

## **24<sup>th</sup> African Wildlife Consultative Forum**

**Gran Meliá Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania**

**16 to 20 November 2026**

### **SUNDAY 15 November**

Hotel Check In

Registration 15h00 - 17h00

Private Meetings as requested

Dinner (Gran Meliá Hotel)

### **MONDAY 16 November**

Dress code – Formal Business

**7:00 Registration Opens**

**8:30 Call Meeting to Order – Mr. George Pangeti**

Attendees Seated

Appoint Incoming Chair

Arrival of VIPs

**8:45 Opening Ceremony**

National Anthem

Opening Prayer

Introductions of VIPs

**9:00 Welcoming Remarks**

Overview of Conference and Administrative notices – Senior official of Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority

**9:20 Opening Remarks**

Mr. Laird Hamberlin, CEO of Safari Club International

Mr. Steve Skold, President of SCIF

Dr. Chris Comer, Director of Conservation SCIF

**9:40 Keynote Address**

Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, Hon. Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT)  
Tanzania

**10:20 Vote of Thanks**

Mr. George Pangeti, SCIF

**10:30- Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:00**



# TANZANIA

11:00- **Session 1: Wildlife Management in Tanzania** – Tanzania

12:00 Moderator: (TBA Government of Tanzania)

Current Status and Issues of Sustainable Wildlife Management in the Republic of Tanzania.

Q/A Discussion

12:00- **Lunch** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

13:30

13:30- **Session 2: Recap Major International Conventions**

15:00 Moderator: Dr. Chris Comer

1. CITES CoP 21/ AC34/SC84 (Outcomes of Doc 44) - Mr. Mpho Tjiane/ Ms. Michelle Pfab

2. Review of CITES listed species Quotas - Ms. Michelle Pfab

3. COP Prep SADC -Dr. George Wambura

4. World Conservation Congress, CBD CoP 17, CMS CoP 15 – Dr. Francis Vorhies  
Q/A Discussion

15:00- **Coffee/Tea Break**

15:30

15:30- **Session 3: USFWS and European Union Hunting Imports**

16:30 Moderator: Mr. Jeremy Clare

1. USFWS Presentation

2. EU Presentation

Q/A Discussion

16:30- **Breakout Group Allocation**

17:00 Moderator: Mr. George Pangeti

Working Group 1. Social Acceptance of Hunting - Dr. Keith Tidball

Working Group 2. Wildlife Economy – Dr. Francis Vorhies

Working Group 3: Communities - CBRM and Human Wildlife Conflict -Dr. Wiseman Ndlovu

18:00 **Traditional Dinner hosted by TAHOA** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

## **TUESDAY 17 November: Breakout sessions**

8:00- **Plenary**

8:30

8:30- **African Wildlife Consultative Forum Working Group Sessions 2026**

12:00 Coffee/Tea served as required

12:00- **Lunch** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

13:30



# TANZANIA

13:30- **Working Groups Continue**

15:00

15:00- **Coffee/ Tea Break**

15:30

15:30- **Plenary Working Group Feedback and Q/A Discussion**

17:00

18:00 **Dinner** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

## WEDNESDAY 18 November

8:00- **Field Trip organized by Tanzania Wildlife Authority** (Lunch Provided)

17:00

18:00 **Dinner** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

## THURSDAY 19 November

8:30- **Session 4: Status Update on Key Species**

10:00 Moderator: Mr. Mpho Tjiane

1. Rhinoceros & Elephant - Dr. Jeanetta Selier

10:00- **Coffee/Tea break**

10:30

10:30- **Session: Status Update Continued**

12:00 Moderator: Dr. Chris Comer

2. Lions - How should we age lion trophies? Panel Discussion  
Ms. Michelle Pfab, Ms. Lusizi Mwale, Mr. Michel Mantehakis, Ms. Roseline Mandisodza, Dr. Daniel Scognamillo
3. Leopards - Dr. Daniel Scognamillo
4. Possible CITES uplisting of Striped Hyaena -Tanzania

12:00- **Lunch** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

13:30

13:30- **Session 5: Human-Wildlife Conflict**

15:00 Moderator: Dr. Jeanetta Selier

Presentations from:

1. Academia: Dr. Wiseman Ndlovu
2. Communities: Dr. Rodgers Lubilo
3. Governments: Mr. Arthur Musakwa - Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority- Human/ Wildlife Co-Existence - New Policy in Zimbabwe



15:00- **Coffee/Tea Break**

15:30

15:30- **Session 6: Combating poaching and illegal trade**

17:00 Moderator: Mr. Dries Van Coller

1. ALPS progress – Mr. Dries van Coller
2. SADC & LEAP – Dr. George Wambura
3. Broad-based livelihoods Programme – Ms. Michelle Pfab

18:00 **Dinner** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

## **FRIDAY 20 November**

8:30- **Session 7: Recent Engagements**

10:00 Moderator: Mr. Mpho Tjiane

1. Angola
2. CAR

10:00- **Coffee/Tea Break**

10:30

10:30- **Session 8: Professional Hunting Guides and Outfitters Associations**

12:00 Moderator: Mr. Everett Headley

1. Presentations
- Q /A Discussion

12:00- **Lunch** (Gran Meliá Hotel)

13:30

13:30- **Summary of Action Items from 24<sup>th</sup> AWCF-Mr. George Pangeti**

14:30

14:30- **Conference Closing**

15:30 Moderator: Representative of Tanzania Government

1. Venue of 25<sup>th</sup> African Wildlife Consultative Forum
2. Closing Remarks – Tanzania government
3. Vote of thanks – Representative of attending Government Delegates

15:30 **Adjourn**

