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Kongamano Student Group in collaboration with the African Studies Center presents African Tea Time! An opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African Continent.

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Thursday, April 8th, 2021 4:00pm to 6:00pm (EST)

Virtual via Zoom
*Tea Time events will be recorded

Sudan & Rwanda

Theme: The contribution of beekeeping to livelihoods and biodiversity conservation in Africa

Sudan

Presenter: Dr. Moses Chemurot, Lecturer, Department of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Sciences, Makerere University.

Title: Beekeeping in Uganda and Sudan: what benefits are being exploited?

Beekeeping is an important livelihood option for rural households in developing countries. It contributes to improved crop yields and conservation of wild plants through pollination. Beekeeping also motivates people to conserve trees or plant new ones for bee forage. Moreover, beehive products have numerous nutritional and medicinal values. This presentation will summarize the current situation of beekeeping in Uganda and Sudan. Emphasis will be put on the contribution of beekeeping to livelihoods and wildlife conservation. Key challenges facing the sector will be highlighted. Finally, recommendations for sustainable development of the beekeeping sector will be presented.

Rwanda

Presenter: Vestine Ingabire, Climate change and Environmental officer, Conservation Action Practitioners (CAP)

Beekeeping has been practiced across many generations in Rwanda by use of traditional beekeeping practices. The first modern hive in Rwanda was introduced by Bauduin in 1966. Beekeeping plays a great role in the Rwandan community, the honey that the community harvest is primarily for sale and it used mostly; as a table meal, medicinal purposes, as well as for making local beer. Further, it supports and greatly contributes to several critical natural processes for example forest conservation and biodiversity, among others. Government institutions and other stakeholders have been involved in supporting beekeeping activities in Rwanda. Using a case study, the presentation will provide an overview of the history of beekeeping in Rwanda, its contribution to the community, and biodiversity along with challenges.

Facilitator: Dr. Tutilo Mudumba, Lecturer, Dept. of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Sciences, Makerere University, Uganda

