

# CBNRM ASSOCIATION UPDATES

## COMMUNITY LEADERS NETWORK(CLN) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -2025 IN SOUTH AFRICA



The Annual General Meeting for Community Leaders network of Southern Africa took a call on 14 member countries hosted by South Africa as a host nation. These includes: Malawi, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mauritius, Zambia, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania and Botswana which marked a pivotal moment to reflect on the collective progress and noticeable challenges that threaten the southern Africa natural resources and cultural legacy, hereby setting a path forward that centers equity

sustainability, and local leadership in sustainable management of the Natural resources in southern Africa. During the meeting the CLN chairperson Dr. Rodgers Lubilo commended the countries participated to unity and continued with their great works in the conservation fraternity, ensuring social inclusion and thereby fostering recognition of traditional leadership by enhancing collaboration between community networks and partnerships to ensure guidance and solidarity on the African continent in sharing the African wealth of Natural Resources equitably

## SADC TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREAS 25TH ANNIVERSARY -2025- A CALL FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE.



The conference was held in Zimbabwe Harare on the 19th of May, 2025 celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the TFCAs on the significant achievements over the past 25 years. This was a call for inclusive growth and community empowerment for the SADC TFCAs in fostering cross-boarder cooperation and enhancing wildlife conservation efforts. In attendance to this conference was Dr. Rodgers Lubilo who commended the TFCAs for progressively secure wildlife habitats and corridors which foster the cross-boarder cooperation in the SADC TFCAs. He further, stressed the importance of collaborating with the communities in planning and decision making as it strengthens the effective management of Natural Resources with local communities within the

community governance structure such as the Community Resources Boards (CRBs) and Community Forestry Management Groups (CFMGs) respectively



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WESTGATE COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY  
TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND  
CONSERVANCY MANAGERS-2024



Westgate Community Conservancy held a training for community leaders and conservancy managers for delegates from Zambia, Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Mozambique with the focus on the best practices in Community- Based Natural Resources Management.

The training not only fostered learning but also facilitated cross-border knowledge exchange. Among the participants from Zambia were Dr. Rodger Lubilo Zambia CBNRM Association Technical Adviser, Evans Nsende from Panthera, an organization dedicated to the conservation of wild cats, and Philip Muyoma from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), a prominent environmental nonprofit. All contributed valuable insights from their extensive experiences in wildlife conservation and community engagement.

## WESTGATE COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY

Exchange visits can only have lasting impact if they are followed by a strong feedback process that allows participants to share the lessons they learned widely, while host communities also pass on insights to other organizations facing similar challenges and opportunities. During this feedback stage, it is crucial to make clear commitments to apply the practices most relevant to the visitors' circumstances. For the ZCBNRMA, such feedback can be reinforced and sustained through ongoing interactions.



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The Zambia Community Resources Board Association (ZCRBA) successfully conducted a Community Exchange Visit to Namibian Conservancies in June 2025 with the Partnership and support from integrated rural development and natural conservation (IRDNC) in Namibia. The learning trip brought together representatives from various CRBs / CFMGs, Cooperatives and Farmers across Zambia to observe and share experiences with Namibia's renowned conservancy model. Participants gained firsthand insights into effective community-based natural resource management, wildlife protection strategies, Sustainable farming strategies, sustainable benefit-sharing practices, coordinated policies, plans, and actions for human-wildlife conflict and livelihood development. The exchange not

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NAMIBIAN CONSERVANCIES- LEARNING  
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only strengthened regional collaboration but also inspired new ideas and approaches that representatives from Zambia aims to adapt and implement to enhance community governance and conservation efforts back home. As we reflect on the success of the ZCRBA Community Exchange Visit to the Namibian Conservancies, we remain inspired by the valuable lessons and strengthened partnerships gained through this learning experience. We look forward to applying these insights to enhance community-led conservation efforts across Zambia.

**“Together, we can continue driving meaningful change and strengthening community-led conservation efforts.”**



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