



**GLOBAL CHEETAH SUMMIT**  
conservation through collaboration

# A CALL TO ACTION

24 January 2024

## Agenda

**January 28-31, 2024**

Addis Ababa Hilton

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# 1 AGENDA OVERVIEW

The first Global Cheetah Summit –A Call to Action, convenes 28th – 31st January 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Summit brings together a diverse group of international stakeholders representing governments, universities, NGOs, policy and economy institutes, local and Indigenous communities, and private enterprise from around the world to discuss and act-on the plight of the fastest land animal and the most endangered of the big cats. The three major questions will be addressed during the event:

<b>0</b>	<b>Setting the stage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are your perspectives and expectations for the summit?</li> <li>• What is the current view and perspectives of public authorities?</li> </ul>	<i>Day 1</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>What is the current status of cheetahs worldwide?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the current status of wild cheetahs' population? 1.1</li> <li>• What are the threats and pressures on natural habitats? 1.2</li> <li>• What are the persistent knowledge gaps? (1.3)</li> <li>• What is the status of captive cheetahs? 1.4</li> <li>• What is our current understanding on Cheetahs' genetics, health, and reproduction? 1.5</li> <li>• What is the viability of current cheetahs' population? 1.6</li> <li>• What is the current understanding on cheetah health and reproduction 1.7</li> </ul>	<i>Day 2</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>How can we address threats &amp; pressures impacting cheetahs?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the best practices in translocation and reintroduction to increase the cheetah population and habitat? 2.1</li> <li>• How can the human-wildlife conflict be mediated and resolved? 2.2</li> <li>• How to fight cheetah illegal wildlife trade? 2.3</li> </ul>	<i>Day 3</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>What are the enablers for change? How to get started now?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to develop community-based initiatives for population restoration? 3.1</li> <li>• What creative and innovative financing and conservation solutions? 3.2</li> <li>• How to translate vision into actions? What next steps? 3.3</li> </ul>	<i>Day 4</i>

# 1 **DAY 1 – 28 January 2024 – Setting the stage**

	Event	Speaker	Affiliation
<b>1300-1700</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>1730-1800</b> (10 min)	Summit overview & objectives	Cynthia Smoot Guillaume Thibault	CCF Ambassador, Master of Ceremonies Partner at Oliver Wyman, moderator
(10 min)	Welcome to the Global Cheetah Summit	Prof. Laurie Marker	Founder/Executive Director, CCF
(5 min)	Welcome Videos	Dr. Stephen O'Brien Dr. David Mallon	CCF, Chair Emeritus IUCN Antelope Specialist Group
<b>1800-1810</b> (10 min)	Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)- CITES role in decisions on cheetahs and the CITES Big Cats Task Force	Pia Jonsson	Enforcement Support Officer -CITES
<b>1810-1820</b> (10 min)	Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) role in the African Big Cat Initiative (ACI).	Dr. Nora Weyer	Associate Program Officer, Secretariat, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)
<b>1820-1830</b> (10 min)	IUCN – Regional – Conservation to Help Save Species	Mr. Luther Anukur	IUCN Regional Director, Eastern and Southern African
<b>1830-1835</b> (5 min)	Cheetahs a Regional Point of Interest for the United States	Ms. Johanna Fernando	United States Governments Regional Environmental Officer
<b>1835-1840</b> (5 min)	The importance of collaboration in cheetah conservation in the Horn of Africa	Kumara Wakjira Gameda	Director General Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA)
<b>1840-1850</b> (10 Min)	Opening of the Global Cheetah Summit	State Minister of Tourism	Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA)
<b>1850-2100</b>	<b>Welcome reception</b>	Cynthia Smoot	Moderator

2 **DAY 2 – 29 January 2024 – What is the current status of Cheetahs worldwide?**

	Event	Speaker	Affiliation
<b>0700 – 0745</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>		
<b>0800- 0820</b> (20 min)	Introduction and Agenda for the Day	Cynthia Smoot Guillaume Thibault	CCF Ambassador, Master of Ceremonies Partner at Oliver Wyman, moderator
<b>0820 – 0830</b> (10 min)	Cheetah Status, Problems and Solutions	Prof. Laurie Marker	Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)
<b>0830 - 0840</b> (10 min)	Difficult Questions around Carnivore Conservation	Prof. Amy Dickman	Executive Director, Oxford Univ. Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU)
<b>0840-1000</b> <b>Session 1.1</b>	<b>What is the current status of the wild cheetahs?</b> Current information from the Regions including information from the Convention for Migratory Species (CMS) African Big Cat Initiative (ACI) meeting in May 2023.		
<b>0840 – 0850</b> (10 min)	Southern Africa	Dr. Rosemary Groom	Southern African Coordinator Africa Range-Wide Cheetah Conservation Initiative (CCI)
<b>0850 – 0900</b> (10 min)	Namibia	Uakendisa Muzuma	Carnivore Coordinator, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
<b>0900 – 0910</b> (10 min)	East Africa	Dr. Sugoto Roy	IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group
<b>0910 – 0920</b> (10 min)	Northeast Africa	Dr. Bogdan Cristescu	Director for Ecology and Research, CCF
<b>0920 - 0930</b> (10 min)	Ethiopia	Daniel Pawlos	Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority
<b>0930 – 0940</b> (10 min)	North Africa	Dr. Audrey Ipavec	North and West African Coordinator, Africa Range-wide Cheetah Conservation Initiative (CCI)

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	<b>0940 – 0950</b> (10min)	Managing the cheetah within the Algerian Cultural Parks, primarily Tassili and Ahaggar	Salah Amokrane	Heritage Inspector at the Algerian Ministry of Culture, Algeria
	<b>0950 - 1000</b> (10 min)	Cheetah report from Iran	Morteza Pourmirzai	Iranian Cheetah Society, Chariman
	<b>1000-1030</b>	<i>Tea/Coffee Break – Group Photo</i>		
	<b>1030 – 1120</b> <b>Session 1.2</b>	<b>What are the key threats and pressures on cheetahs' prey and natural habitats?</b>		
	<b>1030- – 1045</b> (15 min)	Overview of African Antelope Populations	Tim Woodfine	Sahara Conservation Fund (SCF), IUCN Antelope Specialist Group
	<b>1045 – 1100</b> (15 min)	Long-term population trends of large herbivores in Ethiopia's dryland protected areas and consequences for large carnivores: A progress report	Dr. Paul Scholte	Senior Advisor, EWCA and Biodiversity and Forestry Programme (BFP) Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
	<b>1100 – 1110</b> (10 min)	Biodiversity Benefits of Cheetah Conservation	Stijn Verschueren	Ecologist, PhD Candidate, CCF
	<b>1110 – 1120</b> (10 Min)	The Social System of Cheetahs and Its Implications for Conservation.	Dr. Jörg Melzheimer	Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW)
	<b>1120-1200</b> <b>Session 1.3</b>	<b>What are the persistent knowledge gaps?</b> Field research necessary to monitor population changes takes years to conduct, and cheetahs are running out of time.		
	<b>1120 - 1200</b> (40 mins)	Panel: Discussion of Research Needed - including agreed upon research protocols, tools, samples collection, collaboration. <b>Moderators -</b> <b>Cynthia Smoot and</b> <b>Guillaume Thibault</b>	Dr. Sugoto Roy Dr. Bogdan Cristescu Dr. Anne Schmidt- Kuentzel Dr. Paul Scholte Daniel Pawlos Dr. Jörg Melzheimer	IUCN Cat Specialist Group CCF CCF GIZ EWCA IZW

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			Dr. Rosemary Groom Dr. Charlotte Searle Abdoulkarimou Samna	(CCI) Researcher WildCRU Niger, Cheetah Coordinator
	<b>1200-1300</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
	<b>1300 – 1400</b> <b>Session 1.4</b>	<b>What is the status of captive cheetahs?</b>		
	<b>1300 - 1310</b> (10 min)	Global/ Horn of Africa/ Population Overview	Prof. Laurie Marker Becky Johnston	International Cheetah Studbook (ICS) Keeper/ Assistant ICS Keeper
	<b>1310 – 1320</b> (10 min)	North American SSP Population Overview	Dan Beetem	Director of Animal Management The Wilds, AZA SSP and C2S2 member
	<b>1320 - 1330</b> (10 min)	EAZA Cheetah European Endangered Species Program (EEP) Population Overview - Europe/UK	Alex Sliwa	Curator, Cologne Zoo, EAZA Felid TAG chair
	<b>1330 – 1340</b> (10 min)	Overview – EAZA North African Population Overview and UAE update	Sean McKeown	EAZA North African Cheetah Studbook Keeper
	<b>1340-1410</b> <b>Session 1.5</b>	<b>What is our current understanding on Cheetahs' genetics?</b>		
	<b>1340 - 1410</b> (30 min)	Overview of Cheetah Genetics	Dr. Anne Schmidt-Kuentzel, DVM, PhD Dr. Stefan Prost	Director Animal Health and Research, CCF  Assistant Professor for Biodiversity and Genomics, Univ. of Oulu, Finland
	<b>1410-1445</b>	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>		
	<b>1445 – 1645</b> <b>Session 1.6</b>	<b>What is the viability of current cheetahs' population?</b>		

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	<b>1445 - 1600</b> (75 min)	Vortex - Overview of Populations (wild and captive)	Dr. Kathy Traylor-Holzer	IUCN/SSC/Conservation Planning Specialist Group (CPSG)
	<b>1600 – 1645</b> (45 min)	<b>Population Priority Discussion</b> – Open discussion <b>Moderators - Cynthia Smoot and Guillaume Thibault</b>		
	<b>1645-1800</b> <b>Session 1.7</b>	<b>What is our current understanding on Cheetahs’ health, and reproduction?</b>		
	<b>1645 - 1715</b> (30 min)	Assisted Reproduction	Dr. Adrienne Crosier	Smithsonian Institution/ National Zoo
	<b>1715 – 1730</b> (15 min)	Good Health and Immunity of Free-Ranging Cheetahs Encourage Conservation Efforts	Dr. Bettina Wachter	IZW
	<b>1730 - 1800</b> (30 min)	Health and Diseases of Cheetah	Prof. Karen A. Terio DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVP Dr. Emily Mitchell	Professor, Univ. of Illinois Zoological Pathology Program Univ. of Chicago Associate Professor of Pathology, Univ. of Onderstepoort Veterinary School, South Africa
	<b>1830 - 1930</b>	<b>Dinner</b>		
	<b>2000 – 2100</b> (60 min)	Cheetah Health - Discussion (optional)	Prof. Karen Terio Dr. Emily Mitchell Dr. Anne Schmidt- Kuentzel Prof. Laurie Marker Dr. Bettina Wachter Dr. Frank Reitkirk	Univ. Chicago, USA Univ. Onderstepoort, Veterinary School CCF CCF IZW CCF Netherlands
	<b>2100 – 2130</b> (30 min)	Cheetah Declaration Sub-Group	Prof. Laurie Marker Prof. Amy Dickman	CCF Oxford Univ./WildCru



### 3 **DAY 3 – 30 January 2024 – How can we address threats & pressures impacting cheetahs?**

	Event	Speaker	Affiliation
<b>0700 - 0815</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>		
<b>0825 – 0830</b>	Welcome & Objectives of the Day	Cynthia Smoot Guillaume Thibault	CCF Ambassador, Master of Ceremonies Partner at Oliver Wyman, moderator
<b>0830 – 1100</b> <b>Session 2.1</b>	<b>What are the best practices in translocation and reintroduction?</b> Recent experiences across several range countries, and recent publications, support the ability to rehabilitate cheetahs at multiple life stages for reintroduction into wild and semi-wild situations.		
<b>0830 - 0900</b> (30 min)	Augmentation/Reintroduction/Translocation as Intervention Strategies	Dr. Axel Moehrensclager	IUCN Conservation Translocation Specialist Group (CTSG)
<b>1000 – 1030</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>		
<b>0900 -0915</b> (15 min)	Southern Africa - Meta Population	Vincent van der Merwe	The Metapopulation Initiative
<b>0915 - 0930</b> (15min)	Best Practices in Rehabilitation and Reintroductions	Eli Walker	Reintroduction Specialist, CCF
<b>0930 - 0945</b> (15 min)	Managing Science, Public Opinion and Political Support for Cheetah Reintroduction in India	Prof. Yadvendradev V. Jhala	Sr. Professor & Dean (Retd.) Wildlife Institute of India. Lead Scientist on the Indian Cheetah Reintroduction Project, 2010 – 2023.
<b>0945- 1000</b> (15 min)	Managing the India Cheetah Reintroduction from a Government Perspective. Where is the Project now and plans going forward.	Dr. Amit Mallick	Inspector General of Forests National Tiger Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Gov. of India
<b>1000 – 1030</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>		
<b>1030 - 1050</b> (20 min)	History of Cheetahs in Saudi Arabia; new Findings and Large Landscape Plans for the Future	Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Alboug	General Manger of Terrestrial Wildlife Conservation Department - National Center for Wildlife (NCW)
<b>1050- 1110</b> (20 min)	What is being done in Saudi Arabia for Habitat and Wildlife Restoration in Large Landscapes - is there room for cheetahs?	Robert Muir	Rewilding Lead - NEOM

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<b>1110-1210</b>	<b>How to increase cheetahs' populations and ranges?</b>		
<b>1110 – 1210</b> (60min)	Panel Discussion – Moderators Cynthia Smooth and Guillaume Thibault	Alex Sliwa  Sean McKeown Dr. Frank Rietkerk Dan Beetem Robert Muir Dr. Anne Schmidt-Kuentzel, DVM, PhD Dr. Stefan Prost  Dr. Alex Moehrenschrager  Dr. Kathy Traylor-Holzer Prof. Laurie Marker SP Yadav  Vincent van der Merwe	Curator, Cologne Zoo EAZA Felid Tag Chair  EAZA North African Cheetah Studbook Keeper CCF Netherlands The Wilds, SSP and C2S2 NEOM Director for Animal Health and Research, CCF  Assistant Professor for Biodiversity and Genomics, Helsinki and Viena Univ. IUCN SSC CTSG  IUCN SSC CPSG CCF Director General (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA). Ministry of Environment, Forest & climate Change, Government of India The Metapopulation Initiative
<b>1215 – 1315</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>1315 – 1700</b> <b>Session 2.2</b>	<b>How can the human-wildlife conflict be mediated and resolved?</b> Human-wildlife conflict reduces the cheetah population in the wild, either through direct persecution or via illegal wildlife trade (IWT).		
<b>1315 – 1345</b> (30min)	Overview- Threats, interface with people, livestock, and predators	Dr. Sugoto Roy	IUCN – SSC - Human-Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence Specialist Group and Cat Specialist Group

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<b>1345 – 1400</b> (15 min)	Large mammal /prey depletion in W-C-Horn of Africa, and how livestock has taken over most the herbivore biomass.	Dr. Paul Scholte	Senior Advisor, EWCA and Biodiversity and Forestry Programme (BFP) Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
<b>1400 – 1430</b> (30 min)	Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Strategies – open discussion <b>Moderators - Cynthia Smoot and Guillaume Thibault</b>		
<b>1430 – 1615</b> <b>Session 2.3</b>	<b>How to fight cheetahs' illegal wildlife trade?</b>		
<b>1430 – 1445</b> (15 min)	Overview	Dr. Shira Yashphe	Director Wildlife Crime, CCF
<b>1445 – 1500</b> (15 min)	Current Trends	Oliver Wright	Research Officer, Traffic
<b>15005 – 1530</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>		
<b>1530 – 1545</b> (15 min)	Reducing Demand	Peter Knights	CEO, Wild Africa Fund
<b>1545 – 1645</b> (60 min)	<b>Discussion on Illegal Wildlife Trade</b> <b>Moderators –Cynthia Smoot and Guillaume Thibault</b>	Dr. Shira Yashphe Oliver Wright Jennifer Crous Peter Knights Prof. Laurie Marker Kumara Wakjira Gameda	Director Wildlife Crime, CCF Traffic <b>Wildlife Crime / Biodiversity Consultant</b> CEO, Wild Africa Fund Executive Director/ CCF Director General, EWCA
<b>1830 - 2130</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b>		
<b>2000-2030</b> (30 min)	Guest Speaker – Scaling up our Impact for Cheetahs, Communities and Climate	Vance Martin	President Emeritus, Wilderness Foundation Global (WFG)

## **DAY 4** – 31 January 2024 – *What are the enablers for change? How to get started now?*

	Event	Speaker	Affiliate
<b>0825 – 0830</b>	Welcome & Objectives of the Day	Cynthia Smoot Guillaume Thibault	CCF Ambassador, Master of Ceremonies Partner at Oliver Wyman, moderator
<b>0830 – 1000</b> <b>Session 3.1</b>	<b>How to develop community-based initiatives for population restoration?</b> Creating opportunities for local communities to succeed is a crucial part of the strategy and including by finding alternative livelihoods and nature-based solutions		
<b>0830 - 0900</b> (30 min)	Community-Based Natural Resource Management, Communities and Conservancies Addressing Alternative Livelihoods.	Fiesta Achayo Warinwa	Agile Consultants
<b>0900 – 0915</b> (15 min)	<b>The Human Dimensions of Conservation</b>	<b>James Danoff-Burg</b>	<b>Vice President of Conservation at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens in Palm Desert</b>
<b>0915 - 945</b> (30 min)	Habitat Restoration and Biomass Opportunities	Dr. Bruce Brewer Dan Beringer Matti Nghikembwa	General Manager, CCF CCF Board Member Forest Steward, Research Assistant, PhD Candidate, CCF
<b>945 – 1000</b> (15 mins)	Livestock Guarding Dog and Farmers Training Programs	Tim Hofmann Rebecca Klein  Deon Cillers	Scat Dog Program Manager, PhD Candidate, CCF Executive Director, Cheetah Conservation Botswana Conservation Manager, Cheetah OutReach Trust
<b>1000 – 1215</b> <b>Session 3.2</b>	<b>What creative and innovative financing and conservation solutions?</b>		
<b>1000 – 1030</b> (30 min)	Overview - Ways to Scale Up?	Prof. Amy Dickman	Oxford Univ./WildCRU
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>		
<b>1100 – 1115</b>	Certification to Support Living with Wildlife	Sheillah Munsabe	Wildlife Friendly® Enterprise Network (WFEN), Network and Certifications Coordinator

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(15 min)			
<b>1115 – 1200</b> (45 min)	Innovative Ways to Live with Predators	Dr. Gwen Iacona  Stijn Verschueren Prof. Laurie Marker	Program Lead for Conservation Investment, Center for Biodiversity Outcomes, Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation, Arizona State Univ. Ecologist, PhD. Candidate, CCF Founder/ Executive Director, CCF
<b>1200 - 1215</b> (15 min)	GEF work in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa	Arega Mekonnen	Global Environmental Fund (GEF), Ethiopia
<b>1215 – 1230</b> (15 min)	UN and possible areas for collaboration within cheetah range countries.	Christophe Hodder	Environment Officer, UN Mission to Somalia
<b>1230 – 1315</b> <b>Session 3.3</b>	<b>How to translate vision into actions? What next steps?</b>		
<b>1230 – 1315</b> (45 min)	Discussion – Way Forward Moderators: Cynthia Smoot and Guillaume Thibault	Vance Martin Fiesta Achayo Warinwa Stijn Verschueren  Prof. Amy Dickman Michael Keigwin  Sheillah Munsabe  Bruce Brewer Dan Beringer Christophe Hodder Arega Mekonnen James Danoff-Burg Maurice Nyaligu	President Emeritus, (WFG) Agile Consultants PhD Candidate, CCF  Director, WildCRU Founding Trustee, Uganda Conservation Foundation  WFEN Network and Certifications Coordinator General Manager, CCF CCF Board Member Environment Officer, UN Mission to Somalia GEF Living Desert Zoo

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			Head of Programs, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
<b>1315 – 1345</b> (30 min)	Close of Summit	Cynthia Smoot Guillaume Thibault Prof. Laurie Marker Kumara Wakjira Gameda	CCF Ambassador, Master of Ceremonies Partner at Oliver Wyman, moderator Founder/Executive Director, CCF Director General EWCA
<b>1345 - 1500</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
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