



## African Climate and Environment Centre - Future African Savannas (AFAS)

Improved livelihoods through nature-based solutions - Linking Science, Policy, and Practice

Virtual AFAS Kick-off workshop  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### PROGRAMME

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#### Time (CET)

11.00 – 11.20

#### Short welcoming word

**Dr. Juliet Wanjiku KAMAU**

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#### Introduction to AFAS by the four principal investigators

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11.20 – 11.45	<p><b>Introduction to internationalization activities by the DAAD and collaborating universities</b></p> <p><b>Ms Hanna CORNELIUS</b> Program Manager, DAAD Global Centers, Germany</p> <p><b>Professor Margaret HUTCHINSON</b> Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Innovation and Enterprise, University of Nairobi, Kenya</p> <p><b>Dr. Susanne PREUSCHOFF</b> Head of International Affairs, University of Cologne, Germany</p> <p><b>Professor Abdoulaye SANGARÉ</b> Vice President of Research and Technological Innovation. Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny (UFHB), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p><b>Professor Birgit MÜNCH</b> Vice Rector for International Affairs, University of Bonn, Germany</p>
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11.45 – 12.25	<p><b>Keynote lecture and Q&amp;A (moderation by Professor Daniel OLAGO)</b></p> <p><b>Professor Rob MARCHANT</b> Professor of Tropical Ecology, Department of Environment and Geography, Wentworth Way University of York</p> <p>Keynote: <i>"Understanding East African savanna ecosystem dynamics past present and future to craft future nature-based solutions in the face of climate and development challenges"</i></p>
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12.25 – 12.45	<p><b>Feedback session and Q&amp;A about AFAS (moderation by Dr. Jan Henning SOMMER)</b></p>
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12:45-13:00	<p><b>END OF FIRST SESSION/BREAK</b></p>
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13:00-14:00	<p><b>Round of introductions / getting to know each other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of AFAS senior team members (moderation by Dr. Gerda KUIPER)</li> <li>• Introduction of AFAS MSc- and PhD-students (moderation by Lewnorah Ayieta and Dr. N'Golo A. KONÉ)</li> <li>• Introduction of partners and stakeholders (moderation by Dr. Gerda KUIPER)</li> </ul> <p>Closing words by Professor Christian BORGEMEISTER</p>
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