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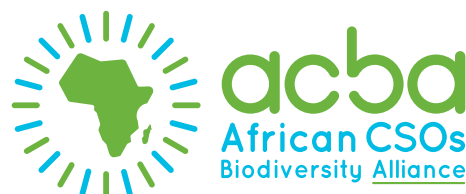
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## COMMUNICATIONS TASK TEAM

# GREAT APES POLICY BRIEF CAMPAIGN

### THE ROLE OF RESPONSIBLE TOURISM IN SAVING GREAT APES FROM ZOO NOTIC DISEASES IN AFRICA



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COORDINATOR  
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Dr Emmanuelle Normand  
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Wild Chimpanzee  
Foundation (WCF)

Date: 17th February 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 11:00 EAT | 08:00 GMT | 10:00 CAT

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#FutureForGreatApes



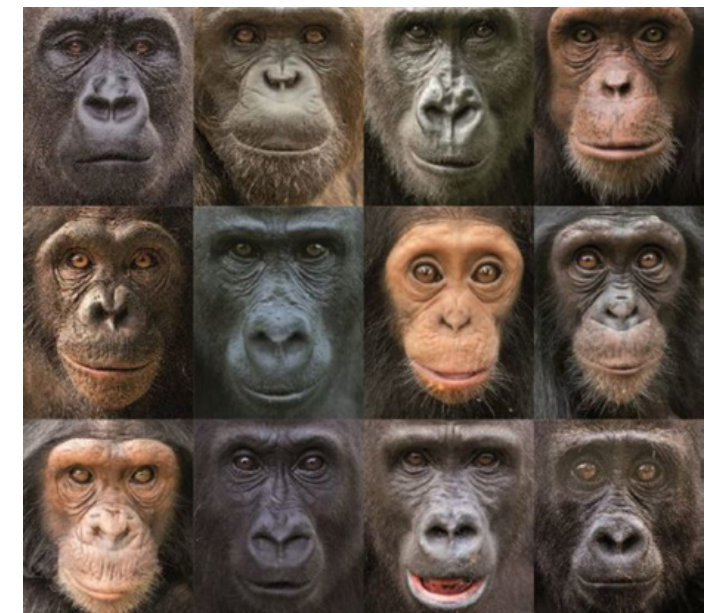
On the 17th of February 2022 ACBA hosted a webinar titled: The Role of Responsible Tourism In Saving Great Apes From Zoonotic Diseases In Africa In collaboration with International Gorilla Conservation Programme (IGCP) and Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH).

The webinar was influenced by the development of a policy brief a year ago on "Africa's Great Apes Tourism and COVID-19". Building on the actions from last year, the policy brief has been updated to include all Great Ape Tourism sites in Africa, new developments in great ape tourism and the management of COVID-19.



The policy brief aimed at creating awareness about the challenges of great ape tourism in Africa especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also highlighted several recommendations to government leaders, private sector (including Tour Operators) and tourists on what should be done to address the existing great ape tourism challenges.

A couple of activities including development of graphic materials, a social media campaign and a webinar targeting tour operators and key conservationists in Africa was successfully conducted last year and this current webinar discussed the policy brief and amplify as well as emphasize the need for great ape tourism best practices at all great ape tourism sites in Africa.



This webinar attracted over 84 participants and gave the audience the highlights on what recommendations are there to save the Great Ape and also created awareness on the challenges faced by Great Ape tourism in Africa.

The webinar was moderated by Simangele Msweli who is the Senior Manager, Youth Leadership Program at AWF, the speakers in the webinar included Dr Johannes

Refisch who is the coordinator for Great Apes Survival Partnership, Mr Praveen Moman the founder of Volcanoes Safaris, Dr Gladys kalema-Zikusoka the CEO of Conservation Through Public Health and Dr Emmanuelle Normand who is the director of Wildlife Chimpanzee Foundation. The recording the webinar can be found on our YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/5wSK-ZUMVUg>



# POLICY AND SECRETARIATE TASK TEAM

## UNEA 5.2 SIDE EVENT

African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance in collaboration with African Conservation Centre hosted a green tent side event at United Nations Environment Assembly 5.2. The event focused on South-South infrastructure cooperation for #biodiversity and the achievement of the #SDGs with the aim to strengthen partnership, promote cooperation and coordination on designing and implementing inclusive, resilient and sustainable infrastructure and facilitating the implementation of the #post2020GBF.

It will introduce the efforts of African CSOs in mitigating the impacts of infrastructure on biodiversity and the environment across Africa through collaboration and in advancing the interchange of experiences and lessons learned among the individuals and organizations in the continent. It is envisioned that the event will offer an opportunity for participants to highlight their ideas and actions on the proposed cooperation on infrastructure and biodiversity in the context of the implementation of the post-2020 global Biodiversity Framework. Bearing in mind that increased collaboration can enhance tracking and engagement in infrastructure project development, UNEA-5 is an important opportunity to engage a wider community to contribute toward the formulation of goals, objectives, and activities of the South-South Sustainable Infrastructure Cooperation.



### African Sustainable Infrastructure Cooperation in Support of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Date: 2nd March 2022  
 Venue: Hybrid (Green Tent @UNEA5.2 + Zoom)  
 Time: 3.30PM EAT | 12.30PM GMT | 2.30PM CAT

<b>Lucy Waruingi</b> MODERATOR	<b>Pauline Nantongo</b> PANELIST	<b>Maxi Louis</b> PANELIST	<b>Edith Kahubire</b> PANELIST	<b>Dr Malan Lindeque</b> PANELIST
Executive Director at African Conservation Centre	Executive Director of Ecotrust - The Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda	Director of the Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organizations (NASCO)	Principal Social Safeguard and Compliance Officer at African Development Bank Group	Executive Director, Resource Africa, UK

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**It will bring together governments and other groups and societies, including indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society, businesses, private sector, financial institutions, international and intergovernmental organizations, and academia.**

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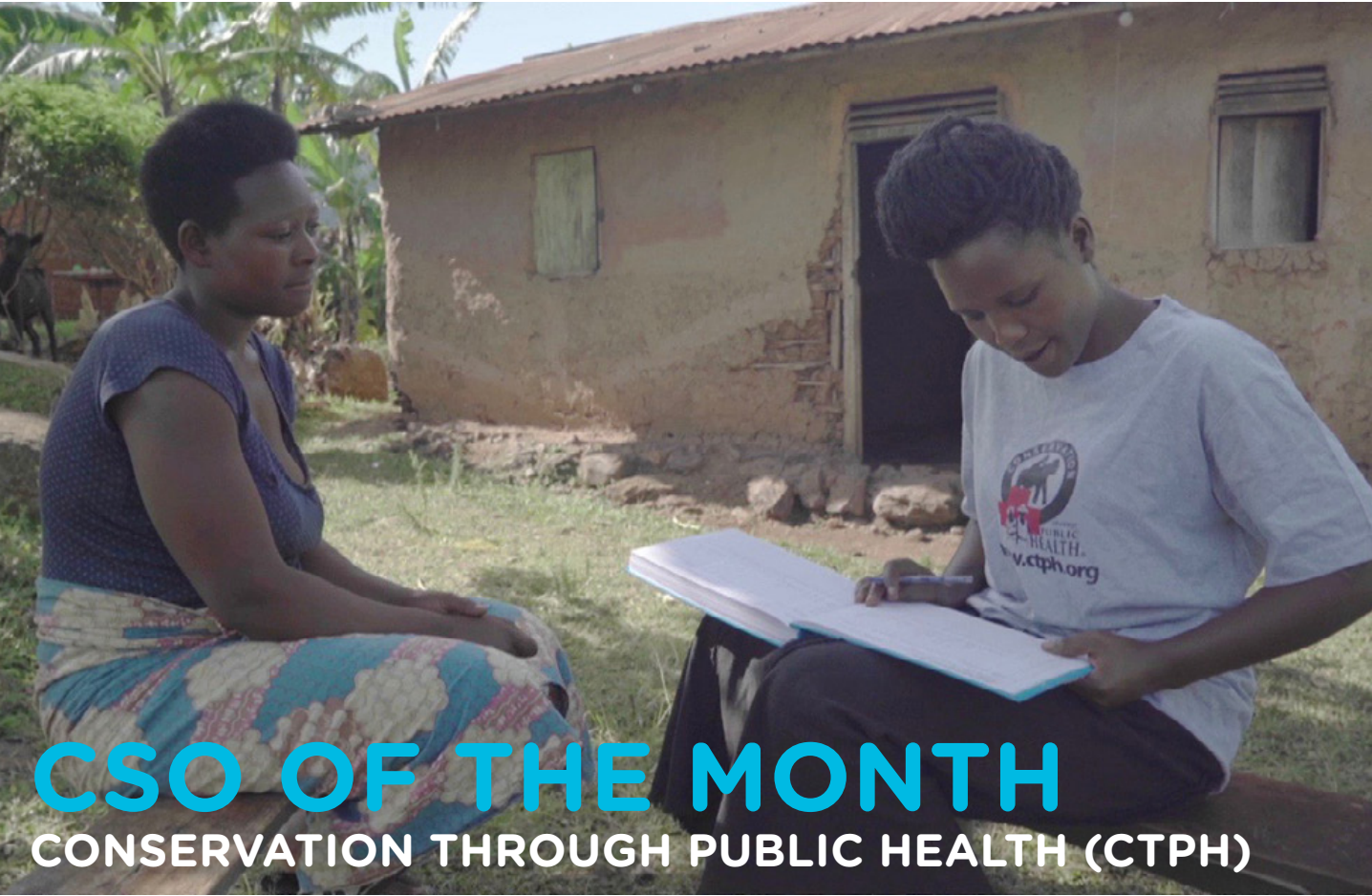
The event was moderated by Lucy Waruingi the Executive Director, African Conservation Centre (ACC) and Corridors Partnership Initiative (CoPI), Development Corridors Partnership (DCP). The panel comprised of Maxi Louis Director of the Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organizations (NASCO), Pauline Nantongo – Executive Director of Ecotrust, The Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda, Dr. Malan Lindeque – Executive Director, Resource Africa, UK and Edith Kahubire - Principal Social Safeguard and Compliance Officer, African Development Bank Group.



# FUN FACT (TEASER)



DYK? The 8th of March every year is observed as International Women’s Day which is celebrated across the world? This day is dedicated to celebrate women for their social, economical, political and cultural achievements.



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CONSERVATION THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH (CTPH)

CTPH is a Non-Governmental Organization that promotes biodiversity conservation by enabling people, gorillas and other wildlife to co-exist through improving their health and community livelihoods in and around Africa’s protected areas. CTPH was founded in 2003 after Dr. Gladys Kalema Zikusoka - who was working for the Uganda Wildlife Authority at as their first wildlife veterinarian led a team that traced a fatal scabies skin disease outbreak in the endangered mountain gorillas of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park to the surrounding communities.

Poor access to health services and limited livelihood opportunities led to poor health and wellbeing, and high levels of poverty, amongst the communities living in proximity to wildlife.

This put the endangered mountain gorillas at risk of zoonotic disease transmission and poaching, driven by poverty. It was evident that a single sector approach could not address the inextricable links between people, gorillas and other wildlife. For this reason, CTPH began implementing an integrated intervention using a multi-sectoral approach that improves the health and well-being of community members living around Africa’s protected areas, as well as conserving wildlife and reducing human-wildlife conflict.

CTPH has three integrated strategic programs which include; Wildlife Conservation which is wildlife health including gorilla health monitoring and wildlife disease surveillance through comparative pathogen analysis with people and livestock to understand pathways of transmission of disease and respond in a timely manner; ranger training in wildlife health monitoring

and management of tourists during visits to the gorillas; training community volunteers called Human and Gorilla Conflict resolution teams (HUGOs), or Gorilla Guardians, in gorilla health monitoring and safely herding gorillas from community land back to the park.

Community Health which focuses on establishment and training community volunteers called Village Health and Conservation Teams (VHCTs) to conduct household peer-to-peer behavior change communication, on key conservation, health, hygiene, and family planning issues as well as deliver services; and training community animal health workers to promote conservation.



Alternative Livelihoods in which Gorilla Conservation Coffee (a social enterprise of CTPH) supports smallholder coffee farmers living around Bwindi Impenetrable National Park to have a viable livelihood reducing their need to enter the park for food and firewood, decreasing threats to gorillas and their habitats. They are trained to grow premium or specialty coffee, which is bought above market price, and sold to tourists, and people living in Uganda as well as in other countries. Furthermore, a donation from every bag of coffee sold supports community health, gorilla health and conservation education programs of CTPH, enabling sustainable financing for conservation.



# #WEAREHERE CAMPAIGN

African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA) conducted a campaign titled #WeAreHere which aims to highlight and normalize successful African women in climate-focused industries, to overcome the negative bias associated with women in male-dominated spaces, to foster gender positivity and empower younger women to take up space in climate-focused industries. Inform and to educate the general public on the important role African women have played and continue to play in conservation and fighting climate change across industries.

The campaign was inspired by Esther Githinji's novel research recommendations on highlighting more successful African women in male-dominated, climate-related industries to reduce gender biases and improve outcomes regarding access to financial resources for such women.

## Objective of the campaign:

- Highlight and Normalize - The campaign seeks highlight and normalize successful African women in climate focused industries to overcome the negative bias associated with women in male dominated spaces,
- Foster and empower - by highlighting- successful African climate focus spaces, we hope to foster gender positivity and empower younger women to take space in climate focused industries
- Inform and Educate - Through telling the stories of African women in climate-focused spaces, we seek to inform the general public on the important role African women have placed and continue to play in migrating climate change.



## KEY UPDATES

- **08 March 2022:** Webinar: Best Practices in Gender and Biodiversity - Sharing Learning for a Sustainable Tomorrow, Online (Confirmed)
- **14 - 29 March 2022:** 24th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, Geneva Switzerland.
- **14 - 29 March 2022:** 3rd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, Geneva Switzerland.
- **14 - 29 March 2022:** 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Geneva Switzerland.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- International women's Day on the 8th of March 2022

