

WORKSHOP 1

Strengthening Biosecurity and Plant Health Monitoring for Sustainable Plant Conservation: Prioritizing Surveillance, Community-centred Legislative Framework, and Knowledge Exchange in the African Region

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This workshop highlights the critical role of biosecurity and plant health in plant conservation, addressing the increasing threats posed by invasive species, pests, and diseases. Regional experts in plant biosecurity and conservation will discuss innovative surveillance methods, strategies for prioritizing monitoring efforts, and ways to align legislative frameworks with the needs of community-based conservation practitioners. The session will also explore potential collaborations and ongoing projects to enhance knowledge exchange and strengthen regional cooperation.

Agenda Highlights

- Keynote presentations and expert talks
- Panel discussion on current challenges and success stories
- Breakout sessions to identify biosecurity /plant health priorities
- Review of key actions to take forward

Participants: Open

Date: Wednesday, 6th August 2025

Duration: 4 hours

Intended Audience

This workshop is open to all Congress participants, particularly plant biosecurity experts, researchers, policymakers, representatives from botanic gardens, and community-based plant conservation organizations.