

CTEC co-sponsors Training Workshop.

Co-director, Dr. Beth Kaplin has organized a **Regional Training Workshop for Conservation Science Education in the Albertine Rift** to be held at National University of Rwanda from 31 March – 4 April. The workshop is hosted by the National University of Rwanda. The objective is to enhance conservation science education in the Albertine Rift region. Conservation science scholars from academic institutions in Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Burundi, by invitation only, will come together for this unique workshop. During one afternoon session we have invited government institutions and NGO's working in the environment to join in a dialogue to develop and strengthen links and collaborations with academia for sound policy and management of biodiversity and the environment. We will be making the report from the workshop available for those interested.

Our workshop objectives are to:

1. Provide a networking opportunity to build relationships and collaborations among conservation science educators from regional academic institutions, organizations and governments in the Albertine Rift.
2. Present active/inquiry-based teaching methods, including field-based teaching methods, to improve the development and teaching of courses (in the classroom and outside in the field) for conservation science and environmental education.
3. Advance participant's ability to develop effective grant proposals for research and educational purposes and to locate sources of funding for teaching and research endeavors.
4. Identify resources and tools that will help participants publish their research and guide students in research for publication.
5. Create or strengthen linkages between academic institutions (departments of conservation science/environmental science) and governmental and non-governmental organizations in order to enhance applied, practical research opportunities for instructors and students that meet the conservation and environmental needs of the countries in the region.

During the workshop, on 1 April we are especially pleased to announce a public talk by one of our workshop participants, Dr. Pius Yanda from University of Dar Es Salaam, who will talk about "*Climate Change and Human Development – Reflection from IPCC Fourth Assessment Report*" on the NUR campus.

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