Call for Applications:

To Participate in a SADC TFCA Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchange Visit on Wildlife-Based Economy and Livelihoods.

The Southern African Wildlife College in collaboration with African Leadership University - School of Wildlife Conservation (ALU-SOWC) and Stellenbosch University – African Wildlife Economy Institute (AWEI) has a fully-funded opportunity for **25 candidates** involved in implementing Wildlife Based Economy and livelihoods related projects/programmes within the Southern African Development Community (SADC)'s **Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs)** to participate in a **5-day TFCA Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchange Programme within the South African component of the Great Limpopo TFCA** aimed at fostering knowledge sharing, collaboration, and best practices in **wildlife-based economies and livelihoods**.

The European Union and the German Government through the Joint Action NaturAfrica/Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Mananagement (C-NRM) project, implemented by the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)** supports this initiative, which is part of the broader Initiative to enhance Peer-to-Peer learning between TFCAs. The programme seeks to unlock the potential of wildlife economies for improved livelihoods and regional prosperity. Click here for more details

IMPORTANT DATES and INFO:

Application closing date:	**07 July 2025**
Announcement of selected candidates:	**16 July 2025**
Programme date:	**31 August – 05 September 2025**
Venue:	**Southern African Wildlife College, South Africa**
Language:	**English** (translation will be made available should we have candidates who are not fluent in English)

The Southern African Wildlife College invites qualified stakeholders who meet the following requirements to express their interest in participation:

1. **Operational base:** Individuals directly working in or with SADC TFCAs and are based in the SADC region.
2. **Current engagement on Wildlife-based Economy and Livelihood activities:** Individuals managing active/ongoing project(s) focused on Wildlife-based Economy within SADC TFCAs.
3. **Alignment to individual TFCA plans or strategies:** Explanation on how the work is aligned to TFCA agreed development plans, strategies or work plans.
4. **Motivation:** Demonstrating a clear motivation to undertake the learning experience highlighting the expected benefits to project implementation in TFCAs.
5. **Travel documents**: In possession of a valid passport to travel to South Africa which is valid for at least six months from the programme start date

6. Required Documents

6.1 Filled in registration form (Insert Link)

6.2 Ideally a letter, E-mail or other proof of endorsement by a SADC TFCA Secretariat, International Coordinator or National TFCA Focal Point to endorse the individuals participation

6.3 Copy of the applicant's valid passport (must be valid for at least six months from the programme start date).

7. Selection Criteria:

The selection criteria will feature a broad selection in the following composition and preference:

7.1 **Relevance and alignment** (40%): Relevance to amplify WBE concept in TFCA and alignment to TFCA plans

7.2 **Motivation**: Individual motivation.

7.3 **Diversity and inclusion**: Representation of women, youth and SADC TFCAs geographic spread.

7.3 **Self-motivated to <u>undertake training/learning experience outside their home country</u>**, and show prior knowledge of the SADC Wildlife-based economy strategy.

7.4 Applicants must have **no criminal record.**

8. General Rules

8.1 Only application forms completed correctly, in full and accompanied by the required supporting documents will be considered.

8.2 Language translation will be made available should we have candidates who are not fluent in English.

9. Support Provided

Successful candidates will benefit from the following (Ts&Cs apply):

9.1 Return Flights to South Africa (O.R. Tambo International Airport).

9.2 Return airport transfer from O.R. Tambo International Airport to SAWC

9.3 Accommodation and Meals for the duration of the Peer-to-Peer learning

9.4 Participation in all Peer-to-Peer learning activities

10. How to Apply

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in participating in this programme, kindly click Online Application form or scan the QR Code to apply by **07 July 2025** at **16:00 SAST**. **Dr. Thabang Teffo** email: tteffo@sawc.org.za and **Ms. Mara Gellner** email: mara.gellner@giz.de