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# ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WILDLIFE SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, 2023

26 - 28TH SEPTEMBER | NAIVASHA, KENYA



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# The Wildlife Research & Training Institute (WRTI) is organizing the 1st Wildlife Scientific Conference to be held in Naivasha, Kenya, under the theme: ***“Use of Wildlife Science for enhanced Biodiversity Conservation and improved Livelihoods”***.

The purpose of the conference is to showcase wildlife scientific output, share experiences and expertise with other scientists globally as well as act as a channel to disseminate information gathered on wildlife science for decision making.

The focus will be on well researched scientific papers on discoveries, innovations, technologies and application in wildlife conservation and sustainable utilization.

The conference is expected to bring together, scientists, wildlife managers, policy and decision makers, private sector and wildlife conservation stakeholders.

The meeting will provide a premier interdisciplinary platform to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered, and solutions adopted in the areas of wildlife conservation and sustainable utilization.

## ***Call for papers***

Authors are invited to submit high quality research abstracts, papers, e-posters, and exhibitions outlining original and unpublished results of their work in all areas of wildlife conservation,

management and utilization and also present during the conference. The submissions will be guided by the following sub-themes.

1. Wildlife population trends and dynamics
2. Wildlife habitat restoration and connectivity
3. Climate change and adaptability
4. Wildlife utilization and enterprises
5. Human-wildlife coexistence in human dominated landscapes
6. Addressing wildlife health challenges through One Health approach
7. Use of technology in wildlife conservation
8. Use of science for harmonized policy engagement
9. Biotechnology and bioprospecting
10. Natural capital accounting and payment for ecosystem services

The call for abstracts is open from 20th April 2023. The deadline for submission will be 5th June 2023. Authors of accepted abstracts for oral/poster presentation will be notified by 26th June 2023.

The abstract should be limited to a maximum of 300 words for both oral and poster presentation. Specifically, the abstract should be clear with a short and clear title, name(s) of author(s) and affiliation/address (correspondence author should be indicated for ease of communication), brief background, objectives of the study methodology result, and conclusions. Key words should not be more than 5 words arranged in alphabetical order.

## ***Presentation and submission of full papers***

Oral or Poster presentation will be subject to submission of full manuscript. The length of each manuscript should not be more than 12 pages including references (formatted in MS-Word,

single space, Times New Roman, 12Pt). For poster presentation, it should not exceed 90cm length x 75cm width. **Deadline for submission will be on 28th July 2023.**

## Virtual/Video Presentation

Virtual/video presentation for those who will not manage to travel to the venue of the conference will be organized. Allocated time will be 15 minutes for video presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. All virtual presenters will send their recorded videos before conference dates to [wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke](mailto:wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke) and will also have to include the title, name of the author presenter and institutional affiliation.



## Registration

Online registration will be done through the following link [wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke](mailto:wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke)

### Registration Fees

| Participants Type     | Early Registration  | Late Registration                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| East African Citizens | Ksh. 15,000 or equivalent in USD  | Ksh. 20,000 or equivalent in USD |
| Non-East Africans     | USD 250   | USD 300                          |
| East African students | Ksh.6,000 or equivalent USD   | Ksh. 7,500 or equivalent USD     |
| Exhibition Fees       | Ksh. 60,000 for 3 days (catering for booth (3x3m), 2 chairs, table, attendance of 2 people) |                                  |

### Important Notice on Registration

Early Bird registration is valid until 30th June 2023

East African students must present supporting letters from their institutions and a copy of their student ID.

East African Citizens should present a copy of their passport cover and the last page or National ID.

## Exhibitor Opportunities

The Conference offers the opportunity to become an exhibitor. To participate as an exhibitor, please call 0797169435 or email: [wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke](mailto:wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke)

All conference emails, enquiries and correspondences, that include submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentation as well as symposium, workshop and seminars, should be sent to [wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke](mailto:wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke)

### Payment of registration Fees

For registration and exhibition towards the Conference, kindly make payments to WTI as follows;

#### 1. M-PESA:

Paybill: 4075233  
Account: WRTISCICON 2023

#### 2. Bank Deposit:

WRTI Revenue Account  
Kenya Commercial Bank, Naivasha Branch  
128 622 4489  
Ssft Code: KCBLENXX

For bank deposits, kindly present the banking slip to the accounts office for receipting.

### LANGUAGE

The conference language is **English**. The use of **Kiswahili** will be considered for special presentations.

### VENUE

The conference will be held in **Naivasha, Kenya.**



A detailed close-up photograph of an elephant's skin, showing its characteristic thick, wrinkled, and textured surface. The lighting highlights the ridges and grooves, creating a sense of depth and texture. The image is used as a background for the entire page, with a teal overlay on the left side containing text.

## **Accommodation**

We recommend participants to make their own hotel booking. Naivasha has a wide range of good hotels and lodges. Alternatively, contact the WRTI conference Organizers at [wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke](mailto:wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke) for assistance.

## **Tourism and Sightseeing**

Naivasha area has a wide range of wildlife conservation and recreation sites and is only a few kilometres from Nakuru city which is the home of flamingos at Lake Nakuru National Park. Also, we have wide range of areas for sightseeing such as the Nakuru-Naivasha wildlife conservancies and Aberdare Moorlands. In addition, one may decide to visit other nearby areas such as Hell's Gate National Park, Mt. Longonot National Park, among others.

**For more information and updates, visit the WRTI website [www.wrti.go.ke](http://www.wrti.go.ke) or contact the organizing committee using [wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke](mailto:wrtiscicon2023@wrti.go.ke)**