

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL /
NATURAL PARKS AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN AFRICA
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, ACCRA, 2-6 APRIL 2007**

1. CONFERENCE DAILY PROGRAMME

**1.1. DAY 1: PLENARY SESSION – MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS
AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION**

Co-ordination: Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and University of Ghana Business School (UGBS)

MORNING SESSION: 09.00 – 12.30 HOURS

- Welcome of Participants: *Prof. Clifford Nii Boi Tagoe, Vice-Chancellor of University of Ghana (UG) and Prof. Dr. Luc Hens, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)*
- Introduction of Conference: *Prof. Kwame A. Domfeh, University of Ghana Business School (UGBS)*
- **Key Note Address 1:** National Environmental Policies: How Neglected are National Parks?: *Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment, Ghana*
- **Key Note Address 2:** The Convention on Biodiversity Programme and the Management of Protected Areas and National Parks in Africa: *Mr. Trevor Sandwith, IUCN/WCPA Vice-Chairperson for Southern Africa*
- Environmental Leadership and Management of National Parks: Theory versus Reality: *Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Boon, UGBS/VUB/ICED*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

COCOA / COFFEE / TEA BREAK: 11.00 – 11.20

- National Parks and Biodiversity Conservation as Instruments for Poverty Reduction: *Prof. Dr. Luc Hens and Mr. Jean Hugé, VUB*
- Sacred and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas: *Mr. Gonzalo Oviedo, IUCN-Switzerland*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

Chairperson: Prof. Yaa Ntiamoah, University of Ghana

LUNCH BREAK: 12.30 – 13.30 HOURS

AFTERNOON SESSION: 13.30 – 16.30 HOURS

- Conservation and Management of Wildlife in National Parks: *Drs. Davis Barasa*
- Conservation and Management of Habitats and Landscapes of National Parks and Forest Reserves: *Mr. John Mason, NCRC*

Chairperson: Prof. A.L Hammett, Virginia Tech, USA

END OF DAY 1: 16.30 HOURS

1.2. DAY 2: FIELD VISIT TO KANKUM NATIONAL PARK AND ELMINA CASTLE

Co-ordination: University of Ghana Business School and the VUB.

1.2.1. Travel by Coach to Cape Coast and Field Visit 08.00 – 17.30

- Case Study of Kakum National Park and Resource Requirement: From Conception to Delivery: *Okyeame Ampadu, Conservation International*
- Eco-tourism, National Parks and Biodiversity Conservation: *Mr. Kwaku Boakye, University of Cape Coast, Ghana*
- Case Studies on the Role of National Parks in Biodiversity Conservation in Ghana: *Wildlife Division, Ghana*
- Protecting the African Lions: *Francesco Maria Angelici, Italian Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, Rome*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. E.C. Quaye, University of Cape Coast

END OF DAY 2: 17.30 HOURS

1.3. DAY 3: PLENARY SESSION CONTINUES:

Co-ordination: University of Ghent and University of Ghana Business School.

- Resettlement Issues and Development Strategies for Kalakpa Resource Reserve: *Theo Van Sluis, SNV-Ghana*
- The Role of Major Groups in the Management of National Parks and Biodiversity Conservation: *Prof. Kwame A. Domfeh, UGBS, Legon*
- Communication and Outreach Programme for Biodiversity Conservation in Forest Reserves and National Parks: *Ms Patience Agyare-Kwabi, ICED, Ghana*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

COCOA / COFFEE / TEA BREAK: 11.00 – 11.20

- Partnerships, Networking and Biodiversity: West African Priorities for WCPA.: *Mr. Brice Sinsin, IUCN/WCPA Vice-Chairperson for West Africa*
- Participatory Mapping and Environmental conservation in Western Africa: the SIGAP Strategy: *Dr. Federica Burini and Prof. Emanuela Casti, Italy*
- Water Resources and the Management of National Parks: *Dr. Jacob W. Tumbulto, Burkina Faso*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Patrick Van Damme, University of Gent, Belgium

LUNCH BREAK: 12.30 – 13.30 HOURS

- Bush Fires and the Management of National Parks: *Mr. Paul Ougadro, Burkina Faso*
- Building Human and Institutional Capacity for Effective Management of National Parks: *Prof. Dr. Han Verscure, KULeuven, Belgium*
- Monitoring the Effectiveness of Protected Areas in Africa: *Mr. John Grainger/ Mr Dan Paleczny, IUCN Mediterranean office (North Africa).*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

Chairperson: Mr. J.E Otoo, Ghana Forestry Commission

1.3. DAY 4: PARALLEL SESSIONS:

Co-ordination: KULeuven , University of Ghent and University of Ghana Business School.

09-12.00 HOURS: AFRICAN SUB-REGIONAL CASE STUDIES

- Experiences of Central Africa: *Drs. Charles Eyong, University of Bonn, Germany*
- Experiences of East Africa: *Dr. Julius Kipn'etich, Kenyan Wildlife Service*
- Experiences of Southern Africa: *Dr. Noyoo Ndangwa and Dr. Stephen Holness*
- Experiences of West Africa: *Prof. Yaa Ntiamoa, WWF*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

Chairperson: Mr. Brice Sinsin, IUCN/WCPA Vice-Chair for West Africa

COCOA / COFFEE / TEA BREAK: 11.00 – 11.20

11.00 – 12.30 HOURS: AFRICAN NATIONAL CASE STUDIES

- Kenya: *Dr. Kambona Oscar Ouma-Maseno University, Kenya / Drs. Davis Barasa, Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College, UK*
- Botswana: *Ms. Lebogang Seitshiro, Botswana*
- Ghana: *Drs. Albert Ahenkan and Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Boon, VUB / ICED*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

LUNCH BREAK: 12.30 – 14.00 HOURS

14.00 – 16.00: OTHER NATIONAL CASE STUDIES

- Experience from South America: *Mr. Gonzalo Oviedo, IUCN-Switzerland*
- Brazil: *Prof. Dr. Frenando Pires, Oswaldo Cruz Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*
- Belgium: Management of National Parks: From Plant Biodiversity to Domestication for sustainable development: *Prof Dr. Patrick Van Damme, University of Gent, Belgium*
- Russia: *Dr. Maxim Sinitsyn*
- United States: *Prof. A.L. Hammett, Virginia Tech, USA*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Patrick Van Damme, University of Gent, Belgium

END OF DAY 4

1.4. DAY 5: PARALLEL SESSIONS:

Co-ordination: KULeuven, University of Ghent and University of Ghana Business School.

08.30-10.00 HOURS: CASE STUDIES ON THE EXPERIENCES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- Experiences of the *European Union: NN*
- Experiences of *IUCN: IUCN West Africa NN*
- Implications of the Kyoto Protocol for the Management of National Parks: *Mr. Robert Bamfo, Forestry Commission, Ghana*
- Experiences of *UNESCO: NN*
- Experiences of the *World Bank: Edward F. Dwumfour*
- Experiences of *WWF: Prof Yaa Ntiamoah/ Dr. P.J Stephenson*
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis*

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Luc Hens, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

COCOA / COFFEE / TEA BREAK: 11.00 – 11.20

10.20 – 12.30 HOURS: FIELD TRIP TO WLI WATERFALLS

- Packed Lunch
- Visit to Wli Waterfalls
- Visit to Mount Afadjato
- Stay over in Hohoe
- Round Table: Case Studies on the Role of National Parks in Biodiversity Conservation
- *Rapporteur and Synthesis.*

Chairperson: Hon John Peter Amewu, DCE Hohoe

1.5 CONFERENCE EVALUATION AND CLOSING CEREMONY

Co-ordination: Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and University of Ghana Business School (UGBS)

- Reporting and Synthesis
- Conference Evaluation
- Conference Communiqué
- Closing Ceremony and Refreshments
- End of Conference and Departure

Chairperson: Prof Dr. Han Verschure, Katholiek Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

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