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# CLOSING THE GAP

**FINANCING AND RESOURCING OF  
PROTECTED AND CONSERVED AREAS  
IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA**

A COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE EVENT ON  
**COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT  
OF PROTECTED AREAS**  
AS A MEANS TO INCREASE REVENUE AND  
IMPROVE MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020  
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# Agenda

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**WELCOME**  
by Christine Mentzel  
BIOPAMA Eastern and Southern Africa

**15:45 PM**

## **COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

Models and Status in Africa

by Kathleen H. Fitzgerald  
Conservation Capital

**16:00 PM**

## **PANEL DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTING REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT FROM ACROSS THE REGION**

### **Gonarezhou Conservation Trust**

A Conservation Partnership between the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority and The Frankfurt Zoological Society  
by Hugo van der Westhuizen

### **African Parks' model and experience**

African Parks Network  
by Jean Labuschagne

### **Collaborative Management Partnerships in Rwanda**

The Rwanda Development Board  
by Eugene Mutangana

### **The role of collaborative management partnerships for biodiversity conservation**

European Commission -  
International Cooperation for Development  
by Philippe Mayaux

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**16:50 PM**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

# Panelists biographies



## **CHRISTINE MENTZEL**

**International Union for Conservation of Nature**

**BIOPAMA Regional Coordinator**

**Senior Programme Officer Conservation Areas and Species Programme**

Christine, who was the BIOPAMA regional coordinator during the first phase of the programme, is a dual german-south african citizen, and has extensive experience with biodiversity conservation, protected area management, programme design and project management.

She has worked throughout eastern and southern africa, as well as in eurasia and south america.

Christine is currently based in germany, where she has been working as grants manager for the frankfurt zoological society since september 2017.

She will be relocating to south africa, as soon as conditions allow, and will be based at the iucn south africa office in pretoria.

# Panelists biographies



**KATHLEEN H. FITZGERALD**  
Conservation Capital

Kathleen is a conservation leader recognized for her extensive experience in integrated large landscape conservation and development programs in Africa and North America.

Kathleen was a senior staff member of the African Wildlife Foundation for 11 years, most recently serving as Vice President for East and Southern Africa.

She is a partner at Conservation Capital focusing on increasing revenue for protected area management and wildlife conservation, and serves as a Senior Conservation Advisor to AWF.

Kathleen helped create new conservation areas, she facilitated the creation of community conservancies in Kenya, she executed the first environment easement in Kenya, improved management of protected areas in east, central and southern Africa, established co-management agreements in east and central Africa and led community conservation initiatives.

She managed climate mitigation and adaptation programs, including the successful development of a certified REDD+ project, and completed dozens of land transactions in North America and Africa.

Kathleen is widely published and a member of IUCN's Tourism and Protected Areas Specialist Group and IUCN's Connectivity Specialist Group. She has lived in Africa for 12 years.

# Panelists biographies



**HUGO VAN DER WESTHUIZEN**  
Frankfurt Zoological Society

Hugo is the Director for the Gonarezhou Conservation Trust (GCT), a unique Co Management model between the Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS) and the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority. GCT was created in 2017 on the back of FZS's technical and financial support project to Gonarezhou, that Hugo was involved in since its inception in 2007.

Hugo has 26 years of professional experience on the ground in the field of biodiversity conservation, with emphasis on protected area management. Nine of these years were spent as project manager for FZS in Zambia's North Luangwa Conservation Program - a multi-disciplinary project in partnership with the Zambia Wildlife Authority, which achieved the successful re-establishment of a viable black rhino population.

He has a private pilot's licence with over 4000 hours, mostly accrued during flights in support of park management operations and aerial surveys.

His time with FZS was preceded by four years working for the South African National Parks as a section ranger in the then newly developing Marakele National Park.

He has an MSc in Conservation Management from the Durrell Institute of Conservation Biology at the University of Kent in the UK, where he was awarded the Maurice Swingland prize for best taught course student of the year, and the Bruno H. Schubert prize in 2012 for his outstanding engagement in conservation and his achievement in park protection in Africa.

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**JEAN LABUSCHAGNE**  
African Parks Network

**Jean Labuschagne was born in South Africa, and spent her childhood living in national parks in Malawi, Tanzania and Kenya.**

**Realising her passion for conservation, Jean joined African Parks in 2012 in Zakouma National Park in Chad before moving on to Garamba National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where she was based for four years as the park's Special Project's Manager.**

**She then joined African Parks in the Head Office in Johannesburg in 2019 where she has been heading up the Conservation Development & Assurance department.**

**IN african parks, she is responsible for the development of new management partnerships, which typically are 20 year long agreements with Governments to manage national parks in Africa, as well as for assuring for organisational consistency and performance management.**

**African Parks currently has 18 parks under management in 11 countries in Africa spanning 14.1 million hectares.**

# Panelists biographies



**EUGENE MUTANGANA**

**Conservation Management Expert  
Rwanda Development Board**

**Eugene is the head of the conservation department for the Rwanda Development Board.**

**He was raised in Western and Central Uganda after his parents moved from Rwanda in 1959. He attained an MSc in Environment at Trinity College, University of Dublin, and a BSc in Tourism Operation and Wildlife Management.**

**Eugene has been involved in conservation for 11 years, having worked with the Rwandan office for tourims and national parks and then in Volvanoes and Akagera National Parks from 2007 to 2009.**

**In 2010, he joined the AMC as Deputy Park Manager and Head of law enforcement.**

**In late 2016 he moved to Rwanda Development Board to head the conservation department.**

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**PHILIPPE MAYAUX**  
**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
**DEVCO - International Cooperation and Development**

**Dr. Philippe Mayaux graduated as forest engineer, Master in Urban Planning and PhD in forestry from Université Catholique de Louvain (belgium).**

**Since 1988, he has been working on the monitoring of natural resources in africa from earth observation.**

**He joined the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in 1995, working successively on tropical deforestation, land-cover mapping and biodiversity-related information systems, with a particular focus on Central Africa.**

**He is the author of more than 50 scientific papers in major journals.**

**He is now leading the team "Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services" in the Directorate General "International Cooperation and Development" of the European Commission, where he coordinates the definition and implementation of biodiversity-related policies and programs of the Directorate Genera, in particular the studies Larger than Elephants and Larger than Tigers.**