



# **Wildscreen Festival Nairobi 2023**

## **Programme**

**Friday 30 June - Saturday 1 July 2023 | Alliance Française**



## Friday 30th June

Time	Event	Location
09.00 - 09.30	Doors Open	
09.30 - 10.00	Welcome Address	Auditorium
10.00 - 11.00	Headliner: Conservation Storytelling in Africa	Auditorium
11.00 - 11.30	Networking Coffee Break	Garden Terrace
11.30 - 12.30	Session: Creative Pathways	Auditorium
12.30 - 14.00	Networking Lunch	Garden Terrace
12.40 - 13.40	Lunchtime Screening: The Elephant Whisperers	Auditorium
14.00 - 15.00	Session: Myth-busting Commissioning	Auditorium
15.15 - 16.15	Session: Film Funding and Distribution	Auditorium
16.15 - 16.45	Networking Coffee Break	Garden Terrace
16.45 - 17.45	Session: Anatomy of a Production Team	Auditorium
17.45 - 18.00	Daily Roundup	Auditorium
18.00 - 19.00	Drinks Reception	3rd Floor
19.00 - 21.00	Screening and Q&A: The Secrets of the Elephants	Auditorium



## Saturday 1st July

Time	Event	Location
09.00 - 09.30	Doors Open & Coffee on Arrival	
09.30 - 10.30	Craft Masterclass: Cinematography	Auditorium
11.00 - 12.00	Headliner: In Conversation with Kartiki Gonsalves	Auditorium
12.00 - 13.30	Networking Lunch	Garden Terrace
12.30 - 13.00	Lunchtime Screening: AFRISOS Shorts	Auditorium
13.30 - 15.00	WildPitch	Auditorium
15.00 - 15.30	Networking Coffee Break	Garden Terrace
15.30 - 16.30	Craft Masterclass: Post-Production & Editing	Auditorium
17.00 - 18.00	Session: Can wildlife films really make a difference for conservation?	Auditorium
18.00 - 18.30	Final Remarks	Auditorium
18.30 - 19.00	BBC Studios, NHU Drinks Reception	3rd Floor
19.00 - 20.30	BBC Studios, NHU Screening, Natural World: My Congo	Auditorium



## Friday 30th June

**10.00 - 11.00**

### Conservation Storytelling in Africa

Headline panel featuring a range of individuals that work in Kenyan conservation discussing how storytelling is used impactfully to drive conservation efforts.

**Speakers:** Nancy Githaiga, Dr Winnie Kiiru, more still tba

**Moderator:** Dr Leela Hazzah

**11.30 - 12.30**

### Creative Pathways

Four up and coming Kenyan creatives share their journey in the wildlife filmmaking industry. From early inspiration to key influences, roadblocks and the role of mentors, we will discuss their experiences and celebrate their achievements.

**Speakers:** Faith Musembi, Manu Akatsa, Peter Ndung'u, Clement Kiragu

**Moderator:** Chloe Sarosh

**12.40 - 13.40**

### Lunchtime Screening: The Elephant Whisperers

Bomman and Bellie, a couple in South India, devote their lives to caring for an orphaned baby elephant named Raghu, forging a family like no other that tests the barrier between the human and the animal world.

**14.00 - 15.00**

### Myth-busting Commissioning

**Speakers:** Janet Han Vissering, more still tba

**Moderator:** Sreya Biswas

**15.15 - 16.15**

## Film Funding and Distribution

Explore the different routes to finance your wildlife film project. Spanning government funding, NGOs, private investment, new media platforms to pre-sales, distribution and acquisitions, walk away armed with a playbook of strategies to bring your idea to life.

**Speakers:** Carol Wachira,  
Catherine Wanjiku Njari, more still tba

**Modorater:** Barbara  
Lawrence-Strydom

**16.45 - 17.45**

## Anatomy of a Production Team

From jack of all trades to master of one! Join Faith Musembi, Caroline Cox and Samson Moyo as they discuss the transition from lone filmmaker to being part of a large international production team, and demystify the roles and responsibilities of editorial, production management and craft specialisms.

In this session they will take you step by step through the different job families on a production team, how they interact together, at what points each role is involved with a project, and discuss how local filmmakers can fit into this structure.

**Speakers:** Faith Musembi , Caroline Cox, Samson Moyo

**19.00- 21.00**

## Screening and Q&A: The Secrets of the Elephants

Elephants have long been a source of wonder and mystery with their rich emotional lives and almost supernatural ways of navigating the world. Now, in the second instalment of the groundbreaking, Emmy award-winning, natural history franchise, "Secrets Of", we travel the globe to, meeting different families of elephants, each with their own specific set of cultural behaviours passed between them, to reveal not just how truly extraordinary they are in their own right, but also how similar they are to us, humans.

**Speakers:** Dr Paula Kahumbu, Janet Han Vissering, Ednah Bonareri, Andreas Knausberger



## Saturday 1st July

**09.30 - 10.30**

### Craft Masterclass: Cinematography

**Speakers:** Manu Akatsa, Erica Rugabandana,  
Clement Kiragu

**Moderator:** Jeff Wilson

**11.00 -12.00**

### In Conversation with: Kartiki Gonsalves

Oscar-winning Director Kartiki Gonsalves talks to Dr Paula Kahumbu about her journey with 'The Elephant Whisperers' and the impact she hopes to make for nature, humanity and storytelling.

**Speakers:** Kartiki Gonsalves

**Moderator:** Dr Paula Kahumbu

**12.30 -13.00**

### Afrisos Shorts

A selection of natural history short films from Afrisos fellows.

**13.30 -15.00**

### Wild Pitch

Six filmmakers will have 3 minutes to pitch their wildlife project to a jury of leading international commissioners and senior executives live on stage. Following a 3 minute pitch, the pitchees will get immediate feedback from the judges. The judges will choose the top three projects, which will walkaway with a prize fund totalling \$19,000.

**Judges:** Janet Han Vissering, Jonny Keeling, Sreya Biswas,  
more still tba

**Moderator:** Pauline Kyalo

**13.30 -15.00**

## **Craft Masterclass: Post-Production & Editing**

**17.00 -18.00**

## **Can wildlife films really make a difference for conservation?**

Africa stands apart as continent of diverse cultures, untamed landscapes and extraordinary biodiversity that has inspired the global environmental movement. This panel brings together a distinguished group of visionary filmmakers, conservationists and experts who have harnessed the power of storytelling to conserve cultures at risk, to change the narrative in storytelling and to drive conservation behaviour change to ensure that Africa's wildlife endures.

**Speakers: Jigar Ganatra, Catherine Enane, Trish Sewe, Feisal Malik**

**Modorater: Dr Paula Kahumbu**

**19.00 -20.30**

## **Screening: Natural World: My Congo**

Wildlife cameraman Vianet Djenguet returns to his beloved Congo to explore the extraordinary wildlife of this remarkable country.

**Jonny Keeling & Pre-record message from Vianet Djenguet**