



The Virunga Alliance

Foundation of Peace & Prosperity in Eastern Congo

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VIRUNGA NATIONAL PARK

Stability Through
Sustainable Development
in Eastern Congo

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Virunga Alliance, born of a Congolese commitment to protect Virunga National Park, the Virunga Alliance aims to foster peace and prosperity through the responsible economic development of natural resources for four million people who live within a day's walk of the park's borders.

During this side event, we will discuss the Economic, Social and Transformative potential of a World Heritage site such as Virunga National Park; what it means for local communities and from the development perspective of sustainable solutions for the war-torn eastern part of DR Congo.

Amazing and irreplaceable, Virunga National Park comprises two million acres of forests, swamps, savannas and snowfields sprawl over ancient mountains and active volcanoes, teeming with iconic wildlife like chimpanzees, lowland gorillas and about a quarter of the Earth's wild mountain gorillas. It is also home to the heroic rangers and park officials who risk their lives daily to protect it.

During this cocktail side-event the Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN) and Virunga Foundation in association with IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands will present the Virunga Alliance: what it represents for the Congolese Wildlife Authority, for the Conservation and Business communities and how it is directly benefiting Congolese communities and becoming a major driver of peace and prosperity in the region.

On behalf of the ICCN, Virunga National Park in association with IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands,

We are very pleased to invite you to join us for side-event with drinks and canapés at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), Berlin Room, from 19.00 hours on July 1st.

Programme / Side Event

Wednesday 1st July

- 19:00 Welcome
- 19:15 ICCN Presentation
- 19:45 Film Our Virunga: Communities
- 20:15 Q&A
- 21:00 Closing and Cocktail

<https://virunga.org/virunga-alliance/>

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