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# Event Agenda

EAZA Conservation Forum 2026

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## Monday, May 18, 2026

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**                      **Conservation Committee (closed)**  
Location: Opel-Zoo meeting room

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## Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**                      **Conservation Committee (closed)**  
Location: Opel-Zoo meeting room

**6:30 PM - 10:30 PM**                      **Icebreaker at Sambesi**  
Location: Sambesi (Opel-Zoo)

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## Wednesday, May 20, 2026

**7:45 AM - 5:00 PM**                      **Registration desk open (Sign-up for the workshops)**  
Location: Foyer

**8:30 AM - 9:30 AM**                      **Welcome and opening**  
Location: Festsaal  
Session facilitator: Simon Bruslund

**9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**                      **Opening keynote**  
Location: Festsaal  
Keynote speaker: Vincent Nijman

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**                      **Coffee/tea break**  
Location: Foyer

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**                      **Presentations | Collaboration for conservation impact: from innovation to inclusive action**  
Location: Festsaal  
Session facilitator: Friederike von Houwald ; Speakers: Sebastian Schneider, Amy Dickman, Koustubh Sharma, Jennifer Snell Rullman, Johanna Rode-White, Tjalle Boorsma, Dennis Rentsch, Elliot Carlton, Ella Le Borgne, Andrea Dempsey, Anne Dohrmann

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**                      **Lunch**  
Location: Foyer

**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**                      **Workshops**

- The Zoo Sphere of Influence Model: Expanding the roles of zoos and aquariums within a connected society**  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Location: Feldberg 2  
Speaker: Sarah Spooner
- PARTNERS Principles Workshop: Navigating the Ethics and Inclusion of Local Communities in Conservation PART I**  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Location: Herzberg  
Speakers: Koustubh Sharma, Jennifer Snell Rullman
- Legal, Sustainable and Ethical Acquisition - Due Diligence PART I**  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Location: Festsaal  
Speakers: Simon Bruslund, Danny de Man
- Aligning Funders and Conservationists for Maximum Impact**  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Location: Fuchstanz  
Speaker: Anne Alexandre

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Posters and drinks

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## Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Registration desk open (Sign-up for the workshops)**

Location: Foyer

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

**Keynote: Ethics in Zoo-Based Conservation: Guiding Modern Decision-Making**

Location: Festsaal

Keynote speaker: Barbara De Mori

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**Presentations | Inclusive conservation in practice: ethics, social science, and empowerment**

Location: Festsaal

Session facilitator: Jan Stejskal ; Speakers: Jonas Livet, Tatiana Beuchat, Craig Spencer, Sander van Lopik

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**Coffee/tea break**

Location: Foyer

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Workshops**

**Ethical Decision-Making in Modern Conservation**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Feldberg 2

Speakers: Barbara De Mori, Steven Seet

**PARTNERS Principles Workshop: Navigating the Ethics and Inclusion of Local Communities in Conservation PART II**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Herzberg

Speakers: Koustubh Sharma, Jennifer Snell Rullman

**Legal, Sustainable and Ethical Acquisition - Due Diligence PART II**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Festsaal

Speakers: Simon Bruslund, Danny de Man

**How Can We Be More Innovative in Nontraditional Partnerships in Conservation?**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Fuchstanz

Speakers: Sandra Helmark Hansen, Laura Julie Purlund

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Lunch**

Location: Foyer

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Presentations | Inclusive conservation in practice: ethics, social science, and empowerment**

Location: Festsaal

Session facilitator: Tomislav Krizmanić ; Speakers: Yari Roggia, Matthias Kleespies, João Neves

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**ZOO VISIT**

Location: Opel-Zoo

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## Friday, May 22, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Registration desk open (Sign-up for the workshops)**

Location: Foyer

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

**Keynote: From Practice to Policy: EAZA Leadership in IUCN Council**

Location: Festsaal

Session facilitator: Tatiana Beuchat ; Keynote speaker: Ann Katrine Garn, Ruben Khachatryan

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**Presentations | From Policy to Practice: Collaborative Conservation in Europe**

Location: Festsaal

Session facilitator: Alex Cliffe ; Speakers: Alice Albertini, Signe Ellegaard, Tomislav Krizmanić, Yari Roggia, Friederike von Houwald, Johannes Penner, Taissa Faust

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**Coffee/tea break**

Location: Foyer

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## Workshops

### **Do We Have What it Takes? Building Institutional Capacity for Conservation**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Feldberg 2

Speakers: Tomislav Krizmanić, Ana Milković Opašić

### **Uniting for Wildlife: How the Bioparc Zoo and Bioparc Conservation Build Global Partnerships for the Nature Projects**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Herzberg

Speaker: Tatiana Beuchat

### **Can People and Wolves Co-exist? A Role-Playing Game by the EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Fuchstanz

Speakers: Johanna Eul, Kyra Baumann

### **EAZA Wetlands for Life: Get your feet wet!**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Festsaal

Speakers: Alex Cliffe, Catherine King, Nora Weyer, Laura Ganner, Juliane Pokorny

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

## Lunch

Location: Foyer

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## Presentations | From Policy to Practice: collaborative conservation in Europe

Location: Festsaal

Session facilitator: Arne Schulze ; Speakers: Karina Handen, Monika Dmochowska, Nora Weyer, Gerardo Unger Lafourcade, Jens-Ove Heckel

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

## Panel discussion | From Global Expertise to Local Action: The IUCN SSC Center for Species Survival Network as a Catalyst for Collaborative-led Species Conservation within and beyond Europe

Location: Festsaal

Session facilitator: Catarina Fonseca ; Panelist: Ciara Duggan, Elliot Carlton, João Neves, Matthias Kleespies, Nora Weyer

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## Closing ceremony

Location: Festsaal

Speaker: Simon Bruslund

7:00 PM - 11:59 PM

## Farewell dinner

Location: Sambesi (Opel-Zoo)

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## Saturday, May 23, 2026

8:30 AM - 2:15 PM

## Excursion to Messel pit fossil site (Optional)

Location: Messel pit