



5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

**Re: Invitation to the 24th African Wildlife Consultative Forum, Gran Melia Hotel in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Wildlife Division of the United Republic of Tanzania in collaboration with Safari Club International Foundation (SCIF) are pleased to invite you to the 24th African Wildlife Consultative Forum (AWCF) to be held at the Gran Melia Hotel, Arusha, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2026.

The AWCF is one of Africa's largest and most significant annual wildlife forums, that brings together senior Government officials and Wildlife management authorities, private hunting industry, community stakeholders, researchers and conservation partners to advance dialogue and action on sustainable use-based wildlife conservation practices across Africa. Participants typically include Director level Government delegates from the SADC region and beyond, leadership of Operators and Professional Hunting Associations of Africa, International professional hunting associations, community representatives and CBNRM support organization as well as expert from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, IUCN, conservation NGOs, international experts and wildlife biologists.

The Forum prioritizes practical action on sustainable use hunting, community- based conservation, international policy, large carnivore research, wildlife management,

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human – wildlife conflict mitigation strategies, anti-poaching, and other emerging challenges.

The 2026 AWCF will convene key decision makers to advance and operationalize actions brought forward from the AWCF meetings in Livingstone, Zambia and CITES CoP20 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan 2025.

In addition, the Forum will continue to provide a structured platform for professional hunting and community representatives to engage with national Governments, both individually and at regional level. More specifically the community group will continue to discuss issues of strengthening governance and benefit sharing in a principled manner. A draft agenda will be circulated following consultations with the agenda committee established to guide its development.

SCIF will sponsor on-site accommodation (up to six hotel nights), meals during the week's events and conference registration costs for two Government delegates, one professional hunting association member and appointed Community Leaders Network representatives. Non-sponsored attendees representing other organizations will be responsible for their own transport, accommodation, and meal expenses while SCIF will facilitate registration.

Kindly confirm the names, titles, and contact information of your full delegation by the 1st of August 2026. In the meantime, SCIF has issued a "Save the Date" notice to selected prospective delegates using the existing contact lists.

To complete registration, Travel itineraries must be submitted by 31st August 2026. All registration details must be accurately completed exclusively through the official AWCF online registration system. Submission via WhatsApp or other informal communication channels will not be accepted, and no exceptions will be made. More details regarding the registration process and other arrangements will be shared in a separate travel logistics document.

Please note that all participants, or their designated administrative contacts, are required to hold an account on the AWCF online registration platform, which enables registration, invoice processing, and access to conference materials from previous forums. If you do not already have an account, please register via **AWCFinfo.org**

For any enquiries regarding the meeting or travel arrangements, please contact Mr. Dries Van Coller at **[avancoller@scifirstforhunters.org](mailto:avancoller@scifirstforhunters.org)** We look forward to welcoming you to a productive and engaging Forum in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, in November 2026.

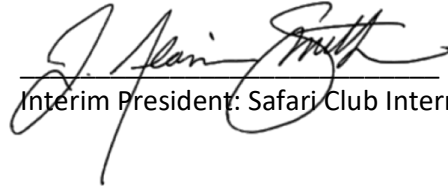
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Yours sincerely,

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Director: Wildlife Division, Tanzania

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Interim President: Safari Club International Foundation

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