

**Regional Resource Hub Pavilion Programme
African Protected Areas Congress
Kigali, 18 – 23 July 2022**

The vision of the Regional Resource Hub (RRH) is to be a leading knowledge and resource hub (centre of excellence) that supports (local, national and regional) evidence-based decision making for fair and effective management and governance of protected areas and biodiversity and their link to sustainable development objectives.

The RRH serves 24 countries in the Eastern and Southern African (ESA) region and is hosted by the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), based in Nairobi, Kenya. The Hub compiles and analyses relevant data and provides information to support field interventions, policy dialogues and decision-making processes at local, national and regional levels. The ESA RRH offers information management systems and tools, capacity building, knowledge sharing products and communication activities aiming to reinforce the management effectiveness and governance of protected areas and surrounding communities in Eastern and Southern Africa region. The ESA RRH includes a Regional Reference Information System (RRIS) that is free, secure and built using open source technologies. It hosts a broad range of data that can be stored and used, such as field data, indicators, satellite imagery, maps, photos, surveys and documents.

The objectives of the RRH pavilion are to

- showcase and thus also enhance the use of the RRH services and tools
- improve the understanding of conservation actors and partners on the use of data, the determinants of data use, and the importance of data sharing and feedback and the context of decision-making.
- provide a platform for stakeholders from the ESA region to host events and discuss issues related to management effectiveness, governance and data use and analysis
- be a networking hub for ESA stakeholders working in and around protected and conserved areas
- link with the other two Regional Observatories (OFAC and OBAPAO) to facilitate continent-wide discourse on management effectiveness, governance and data use and analysis

Overview of Regional Resouce Hub Pavilion Programme

Morning sessions :

Time Slot	Tuesday, 19 July 2022	Wednesday, 20 July 2022	Thursday, 21 July 2022	Friday, 22 July 2022	Saturday, 23 July 2022
	Plenary high level opening	Informed decision making for a protected planet	Methodologies and tools to assess protected and conserved Areas	Value of Protected areas	Protected Areas related Networks
8:30 - 10:00	No formal Pavilion Agendas during the plenary high level opening	Paolo Roggeri: Making the case for evidence-based decision making - why data matters? (038-PCA-GOV)	Paolo Roggeri: Introducing IMET - a powerful Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME) tool (039-PCA-GOV); Introducing the "IMET automated Scaling up module" targeting PA networks (040-PCA-GOV)	Alain Liva RAHARIJAONA: Highlighting the value of protected areas in the economy (X30-041-PCA-GOV-SUF-LIVA)	TEAMS: developing a network of RRH ambassadors (BIOPAMA ESARO & RCMRD)
10:00-10:30	TEA BREAK				
10:30-12:00	No formal Pavilion Agendas during the plenary high level opening	How do assessments (PAME, PAGE, biodiversity, etc) inform site management and development plans for the landscape? Mark Gerrard, Chris Kelly and Kevin McCann (069-PCA-GOV) and Lucy Waruingi (X86) & facilitated discussion	IUCN/RRH: Tools and methodologies for PAME and PAGE (016-PCA-GOV): Sue Stolton (METT), Phil Franks (SAGE-SAPA-GAPA), Domoina (IMET)?	Peter Manyara (IUCN): Presenting the Blue Planet Hub – a dedicated portal for the marine environment	"African network of coaches for the Effective Management of Protected Areas" - BIOPAMA ESARO, RRH with PACO IUCN (and linking up to the francophone network of IMET Coaches.)
12:00 - 14:00	Free	Ngugi Kimani: Introducing the RRH and the value of regional knowledge platforms in tracking progress towards global biodiversity goals (029-PCA-GOV-STIK). Announcing Map Competition	Regional Observatories Exchange Event & launch of Map Competition (RRH, OBAPAO, OFAC, OFESA, Africa Geoportal, GMES & Africa)	Governance Fishbowl	Ngugi Kimani: Introducing the RRH and the value of regional knowledge platforms in tracking progress towards global biodiversity goals (029-PCA-GOV-STIK)

Afternoon session :

Time Slot	Tuesday, 19 July 2022	Wednesday, 20 July 2022	Thursday, 21 July 2022	Friday, 22 July 2022	Saturday, 23 July 2022
	Remote sensing, Earth Observation tools and technologies	Informed decision making for a protected planet	Methodologies and tools to assess PCAs	Data and information sharing	CLOSING SESSION
14:00 - 15:30	Insa Otte: Introducing the SALDi data cube (005-PCA-STIK) (confirmed)	Tariku Geda: Learning exchange on the use of RAPPAM to evaluate the status of the PAs in Ethiopia (017-PCA-GOV)	Michael Mole: ArcGIS Protected Area Management Solution: Addressing the Challenges of Monitoring Protected Areas (105-PCA-PEO-BIO)	Networking Event: Optimizing collection and use of data - engaging all portals and knowledge platforms on effective collaboration	CLOSING SESSION
	Andreas Brink: Present recent developments in Earth Observation products and dialogue with practitioners (008-PCA-STIK) (confirmed, poss pre-recorded)	Arthur Tuda/ WIOMSA / WIOMPAN: Using IMET to improve management effectiveness - practitioners insights (047-PCA-GOV)	Deo Kujirakwinja: Using SMART in African protected areas (X56)		CLOSING SESSION
		Harison Andriambelo: Using R-METT and IUCN's climate vulnerability assessment methodology to inform management of sites (014-BIO-CC)	Shauna Mahajan: Launching Elinor at the APAC - making natural resource management more transparent (068-PCA-GOV)		CLOSING SESSION
15:30 - 16:00	TEA BREAK				
	Protected Areas related Networks	Informed decision making for a protected planet	Methodologies and tools to assess PCAs	Methodologies and tools to assess PCAs	
16:00-17:30	Enabling fair and effective protected and conserved areas: 1) Co-management of PCAs stakeholder network (X25) 2) Supporting effective funding flows - the African Nature-Based Tourism Platform (035-PCA-PEO-BIO-SUF)	From Knowledge to Action– how BIOPAMA grantees are addressing priorities for conservation across the region and the RRH is providing updated information to inform actions (Event targeting engagement between BIOPAMA stakeholder and EUD/OACPS)	Andrea Dekrout: Introducing a tool to identify opportunities for the establishment or improvement of TBCAs (017-PCA-GOV-STIK)	Networking Event: Tools discussion: informal session for all presenters of tools to engage with interested parties - also showing how the tools are different/similar, how they fit into the GL pathway	
18:00-18:30	PANORAMA clinic: PCA solutions for poverty alleviation, food security and employment	PANORAMA clinic: PCA solutions for tackling climate change	PANORAMA clinic: PCA solutions for gender equality (17:30 – 18:30)	TEAM and other RRH Stakeholders Social (18h00 until late)	
19:00		IUCN Members Networking event	SOS Grantees meet & greet		

RRH Pavilion programme with Abstracts

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

14h00 – 14h30	Introducing the SALDi data cube	005-PCA-STIK	Insa Otte, University of Würzburg
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Abstract :

Presentation of the SALDi Data Cube to a broad conservation audience. By receiving various perspectives and the feedback of important decision makers we are not only offering a tool for efficient decision making but also capture the opportunity to customized analysis-ready-data for suiting the explicit needs of various user groups.

Analyzing and interpreting remote sensing data is nowadays indispensable for decision making in the broader context of conservation and protected areas. This could be a challenging task for non-remote sensing experts. Our SALDi data cube tries to offer a solution for this discrepancy as it provides analysis-ready earth observation data.

14h30 – 15h30	Earth Observation for protected areas monitoring and management	008-PCA-STIK	Andreas Brink (JRC), Quentin Jungers (OFAC)
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Abstract :

Earth Observation (EO) can provide a wide range of products in support to the monitoring and management of protected areas (PA). In particular the Copernicus program provides not only free available Sentinel images, but also operational services addressing a wide variety of users. Stakeholders in the field (from local users to regional partners and international organizations) are sometimes challenged by the ever growing amount of data and possibilities of use. A continuous dialogue is required between the EO community and the practitioners in the field in order to understand user needs on the one hand and optimize product usage on the other side. Regional observatories, such as the Central Africa Forest Observatory (OFAC) (and the Regional Resource Hub), play a key role for disseminating and supporting PA managers in the use of satellite imagery and products in support of the management.

16h00 – 17h00	PA co-management agreements – network of stakeholders	X25-099-PCA- GOV	Mwape Sichilongo
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Abstract :

This session aims to create an active network of organizations and stakeholders across Africa that are committed to PA co-management agreements, at exchanging lessons learned and providing new perspectives that will support improved understanding, innovation, and engagement for African PAs. This is especially critical as the value of PAs is increasing in contributing to biodiversity conservation and climate change resilience while public investment in PAs continues to decline. In the meantime, partnership in PA management is already a key ingredient in effective protected area management. We will share examples from the Kafue Flats and other protected areas in Zambia and Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique, and additional examples from session participants involved in PA co-management efforts elsewhere.

17h00 – 18h00	Supporting effective funding flows - the African Nature-Based Tourism Platform	035-PCA-PEO- BIO-SUF	Nikhil Advani (WWF)
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Abstract :

The COVID-19 crisis has crippled economies and industries all over the world, and nature-based tourism has been one of the leading economic casualties. For many Southern and Eastern African countries, this means a significant loss of funding for their conservation operations, local community livelihoods, and tourism enterprises. In response, with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the African Nature-Based Tourism Platform will connect funders to beneficiaries most in need of funding support, by facilitating access to COVID-19 relief and recovery funding for communities, nature-based tourism enterprises, and conservation areas in southern and eastern Africa, and building the longer-term resilience of the sector. Learn more at <https://naturebasedtourism.africa/>

18h00 – 18h30	PANORAMA clinic : Protected and conserved area solutions for poverty alleviation, food security and employment	invited	Aissa Traore
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Abstract :

This session will provide a general introduction to PANORAMA as a knowledge resource with a live demo of the web platform. We will also present results of solution synthesis, as well as relevant examples of African solutions, based on the publication “Solutions for development challenges”: Protected and conserved area solutions for poverty alleviation, food security and employment

Wednesday, 20 July 2022

08h30 – 10h00	Making the case for evidence-based decision making - why data matters?	038-PCA-GOV	Paolo Roggeri (JRC)
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Abstract :

The EU-funded IntraACP11 Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme assists protected areas and national services’ managers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in addressing their conservation priorities and challenges. Through a set of tools (IMET, PAME Analysis Reports, Marxan, etc.) and services based on the integration of bottom-up (field data) and top-down information including Earth Observation products, this session highlights the key importance of information, of knowledge-management and of knowledge-sharing in enhancing planning, management and monitoring effectiveness and capacities.

10h30 – 12h00	How do assessments (PAME, PAGE, biodiversity, etc) inform site management and development plans for the landscape?	069-PCA-GOV; X86	Mark Gerrard, Chris Kelly and Kevin McCann ; Lucy Waruingi
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Abstract :

This session will showcase examples and discuss how evidence-based information (in the form of PAME/PAGE assessments, biodiversity monitoring, surveys) is informing site management and planning as well as landscape development planning (esp infrastructure).

12h00 – 14h00	Introducing the RRH and the value of regional knowledge platforms in tracking progress towards global biodiversity goals ; announcing the Map Competition (see lunch event on Thursday)	029-PCA-GOV-STIK	Ngugi Kimani
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Abstract :

The Regional Resource Hub (RRH) is a powerful knowledge and information resource for professionals and decision-makers in the 24 countries of the Eastern and southern African region, as well as for the four Regional Economic Communities that are within this region. In this session, participants will gain a better understanding of this resource, in particular in relation to the post 2020 targets that are currently being negotiated, and what tools and services it offers on the topics of management effectiveness and governance.

14h00 – 15h30	How do PAME assessments inform decisions at site and national level – three examples from the region (Ethiopia - RAPPAM, Kenya & Tanzania MPAs - IMET, Madagascar Ramsar sites – R-METT)	017-PCA-GOV ; 047-PCA-GOV ; 014-BIO-CC	Tariku Geda (EBI) ; Arthur Tuda (WIOMSA) ; Harison Andriambelo (WWT)
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Abstract :

This session will highlight how the information from site assessments is used to inform decision-making, both at site level, but also at national level. Three different types of PAME tools were used (RAPPAM, IMET and R-METT) and the results used in a variety of ways : In Ethiopia, the RAPPAM is informing priorities across the network of protected areas, in Kenya and Tanzania that IMETs have informing site level actions, as well as a national strategy for MPA management and in Madagascar, the R-METT outputs have informed a national wetlands strategy.

16h00 – 18h00	From Knowledge to Action – Linking the Regional Resource Hub to the Action on the ground – meeting the RRH team and the BIOPAMA grantees, highlighting impact and	invited	BIOPAMA AC Grantees ; RCMRD (RRH) ; EU Delegations
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	progress in effectiveness and governance of protected and conserved areas		
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Abstract :

In this session, BIOPAMA Action Component grantees briefly discuss the outcomes and impacts of their projects. The BIOPAMA AC aims to improve management effectiveness and governance in protected and conserved areas across the Eastern and Southern African region. In addition, the RRH will present its role in providing up to date information on PACs in the region, creating the link between data and information and action on the ground. The session also provides an opportunity for grantees to engage directly with the EU Delegations in the region.

18h00 – 18h30	PANORAMA clinic : Protected and conserved area solutions for tackling climate change	invited	Aissa Traore
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Thursday, 21 July 2022

08h30 – 10h00	Introducing IMET and IMET scaling-up tools - a powerful Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME) tool for individual sites and PA networks	039-PCA-GOV 040-PCA-GOV	Paolo Roggeri
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Abstract :

The Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool (IMET) is a software application that allows collecting, structuring, and organizing a vast set of information to guide management decisions. Initially conceived to support protected areas managers in their fieldwork and in their dialogue

with the national services (HQs), it is now widely recognized and adopted in Africa. The participants will have a unique opportunity “to play” with IMET, hands-on, and to discover its new feature, the “IMET automated scaling-up tool”, a decision-support system relying on a computerized statistical process and on visualization tools exploiting results of IMET assessments from different protected areas to perform comparisons and analysis at protected areas system level.

10h30 – 12h00	IUCN/RRH: Tools and methodologies for PAME and PAGE	016-PCA-GOV	Sue Stolton (METT), Phil Franks (SAGE-SAPA-GAPA), Domoina (IMET)
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Abstract :

Global targets are placing more emphasis on ensuring that protected and conserved areas are achieving their objective of conserving biodiversity **fairly and effectively**. This training will introduce briefly the concepts of ‘fair and effective’ protected and conserved areas and the ways in which to assess this. We will then introduce participants to a variety of tools available to assess progress on governance and management effectiveness, including IMET and METT for management effectiveness as well as SAGE, SAPA and GAPA for governance and equity. Participants can expect to better understand what tools they can use to assess governance and effectiveness and identify gaps and priorities for action to achieve fair and effective areas.

12h00 – 14h00	Regional Observatories Exchange Event & launch of Map Competition	invited	RRH, OBAPAO, OFAC, OFESA, Africa Geoportal, GMES & Africa
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Abstract :

In this session, the three Regional Observatories will launch a map competition to raise awareness of the need for accurate data, good maps and clear analyses, as well as encouraging countries to collate their existing data into portals to allow wider access. In addition, the session will also allow the three existing Regional Observatories for Protected and Conserved Areas in Africa to exchange and engage on common approaches and challenges.

14h00 – 14h30	ArcGIS Protected Area Management Solution: Addressing the Challenges of Monitoring Protected Areas	105-PCA-PEO-BIO	Michael Mole, M.A.P Scientific Services, South Africa
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Abstract :

Overcoming the ecological, social, and economic challenges inside and outside the boundaries of Protected and Conserved Areas (P&CAs) requires evidence-based adaptive management. The large size, complexity, and lack of resources for P&CAs limits the ability of management to assess the effectiveness of adaptive management actions aimed at addressing these challenges. Geospatial technology can help overcome these limitations by providing managers with the necessary tools for actionable near-real-time monitoring and reporting.

The ArcGIS Protected Area Management Solution (PAM) addresses the diverse challenges of monitoring P&CAs. The intuitive tool allows users to rapidly configure data collection, analyses, and reporting workflows. Workflows include real-time asset and wildlife tracking, law enforcement and anti-poaching, wildlife and ecology, community outreach programs, as well as monitoring deforestation and wildfires. Here, we showcase examples where PAM has been successfully implemented in Africa.

14h30 – 15h00	Using SMART in African Protected Areas	X56	Deo Kujirakwinja
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Abstract :

The effectiveness of the management of protected areas is dependent on how managers use technology and adapt their strategies to local context based on existing and updated information. To date, about 1000 sites in 70 countries use SMART for the management of their protected areas. In Africa, there are some countries that have been using SMART for about ten years with positive impact on the management of their protected areas. For most of these countries, SMART is used at site level and coordinated at national level. As such, SMART responds to practical questions (site level) and political questions (national) related to the effectiveness of protected area management. Using SMART, protected area managers have been able to assess their efforts, understand the threats and their distribution as well as the abundance and the distribution of wildlife in their areas and adjust their management interventions accordingly. This session will be used to share experience (success and challenges) about the use of SMART in the African protected areas and learn how some countries have been able to implement SMART.

15h00 – 15h30	Using data on equitable governance and management to inform conservation decision-making: Introducing the Elinor tool and data system	068-PCA-GOV	Shauna Mahajan (WWF); Lenice Ojwang (CORDIO East Africa)
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Abstract :

In this session, we will introduce Elinor, a new management and governance assessment tool and database designed to store, aggregate, and visualize data on environmental governance and management locally and globally. We will share the history of the tool, how it was developed, and how it will achieve its ultimate goal of helping conservation practitioners and policymakers make evidence-informed decisions.

16h00 – 17h30	A New a tool to for the inventory of protected areas and the identification of potential trans-boundary conservation Areas	017-PCA-GOV-STIK	Andrea Dekrout (UNEP-CMS) ; Nina Bhola (UNEP-WCMC)
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Abstract :

Globally there is a need to improve and increase the network of protected areas. To achieve this, countries require support to coordinate protected areas management and to identify locations that offer opportunities to add to the conservation estate. Significant conservation gains can be achieved through establishing means for collaboration and coordination across geopolitical boundaries. Benefits include the potential to increase the scale of individual protected and conserved areas through joining with others, the potential to enhance connectivity between adjacent protected areas, and even the potential to reduce management costs. UNEP-WCMC, in collaboration with Secretariat for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species, have developed a tool to identify and create an inventory of existing protected areas that are spatially adjacent across country boundaries. The new tool will be presented, and the audience will be encouraged to give feedback on its further development.

18h00 – 18h30	PANORAMA clinic : Protected and conserved area solutions for gender equality	invited	Aissa Traore
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Abstract :

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Friday, 22 July 2022

08h30 – 10h00	Economic value of protected areas in Africa: the challenges (in French)	X30-041-PCA-GOV-SUF-LIVA	Alain Liva RAHARIJAONA
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Abstract :

In many countries, the value of protecting areas is being questioned. Voices are being raised about the priority that should be given to other economic activities such as agriculture or mining. In 2021, FAPBM (Madagascar Biodiversity and Protected Areas Fund), in collaboration with Madagascar National Parks, commissioned a study "The Economic Contribution of Madagascar's Protected Areas", which demonstrates the importance of protected areas at the local, national and global levels. The session would be an opportunity to explain the issues involved in calculating the economic value of protected areas. This calculation would show that people would gain more by protecting a forest than by destroying it.

10h30 – 12h00	Complimentary Information Platforms: 1) Presenting the Blue Planet Hub – a dedicated portal for the marine environment; 2) Introducing OFESA – the Eastern African Forest Observatory	invited	Peter Manyara (IUCN) ; RCMRD
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Abstract :

1) The Blue Planet Hub (BPH) is a web portal that responds to the need of the region and its partners to support the development of a sustainable, inclusive and resilient blue economy where marine and coastal conservation constitute its key pillar. The BPH catalyses knowledge production and capacity building efforts in the region to enhance effective marine and coastal

conservation at scale. It creates easy access to relevant data, publications and tools to enable sound, effective and informed decision-making and enhance management effectiveness and governance from field managers up to high-level decision makers at national and regional levels. In this session, we provide a short overview of the BPH and what it offers the region and solicit feedback and suggestions on further developments.

2) The **East and Southern Africa Forest Observatory (OFESA)** provides a platform for sharing, exchanging, and accessing data and information related to East and Southern Africa's forests. The objective of the observatory is to produce a comprehensive and harmonized regional dataset on the latest trends and threats to forests, and to make information useful and easily accessible to policymakers, funders, forestry practitioners and citizens. By informing decision-making, OFESA supports five countries in the region – Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda – to meet their climate and environment targets, including the Paris Agreement and AFR 100. In this session, the OFESA team will present more details about the project and demonstrate available information and services.

12h00 – 14h00	Governance Fishbowl – conversations between community representatives across the region	invited	IUCN (with Burunge WMA, OI Pejeta, NRT and others)
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Abstract :

This session will have two parts - Fishbowl 1 will focus on the issue of stakeholder engagement, simulating a discussion between the PA management authority and a community stakeholder to clarify roles in the PCA and how they might each contribute to decision making. In Fishbowl 2, three actors (PCA mandated manager, community member and NGO) simulate a discussion on planning for the area – how it is done, who needs to be involved and why, etc Both Fishbowl sessions are intended to portray common scenarios and inspire discussion on how these specific issues are solved in other areas.

14h00 – 15h30	Networking Event : Optimizing collection and use of data – engaging other portals and knowledge platforms on effective collaboration; Presenting the RRH Map Competition	invited	RCMRD, OFAC, African Nature-based tourism platform, etc
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Abstract :

This session is a networking event for organisations and individuals that develop and manage data and information platforms. The intention is to allow an exchange on approaches and develop closer links between networks to optimize data collection and sharing and minimize duplications. During the session, the RRH Map competition will also be presented.

16h00 – 17h30	Networking Event : Tools for assessing management, governance, conservaiton outcomes, etc	invited	JRC, WWF, IIED, etc
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Abstract :

This session is an informal networking session for all presenters of tools to engage with interested parties and each other on how the tools are different/similar, how they fit into the GL pathway, what specific topics they target, what synergies exist between different tools, etc. The intention is to allow an exchange on approaches and develop closer links between individuals and organisations to optimize data collection and sharing and minimize duplications.

18h00 – 20h00	Social : RRH partners and stakeholders – networking and celebrating the RRH	invited	RCMRD and RRH stakeholders and partners
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Abstract :

This is a social event with snacks and drinks to celebrate the partners and stakeholders of the RRH and allow a relaxed engagement and networking. The RRH is a platform that connects a variety of stakeholders and partners and we want to thank all of them for their support and engagement in the RRH through this small event.

Saturday, 23 July 2022

10h30 – 12h00	Network of coaches for fair and effective management of protected areas	invited	BIOPAMA ESA and PACO
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Abstract :

This is a targeted event for Coaches : the session will begin with a presentation of the West African Network of Coaches and then discuss how the Eastern and Southern African region might join this network and how this network might remain active – across the continent and / or in sub-regions.

Optional, depending on interest. This is a repeat of the session from Wednesday, 20 July 2022

12h00 – 14h00	<i>Introducing the RRH and the value of regional knowledge platforms in tracking progress towards global biodiversity goals</i>	029-PCA-GOV-STIK	Ngugi Kimani
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