

The Rufford Conference Report



129 conservationists from 8 countries in one place

Kenya, 2018

RUFFORD SMALL GRANTS CONFERENCE IN KENYA

"Connect for Nature Conservation"

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Nairobi, Kenya*



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I want to thank also all the participants especially the fellow RSG Recipients who moderated and rapportuered different conference sessions namely:

Mr. Cosmas Nzilili

Mr. Iregi Mwenja

Dr. David Mirera

Mrs. Nancy Awuor

Dr. Fanuel Kawaka

Mr. Joseph Serugo

Jennifer Wanying

Once Again Thank You!

Alphonse Karenzi

The RSG Conference Organizer

I. BACKGROUND

In 2012, Rufford Foundation had its first conference in Nepal. And due to the success of this, the trustees felt that there was a need for more direct communication between the grant recipients. They recognised that very often researchers work in isolation but these conferences provide a forum to discuss ideas, problems, solutions, issues at hand and create invaluable networking opportunities. It is in that respect that the Rufford Foundation funded this East African Regional Conference of the RSG Recipients which held at the National Museum of Nairobi, Kenya, from 1st to 2nd December 2018.

II. THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZER'S TESTIMONY

I, Karenzi Alphonse, am a very grateful RSG Recipient who has successfully implemented five RSG projects and organised four Rufford Conferences: the first conference in Rwanda in 2014, the second in Ghana in 2016, the third in Uganda in January 2018 and this last one in December 2018 in Kenya.

“Achieved my persistent goal”

From the beginning, it has been my desire to successfully implement all the five Rufford Small Grants and gratefully I'm finalising my completion grant. I have very much enjoyed my ten years journey with the Rufford Foundation and the five RSG enabled me get several other opportunities and bigger grants including the UNDP Global Environment Facility of USD50,000 in 2012 and international recognitions including; officially representing my country in different international meetings and winning the 2nd price of the World Bank Connect4Climate Competition 2011 in South Africa.

“What should I do now?”

Though I have achieved my goal of implementing all the 5 RSGs, I still want to be part of the Rufford Foundation experience, yet I'm no longer able to apply for more grants. What should I do now? I'm not alone in this situation. At least I have met several RSG alumni who asked the same question. Again on the other hand, several emails and phone calls, that I receive from early stage RSG Recipients/ applicants seeking advice, show me how the sharing of ideas and experience among the RSG Recipients is so much needed.

“More conferences please!!”

So, for me and other fellow Alumni to be able to continue being part of the Rufford Foundation success and share our experience, **we need more conferences**. Also for the early stage RSG Recipients/ applicants to learn, share experience, and have useful contacts, **they need more conferences**. Therefore, all the RSG Recipients need more conferences. I believe I can serve as a good example of how attending RSG conferences and getting in direct communication with fellow Recipients can help someone succeed in any environment. For instance; the Rwanda RSG Conference 2014 enabled me to connect with fellow Recipients: Dr. Steven Bagambe and Mr. David Nkwanga who later became handy for my organization work to expand to Uganda. The Uganda Conference 2018 put me in touch with Dr. Margret Awuor Owuor who became my primary contact and helped me organize this very successful conference in Nairobi.

As I said during the opening of the Kenya conference, the Rufford Foundation has not only been a funding organization, but through the conferences, become a global family and a

source of great inspirations, ideas and contact persons from 157 countries in one place www.rufford.org.

III. THE CONFERENCE THEME AND MAIN OBJECTIVES

This conference had “Connect for Nature Conservation” as its theme and two main objectives which were achieved through group discussions and presentations, entertainment, and national park excursion. The following are the two conference objectives:

1. To enhance the direct communication and partnership between the regional RSG recipients by providing a forum for them to know each other, discuss ideas and issues; share the best practices and strengthen the regional RSG network;
2. To promote and celebrate the role that the Rufford Foundation plays in supporting conservation at local, national and international level.

IV. THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

This conference brought together 129 people from 8 countries namely: Burundi, Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia and United Kingdom. More details of the participants are in the Annex Section of this report.

V. THE CONFERENCE BRIEF NARRATIVE

DAY ONE

This was the first day of the conference. The participants seemed excited and looking forward to the start. The day started with the registration of the participants guided by the conference organisers. **The RSG Director Josh Cole** was among the first participants to enter into the auditorium.

Introduction of Participants, a session chaired by Mr. Iregi Mwenja and Rapportured by Mr. Joseph Serugo



Because of a big number of participants it was impossible for every participant to introduce him/herself. So the participants' introduction was done by their countries of origin and eight (8) countries were present where Kenya as a host country had a big number of participants.

After the introduction, Alphonse Karenzi as the organiser welcomed the participants and recognised the people who helped organise the conference especially Dr. Margret Awuor Owuor. He also briefly shared his experience and appreciation to the Rufford Foundation. "The Rufford Foundation is not only a funding organization but, through the conferences, has become a global family too" He said.

Entertainment by the Talents For Nature Dancing Group



Talents For Nature dancing a Kenyan hit song in Kinyarwanda traditional style - creativity that amazed many

Between every two sessions, the participants enjoyed a mix of live band music (East-african favourite songs) and traditional dances by the Talents For Nature. This group from Rwanda has been educating communities in Rwanda and Uganda about the environmental policies and innovatively communicating the conservation research findings using music and community entertainments. They surprised the participants with the **Rufford Foundation song in both Swahili and English Language**. You can get this song together with this report on www.rufford.org.

Officially opening the conference

Government officials, including **the National Director for Environment and Natural Resources** and **the Nairobi County Executive Director for Environment**, were expected to honour this conference session. Unfortunately they eventually failed to attend due to the county environment community service on the same day. However, **Dr. Paul Webala, the Director of Research at Maasai Mara University**, regionally recognised wildlife biologist, professor and researcher was present and officially opened the conference. Being also RSG Recipient, Dr Paul expressed his appreciation to the Rufford Foundation for funding

numerous projects in Kenya and for the great work that the RSG Recipients are doing around the world. He later shared an interesting presentation on his RSG research on birds.



Dr. Paul Webala giving his RSG project presentation

Presentation Sessions chaired by Dr. David Mirera and Rapporteured by Nancy A. Oduor

This session involved presentations from RSG grantees sharing their experience in conducting research projects funded by the Rufford Foundation. The presentations were moderated by Dr. Mirera who ushered in the presenters and explained the expectations of the presentations which was to take 10 minutes and have 10 slides for each presenter followed by a 10 minutes Q & A session at the end of the presentations.

The first presentation was given by Mr. Christopher Chesire a forester from Kenya, who presented a Rufford Funded project that he used for his MSc. thesis entitled '*Resilience of Kenyan Forests to Human Pressures*'. The component of Forest evaluation was funded by the Rufford Foundation, which he explained how the support impacted on his work by enabling him to involve local communities as well as create networks with people working on conservation. He however, pointed out that the funds are limited hence only few people could be accommodated as very few people are also willing to volunteer. The presenter also said that there is need for striking a balance between community needs and conservation in order for the projects to be successful. He recommended that some projects should be given lengthy time therefore The Rufford Foundation need to extend their support and also the need to conduct follow-up for RSG recipients.

Second Presentation was given by Mr. Richard Olwa from Uganda, who worked on the topic '*Promoting recovery of endangered fish species in Uganda*'. The presentation involved different threats facing fisheries and the working site which was two lakes including L. Kanyanja lake and involved the local communities and different stakeholders like fisheries officers. He explained that through the work they have been able to create 'no take zones', increased fish population and created healthier habitats for the endangered fish species and looking forward to expand the work to other lakes in Uganda through the support of Trust Fund (Rain Forest Trust Fund). The presenter recommended the registration of Fish Management Communities as CBOs.

David Ngatia from Kenya was the next presenter who talked about '*Wild dogs, Domestic dogs and Rabies Virus*'. David works on the topic to promote conservation of world carnivores with his work based in Laikipia, Kenya. He explained that there is need to integrate communities needs with conservation and he works with domestic dogs because they are key reserves for viruses and diseases which can cause a lot of deaths to wild animals, a case of Serengeti in 1994 animal kills. His work involved spatial clusters of domestic dogs, threats of rabies including human deaths, and solutions like dog vaccination, working with government to create awareness, protecting people, livestock and wildlife from rabies, and conducting more research on rabies and dog survey.

The fourth presenter was Alfian Rija from Tanzania that talked about '*Spatial Patterns of poaching and the impact in the Serengeti national park*'. The presentation covered areas of poaching, drivers and impact of poaching and ways of tackling poaching problem in the park.



Alfian presenting in auditorium

A presentation was then made by Gilbert Abuga, from Kenya who is currently working on a Rufford funded project entitled '*Mwache Mangrove Forest Regeneration*'. The presentation covered the importance of mangroves, threats facing mangroves in the region including elnino, construction of Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), sedimentation that has been killing seedlings, settlements and livestock grazing. He talked about conventional way of conservation as the best method that should be adopted especially on matters of forest restoration. His approach involved building nature through involving communities in the management of the biotic and abiotic components of the environment and stakeholder involvement especially on mangrove nurseries development as well as creation of alternative livelihoods. He pointed out that the work has resulted to restoration and regeneration of mangroves and crabs' recolonization in the area. The project has however experienced challenges including understanding soil characteristics for replanting, difficulty to achieve gender equity and heavy rains.

The presentations were then followed by question/answer discussion session where the presenters and workshop participants discussed on the different topics presented. Some questions of concern were;

- How can research using modern technology like drones can be used to improve conservation?
- What are the long term solutions to poaching?
- When it comes to capacity building of the communities, what are the areas to be focused on, and what are the challenges?

Some of the responses given include identification of threats at the beginning of the project and participatory approach to capacity building and building the capacity of game rangers through provision of information that help during their patrols as well as building intelligence work; and peoples' behavior as a way of long term management of poaching. Culture was also identified as one of the challenges facing poaching management but the presenter however said that trophy hunting in Serengeti despite the fact that it is causing decline in wildlife population, the money has positively been used in conservation in the park.

Tea break and networking

These outside coffee breaks were ones of the most intimate sessions as the participants seemed to have enjoyed one-on-one discussions and contacts exchange.



Participants discussing during the first coffee break in front of auditorium

Second session of presentations

The second session of the grantees presentation proceeded after the tea break which was moderated by Dr. Fanuel Kawaka. The first presentation was done by Sheilla, who talked of '*Warriors using SMART to protect Gravy Zebra in Laisamis, Kenya*'. The presentation included the threats facing the zebras including competition of grazing areas with livestock, poaching for skins, habitat loss due to human development. The project included promotion of citizen science using warriors in each community that were trained and assisted to collect data and conduct regular patrols as well as using indigenous knowledge to track the zebras in the region. The presenter also explained some challenges faced in data collection and entry that were very slow due to illiteracy in the region, this was however handled by introduction of new technology with the help of RSG, which involved use of cameras and android phones which helped in tracking the Gravy zebra and providing real time data. The project was also said to be creating awareness on national policies and merging traditional and national laws to help in the conservation in the region.

The second presentation in the second session was given by Evance Ouya from Maasai Mara University Kenya entitled '*Establishment of tree nursery for environmental Education and community awareness in selected degraded sites in Narok, Kenya*'. The presentation covered the problems, causes and impacts of deforestation and included mobilization of communities on awareness, establishment of environmental clubs in learning institutions and planting indigenous trees species in botanical gardens at the university. The presenter explained that the project is important for achieving the SDGs 1 of poverty eradication and 13 of combating climate change. A question however arose of how to handle politics and forest degradation as this has been a major problem in the area.

Plenary session



The session was finalized by a plenary session with the panel composed of RSG grantees. From left there is Mr. Samuel Ojelel, Dr. Owuor Awuor Margaret, Dr. Erastus Obura, and Dr.

Paul Webala the panellists who took the participants through the RSG application processes and the challenges involved.

The critical challenges highlighted were: failure to follow instructions, empty CVs to convince the donor on capability of delivery, naming of referees and no clear indication of the project making conservation impacts. The panel although advised the participants to work with established researchers, create more networks in the conservation cycle to help create links for employment besides learning, show their work through publications and take advantage of the mentors in order to overcome the challenges. They also advised that those writing proposals should look at current trends in the market based approaches in conservation (e.g. climate change and blue economy), work early to avoid last minute rush with the deadlines and read and understand the grant requirements before doing the application. Other things mentioned included having a concept of what one wants to work on, working offline and sharing the work for review before doing the online submission, making sure that the work is understandable to others and managing the expectations of the communities as most of the work require volunteering due to limited funds as well as avoiding overdoing the budget. The major point stressed on by the panel is that the participants should never give up if the proposals are not successful for funding. Some areas of rejection of proposals mentioned by the panel include; monitoring of success, problem statement (the gap being addressed), alignment of the project to the donors' needs, writing style i.e. poor English, monitoring and evaluation of the project, unrealistic budget, evidence of need and impractical project activities.

Other issues that arose during the session was the affiliation and financial management by institutions requirement by Rufford Foundation for one to secure the grants. This was foreseen to affect the conservation projects negatively as institutions require overhead money, which will not be able to be covered by the limited funds provided.

The refreshments and music break

The second coffee break with Inyange drinks and snacks was as enjoyable as the first one. Participants kept one-on-one discussions.



Vote of thanks

The session was then finalized by vote of thanks from the RSG Recipient Miss Elizabeth Wakoli from Maasai Mara University Kenya. She thanked the Rufford Foundation for the funding the conservation work in Kenya and in different parts of the world, the organizers for organizing such a big successful meeting and the participants for attending and sharing their experience with fellows.

Group presentations and way forward, a session moderated by Mr. Cosmas Nzilili and rapportuered by Mr. Joseph Serugo

Participants went for lunch and this also was a great time for them to network. And they continued their group discussions in the gardens where they had lunch from. After discussions the participants came back into the auditorium where they shared the discussions they had and the way forward. The way forward key points are included in the conference proceedings section below.

Dinner at Carnivore

If there are beautiful places to go for dinner in Nairobi, Carnivore bar is the best one. Carnivore dinner was a surprise and extremely enjoyable for both Kenyans and non-Kenyans participants. Kenyan Iregi said “I have been to Carnivore several times before but I can’t get enough of it”. Zephaniah from Rwanda said “this is the best place, the best dinner I have ever gone to”.



Participants seated on round tables as the waiters serve them with different roasts

The Carnivore staff surprised our group with a Kenyan welcoming song AKUNAMATATA. Waiters and their supervisors sang this song and passionately danced for the group.

DAY TWO

The second day, 2nd December, was a beautiful morning of excursion for a smaller group of participants (the RSG Recipients exclusively) at the National Park in Nairobi.



Some Participants boarded a bus and some other used their private cars to the park

The Recipients enjoyed visiting the animals including lions, leopards, crocodiles, etc in the animal orphanage part of the park. Where they observed and asked many questions and got answers from the park conservationist guiders regarding conservation and animals in the animal orphanage.



Participants observing crocodile in the animal orphanage

One-on-one discussion kept on in park too and later the recipients shared a big lunch and received certificates during the closing ceremony at the Wildy Café - a beautiful place within the park.

Bye bye lunch at the Wildy Café



As photo below, certificates were signed by Josh Cole and distributed to every participant



Thereafter the three best presenters were announced by the selection team and received awards.

1. The best presenter was **Mr. Richard Olwa from Uganda**, who worked on the topic '*Promoting recovery of endangered fish species in Uganda*';

2. The second best presenter was **Mr. Dedan Ngatia from Kenya** who talked about 'Wild dogs, Domestic dogs and Rabies Virus'; and
3. The third best presenter was **Miss Sheilla Funnel**, who, on behalf of **Belinda Low Mackey**, talked of 'Warriors using SMART to protect Gravy Zebra in Laisamis, Kenya'



The two best presenters (Richard on left and Ngatia on Right) happily holding their awards and posing in a photo with the RSG Director Josh Cole in the middle, at wildlu caffee in the national park of Nairobi

VI. THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Through experience sharing, group discussions and presentations, the participants expressed their gratitude toward the Rufford Foundation due to such a great impact the Rufford Small Grants have made towards conserving the local and regional nature, building the capacity of local communities and strengthening their careers as conservationists. They shared also the challenges they face and made recommendations to especially the Rufford Foundation. The majority of the participants appreciated how the conference was organized and requested that more such conferences can be organised at least once a year in east-africa and thanked the Rufford Foundation to bring them together. Below are some of the key points discussed:

THE IMPACT OF THE RSGS

1. **Rufford funding helped many conservationist develop approaches to solve local conservation problems and build the capacity of local community, especially the vulnerable people groups, for instance:**

Sheilla Funnel from Kenya talked of '*Warriors using SMART to protect Gravy Zebra in Laisamis, Kenya*' the work that involved the promotion of citizen science using warriors in each community that were trained and assisted to collect data and conduct regular patrols as well as using indigenous knowledge to track the zebras in the region. Sheilla explained how the Rufford funding enabled the introduction of new technology which involved use of cameras and android phones which helped in tracking the Gravy zebra and providing real time data. This new technology helped handle the problem of data collection and entry that were very slow due to illiteracy in the region.

Richard Olwa from Uganda, who shared experience on his Rufford funded project '*Promoting recovery of endangered fish species in Uganda*' explained how the RSG funding enabled him and his team to not-only involve the local communities and different stakeholders like fisheries officers but also to create solutions to recover the endangered fish species. Among the solutions He mentioned the **creation of 'no take zones'** which increased fish population and created healthier habitats for the endangered fish species.

Christopher Chesire a forester from Kenya, who shared his Rufford Funded MSc. thesis project entitled '*Resilience of Kenyan Forests to Human Pressures*' experience, explained how the Rufford support impacted on his work and helped local community capacity building by enabling him to involve different local community groups as well as create networks with people working on forest conservation.

David Ngatia from Kenya who talked about '*Wild dogs, Domestic dogs and Rabies Virus*' shared that the Rufford funding helped him do spatial clusters of domestic dogs, threats of rabies including human deaths, and create solutions like dog vaccination, working with government to create awareness, protecting people, livestock and wildlife from rabies, and conducting more research on rabies and dog survey.

Alfan Rija from Tanzania explained how the Rufford funding enabled him an interesting research on the '*Spatial Patterns of poaching and the impact in the Serengeti national park*'. With the RSG He was able to identify the areas of poaching, drivers and impact of poaching as well as to suggest the ways of tackling poaching problem in the park.

Gilbert Abuga from Kenya who is currently working on a Rufford funded project entitled '*Mwache Mangrove Forest Regeneration*', explained how He used the Rufford funding to implement a new approach of conserving nature through involving communities in the management of the biotic and abiotic components of the environment and stakeholder involvement especially on mangrove nurseries development as well as creation of alternative

livelihoods. He pointed out that his work has resulted to restoration and regeneration of mangroves and crabs' recolonization in the area.

2. Rufford funding helped train future conservationists:

For instance Evance Ouya from Maasai Mara University Kenya shared his work entitled '*Establishment of tree nursery for environmental Education and community awareness in selected degraded sites in Narok, Kenya*' where the Rufford funding enabled him establish the youth environmental clubs in learning institutions and planting indigenous trees species in botanical gardens at the university. Mr. **Cosmas Nzilili from Kenya** through the Rufford support he has managed to train many primary students on conservation issues in Kenya and transform them into the promising future conservationists of Kenya. Another example of how Rufford funding helped train future generation of conservationists is **Alphonse Karenzi's four RSG projects** that trained 100s of primary and secondary students and indigenous young people in Gisagara District, in Rwanda.

3. The Rufford funding has helped support work on species and ecosystems that are traditionally difficult to fundraise for:

Different participants expressed their gratitude to The Rufford Foundation for supporting the work on species that are traditionally and locally difficult to fundraise for yet very important. Some of such works presented are; African Bats Conservation by Dr. Paul Webala from Kenya who stated that many people don't understand the importance of bats and therefore very few can support the African Bats Conservation; and '*Wild dogs, Domestic dogs and Rabies Virus*' by Dandan Ngatia from Kenya.

4. Rufford support has enabled early career conservationists achieve their goals and expand their projects/ impact:

The many shared their experience and gratitude towards the Rufford Foundation for the role that the Rufford funding has played in their early carrier stages. For instance, **Mr. Richard Olwa from Uganda** explained how RSG funding helped him to get more connections and expand his work. He is now working on expansion of his project of '*Promoting recovery of endangered fish species in Uganda*' to other lakes in Uganda through the support of Trust Fund (Rain Forest Trust Fund)

CHALLENGES FACED AND ISSUES RAISED

Apart from the impact of the Rufford Funding, the participants discussed also the challenges they face during the course of their projects planning and implementation. Below are some of the common challenges that the RSG Recipients continue facing:

1. The Rufford Foundation's new requirement for every applicant to present an organization/ university bank account through which to receive money:
This is a challenge for especially those who are not affiliated to any organization nor part of any organization leadership, because as many mentioned the universities and other organizations have long bureaucracy and instructions that attract the delay and even charges in receiving the funds for field activities. For instance; some institutions require overhead money, which will not be able to be covered by the limited funds provided
2. The scale of research/ project is usually too large compared to the size of the available grants;
3. Poor means of transport and bad weather especially heavy rains while the most of researches and projects are conducted in remote areas;
4. Local community illiteracy that causes data collection and entry to be very slow and difficult;
5. Lack of local community involvement due to imbalance between community needs and conservation;
6. A question also arose of how to handle politics and forest degradation as this has been a major problem in the region;
7. Difficulty to achieve gender equity;
8. Many proposals are rejected and receive no comments: this was discussed extensively during the plenary and the specific recommendations are below.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A RSG Kenyan committee led by Kenyan Iregi Mwenja was formed to follow up with the Rufford Foundation, if accepted by the foundation, to register the RSG Kenyan Network as a non-government organization and open up its bank account through which the applicants who have no institution accounts will easily receive their grants.
2. There is a need for the project managers and planners to strike a balance between community needs and conservation in order for the projects to be successful.
3. Some projects should be given lengthy time therefore The Rufford Foundation is recommended to if possible extend their support and also the need to conduct follow-up for RSG recipients.
4. The registration of beneficiary groups as Community Based Organizations (CBOs) is recommended. The case study discussed was Ugandan Richard Olwa's project of *Promoting recovery of endangered fish species where* Fish Management Communities are being registered as CBOs.

5. The RSG Recipients are recommended to publish their research findings and project learnt lessons for their work to be recognised and useful to other conservationists and decision makers.
6. Some of the highlighted issues that cause most of the applications to fail get funded were: failure to follow instructions, empty CVs to convince the donor on capability of delivery, naming of referees, no clear indication of the project making conservation impacts, monitoring of success, problem statement (the gap being addressed), alignment of the project to the donors' needs, writing style i.e. poor English, monitoring and evaluation of the project, unrealistic budget, evidence of need and impractical project activities.
7. The RSG Recipients are also recommended to work with established researchers, create more networks in the conservation cycle to help create links for employment besides learning, show their work through publications and take advantage of the mentors in order to overcome the challenges.
8. It was advised that those writing proposals should look at current trends in the market based approaches in conservation (e.g. climate change and blue economy), work early to avoid last minute rush with the deadlines and read and understand the grant requirements before doing the application. Other things mentioned included having a concept of what one wants to work on, working offline and sharing the work for review before doing the online submission, making sure that the work is understandable to others and managing the expectations of the communities as most of the work require volunteering due to limited funds as well as avoiding overdoing the budget.
9. Another point stressed on during discussions is that the participants should never give up if the proposals are not successful for funding.

VII. ANNEX

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The table 1 below gives the details of the 40 Rufford Recipients who attend the conference.

Table 1: RSG Recipient Participants

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| 20 | Kahindi Changawa | New recipient | Kenya | 1 |


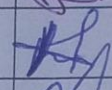
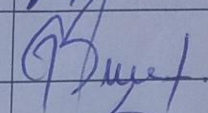
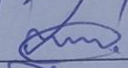
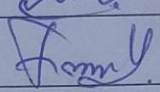
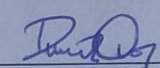
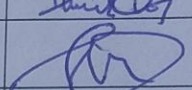
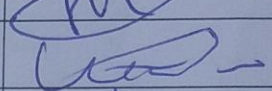
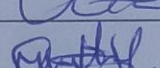
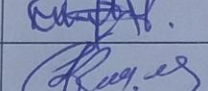
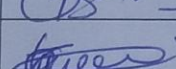
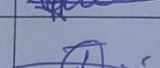
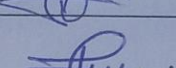
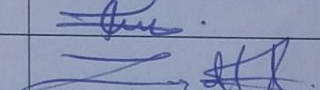
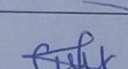
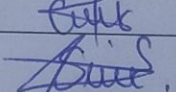
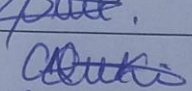
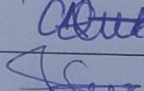
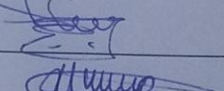
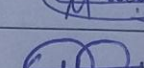

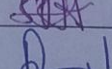


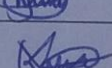
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
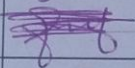
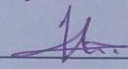

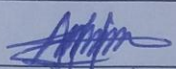
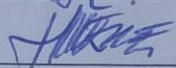
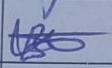


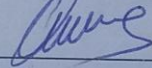
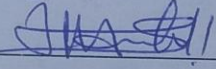
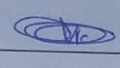
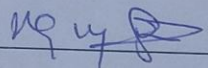
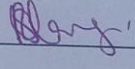
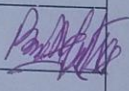
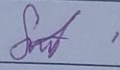
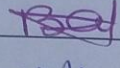
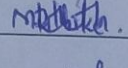
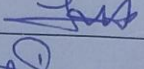

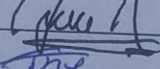
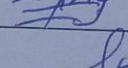
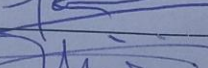
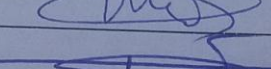

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On the page below there is a two day conference schedule.

| Time | Friday 30 th Nov | Saturday, 1 st December | Sunday, 2 nd December |
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| 7:00-8:00 | | Hotel break-fast for accommodated participants | Hotel Break-fast |
| 8:00-9:00 | | Driving from hotel to auditorium and Registration of all participants | Checking-out and boarding the bus at transit hotel |
| 9:00-9:30 | | -Introduction of every Participant and welcoming the Guests of honour -Rufford Foundation introduction | Bus driving to the National Park of Nairobi |
| 9:30-10:30 | | Opening ceremony: - Cultural Entertainers/ live band - Keynote address by Kenyan official - cultural Entertainers again | EXCURSION in the national park and individual interactions |
| 10:30-11:30 | | Experience Sharing Presentations by five selected RSG Recipients (10 min for presentation, 10 min for Q&A at the end) | |
| 11:30-12:00 | | Coffee Break / Networking/ group photo/ Cultural Entertainers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lunch at thePark (wildy Cafe) - Awarding the 2 best presenters receiving certificates - Vote of thanks - Departure of all the participants |
| 12:00-13:10 | | Experience Sharing Presentations by other three selected RSG Recipients (10 min for presentation + 5 min for Q&A at the end) Plenary session from RSG Grantees | |
| 13:10-13:20 | | Refreshments (drinks&snacks) / Cultural Entertainers/ participants voting the two best presenters | |
| 13:20-13:50 | | -selecting the two best presenters; -vote of thanks and closing of the first session | |
| 13:50-14:50 | | Networking/ Cultural Entertainers | |
| 14:50-15:10 | | Discussions and experience sharing within four groups. | |
| 15:10-15:20 | | Live band entertainment | |
| 15:20-16:10 | | Group presentations based on shared experiences by the four groups (10 min each, 10 min for Q&A) | |
| 16:10-16:30 | | Way forward/ departure | |
| 16:30-17:30 | Welcoming the checked-in participants at the Transit Hotel | Preparation for dinner | |
| 19:00-21:00 | Briefing and Dinner at Transit | Recipients' Dinner at Carnivore Restaurant | |

N.B: the financial report and scanned receipts are attached separately!

The End!