vision of the African Union's Agenda 2063 of "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in international arena".

Your interest, participation and commitment towards helping to stage this Congress will be highly appreciated: it will be an investment in the sustainability of protected and conserved areas Africa-wide, now and into the future.

More information will be provided soon.



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