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**ILCN Webinar Series:
Land Conservation Across Africa**

Practice, Progress and Potential for Private and Civic Land Conservation in Africa

Approaches to Land Conservation in Africa: The Case of OECMs and West Africa

Learn more at landconservationnetwork.org

In the run-up to the Africa Protected Areas Congress, taking place in July 2022, ILCN Steering Committee member and Regional Representative for Africa Kiragu Mwangi is hosting a series of

virtual conversations with experts on current conservation trends on the continent.

The first webinar, held on April 12, gave cultural and historical context for the current movement toward decentralized strategies for land conservation that focus on returning autonomy to local communities across Africa. The session featured Dickson Kaelo of the Kenya Wildlife Conservation Association; Maxi Pia Louis, Director of the Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organizations; and Kathleen Fitzgerald, Senior Manager for the Pew Charitable Trusts' Global Project Finance for Permanence Initiative. The speakers discussed the major challenges and solutions for financing and sustaining East and South African initiatives. The event concluded with a lively Q&A session, addressing questions on conservation finance, organizational governance, and strategies for preparing youth and vulnerable communities to become the next generation of sustainable landowners.

The second webinar was held on May 24 and featured Michael Garbo, Executive Director at the Society for the Conservation of Nature Liberia, Daniel Marnewick Regional Program Coordinator for IUCN Green List, and Kathleen Fitzgerald of the Pew Charitable Trusts. The session focused on Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECM's) in Africa. The OECM framework is used to promote conservation in geographic regions rich in biodiversity that are not designated as protected areas. Speakers discuss how these strategies are used to expand the reach and mission of conservation practitioners across the continent and present case studies that illustrate their effectiveness.

Recordings of both webinars are now available on the ILCN website. To access these recordings, please click here: [View Now](#)

The final installment of the series will take place on June 22, and will focus on the potential of Africa Land Conservation networks to advance conservation across the continent. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Approaches to Land Conservation in Africa: Consolidating knowledge & practice through an Africa Network

The final installment in the ILCN's Land Conservation in Africa Webinar Series will focus on networks and information exchange across the continent. This webinar will bring together speakers to explore the future of land conservation in Africa, setting the stage for further network conversations at the Africa Protected Areas Congress in July.

- *June 22, 8am ET, 12pm GMT, 2pm SAST, 3pm EAT. [Register Here](#)*

Re-wilding Farmland: A webinar hosted by the Eurosite-ELCN Agriculture, Biodiversity and Climate working group

This webinar will look at 3 examples of how farming and re-wilding interact: a private area in Chile where former farmland is given back to nature and restored; an estate in England where re-wilding is combined with free-roaming livestock farming, producing a diverse landscape; and Portugal's Coa Valley, where landowners are sequestering carbon on re-wilded land and generating income from carbon credits.

- *June 29, 9-10am ET, 3-4pm CET. [Join the Zoom Meeting](#). Meeting ID: 826 6774 3832
Passcode: 349160
Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kcMZ95ls2v>*

Africa Protected Areas Congress

The IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC) is the first ever continent-wide gathering of African leaders, citizens, and interest groups to discuss the role of protected areas in conserving nature, safeguarding Africa's iconic wildlife, delivering vital life-supporting ecosystem services, promoting sustainable development while conserving Africa's cultural heritage and traditions.

- *July 18-23, Kigali, Rwanda. [Register Here](#)*

What We're Reading



Big, Bold, and Boreal: The largest private conservation project in Canadian history

By the Nature Conservancy of Canada
May 24, 2022

At 1,450 square kilometers, this private land conservation project launched by the Nature Conservancy of Canada will be the largest of its kind in the nation's history and contribute to Canada's 30 by 30 commitments.

ILCN's Participation in the East and Southeast Asia Community Conservation Network (EASACCN)

By Shenmin Liu, via ILCN
May 31, 2022

Shenmin Liu is connecting the ILCN with existing and emerging networks in Southeast Asia, and shares updates on her work with them.



Conservation Easements in Europe - Can we support member states on an EU level?



By Carolina Halevy, via Eurosite
May 24, 2022

ILCN Regional Representative for Europe
Carolina Halevy shares Eurosite's project
investigating how to support EU countries efforts
to implement conservation easements.

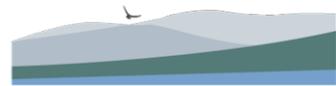


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