

African Symposium's Wildlife Conservation in Africa forum to launch this month

The African Symposium's inaugural forum on Wildlife Conservation in Africa is launching on Tuesday, 3 March on the United Nations designated World Wildlife Day. The forum will take place at the Rubin Museum of Art in New York and will focus on opportunities for the African diaspora community and friends to play a more active, engaged and visible role.



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Lazarus O. Amayo, ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Kenya; Valentine Rugwabiza, ambassador of Rwanda to the UN; and Jean-Claude do Rego, ambassador of Benin to the UN will be making opening remarks along with Dr Djibril Diallo, CEO of The African Renaissance and Diaspora Network, as the moderator.

Speakers include Angela Grimes of Born Free USA; Lexi Bowes-Lyon of Space for Giants; Edwin Tamba of African Wildlife Foundation; Alexandra Mor, jewelry designer; Esther Agbarakwe, Nigerian climate change activist; Fleurie LeClercq, children's book author, NDE Media Group; Zigi Ben-Haim, showcasing The Magnificent Dozen: Endangered Animals paintings; Dr David O'Connor, permanent observer of IUCN to the UN; and Dr Dale Jamieson, director, NYU Center for Environmental & Animal Protection, and The Same S Foundation.

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 3 March as World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora, and to recognise the intrinsic value of wildlife and its various contributions to sustainable development and human well-being.