

KWS OFFICIAL TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE ON AFRICA'S ECOLOGICAL ASSETS

A senior Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) official will this weekend speak at a regional conference marking 40 years of a key US government educational and cultural exchange program.

Paul Udoto, the KWS Corporate Communications Manager, will address the three-day conference on the contribution of ecological resources on sustainable development in Africa and how the future of wildlife in Africa and UN Sustainable Development Goals are being communicated using modern tools.

Mr Udoto is one of the panelists at the “African Humphrey Voices: Building a Better Future for Our Continent,” a Pan-African alumni conference, in Johannesburg, South Africa. He is among five panelists in the Alumni Impact Panel on the theme ‘*Using New Media Technologies to Push Critical Issues to the Fore*’. They will discuss how Fellows are maximizing new media technologies and strategies to examine topical issues like environmental protection, strengthening communities and developments in African economies.

The session’s moderator is Emmanuel Wongibe, Cameroon, Deputy Director General, Cameroon Radio Television while the *discussants* are Angelo Louw, South Africa, Digital Mobilization Officer at Greenpeace Africa, Steven Kapoloma, Malawi – Head of Corporate Affairs at Malawi Revenue Authority and Adetola Kayode, Nigeria – Broadcaster/Journalist at Lagos Television.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program will be celebrating 40 years of bringing international professionals to the United States to engage in study and collaborate with U.S. counterparts

The event will focus on economic development and good governance and will acknowledge the legacy of the nearly 6,000 Fellows and Alumni and the communities enriched by them.

Founded in 1978 in honor of the late Senator and Vice President, the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides a year of professional enrichment and leadership development in the United States for mid-career professionals from countries across the developing world. The Humphrey Program fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge, builds professional capacity, promotes lasting ties, and enhances international cooperation.

Each year approximately 150 Fellows, funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, engage in graduate-level non-degree study and related professional experiences at leading U.S. universities in fields critical to U.S. relations with the developing world. The program now has a network of nearly 6,000 fellows and alumni in 162 countries around the world working to improve their communities.

The Humphrey Program was launched as a Presidential initiative in 1978. Over the next year, the State Department, working closely with the Institute of International Education, aims to acknowledge the extraordinary professional achievements and impact of Humphrey alumni during the Fellowship's first 40 years through a series of events around the world.

The Humphrey Program begins its anniversary events in Johannesburg in recognition that 30 per cent of all Humphrey alumni are from Sub-Saharan Africa, the largest regional concentration in the world.

Join the conversation about the conference and the 40th anniversary on social media using the hashtag **#Humphrey40**.

Learn more about the Humphrey Program by visiting <http://www.humphreyfellowship.org/>.