

## **Is the China-Africa Nexus An Emerging Partnership to Combat Wildlife Poaching and Trafficking?**

**Date:** 2 December 2015, Wednesday

**Time:** 8:30am to 12pm

**Venue:** Senate Room in Senate House, East Campus, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (campus map: [http://www.wits.ac.za/maps/605/braamfontein\\_campus.html](http://www.wits.ac.za/maps/605/braamfontein_campus.html))

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### **INTRODUCTION**

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The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) is a high-level summit to strengthen the dialogue and collaboration on economic development and other important matters between the African states and China. The Sixth FOCAC Summit, taking place in Johannesburg, South Africa on December 4 and 5, 2015, is a milestone in the decades-long China-Africa engagement since China has become the continent's largest trading partner.

As China's special ambassador to Africa, LIU Guijin and other China-Africa experts have poignantly observed, "mutual understanding is crucial to a sustainable China-Africa relationship and development. As a symbolic component of Africa's culture and heritage, wildlife conservation plays a unique and important role in such mutual understanding."

Wildlife poaching and trafficking has decimated the continent's many iconic species, threatened the economic livelihood and posed security challenges. Given that China is an important, if not the most important, foreign investor in the continent, it is in the interest of the vast Chinese presence across Africa to be an active participant in the global effort to save at-risk species from the illegal wildlife trade. Many Chinese expatriates in Africa are cognizant the critical role that they can play to strengthen the China-Africa nexus in wildlife conservation.

This event will bring together preeminent Chinese business leaders in Africa, experts on China-Africa relations and international conservationists to discuss the challenges as well as explore opportunities to facilitate a China-Africa partnership on wildlife conservation.

## AGENDA

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**8:30am** Registration

**9am – 9:05am** Welcoming remarks by Hongxiang Huang, investigative journalist on the ivory and rhino horn trade and founder of China House

**9:05am - 9:20am** Keynote Speech, The Honorable Yuxiao Zhou, former ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Zambia

**9:20am - 9:50am** FOCAC and Wildlife Conservation from Different Perspectives: How the China-Africa relations and wildlife conservation affect each other

**Moderator:** Edwina Zhang, Program Director, China House

**Panelists:** Alexander Rhodes, CEO of Stop Ivory and representative of Elephant Protection Initiative

Yu-Shan Wu, Foreign Policy Researcher, The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)

Dr. Cobus van Staden, Lecturer, Media Studies of Wits University and Co-founder of the China Africa Project

**9:50am-10:20am** Examining China-Africa wildlife conservation and the opportunity of FOCAC presents through the lenses of international conservationists

**Panelists:** Andrea Crosta, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Elephant Action League(via Skype)

Iris Ho, Wildlife Program Manager, Humane Society International

Damien Mander, Founder, International Anti-Poaching Foundation

**10:20am – 10:50am** Perspectives from the Chinese community leaders in Africa

**Panelists:** Simba (Zhuo Qiang), Founder, Mara Conservation Fund of Kenya(via Skype)

Si Hai, Chairman, Southern Africa Shanghai Industrial and Commercial Liaison Association (南部非洲上海工商联谊总会)

Nan Gengxu, Chairman, Global Max Media Group (环球广域传媒集团)

**10:50 – 11:00am** Coffee Break

**11:00am –12:00pm** Questions and Discussions: Challenges and opportunities for the China-Africa wildlife conservation partnership

**12:00pm** Signing ceremony(Participants are encouraged to sign a declaration pledging support for Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade that will be presented to FOCAC Joint Secretariat)

**Brief bio of speakers:**

- The Honorable Yuxiao Zhou, former ambassador of China to Zambia (2011-2014) and Liberia(2007-2011), former consular to South Africa(2005-2007) and Nigeria(1999-2002)
- Alexander Rhodes, CEO of Stop Ivory and representative of the Elephant Protection Initiative. The Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) is a global initiative launched by Botswana, Chad, Ethiopia, Gabon and Tanzania which brings African Elephant range States, non-range States, intergovernmental organisations (IGOs), non-governmental organisations(NGOs), Private Sector and Private Citizens together to work in partnership to protect elephants and stop the illegal ivory trade.
- Yu-Shan Wu, Foreign Policy Researcher, The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA).  
<http://www.saiia.org.za/policy-insights/not-beating-around-the-bush-understanding-china-and-south-africas-illegal-wildlife-trade>
- Dr. Cobus van Staden, Lecturer, Media Studies of Wits University, Co-founder of the China Africa Project, one of the preeminent multimedia sources on the China-Africa relations(<http://www.chinaafricaproject.com/tag/ivory/>)
- Iris Ho, Wildlife Program Manager, Humane Society International ([www.hsi.org](http://www.hsi.org)), one of the largest animal protection organizations in the world. HSI partners with China House on engaging Chinese communities in Africa to combat the illegal wildlife trade  
(<http://www.chinaafricaproject.com/kenya-chinese-volunteers-wildlife-conservation/>)
- Andrea Crosta, Co-founder, Elephants Action League (EAL).EAL aims to fight wildlife crime through concrete, innovative and collaborative projects and was among the first ones who announced the investigation and the arrest of the “Ivory Queen” in Tanzania  
(<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/oct/08/chinese-ivory-queen-charged-smuggling-706-elephant-tusks>)
- Damien Mander, Founder, Founder, International Anti-Poaching Foundation. Registered in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia and the U.S., IAPF works

alongside rangers and partners to defend wildlife from poaching within protected areas. (<http://www.iapf.org>)

- Simba (Zhuo Qiang), Founder, Mara Conservation Fund of Kenya, the first Chinese conservation NGO in Africa
- Si Hai, chairman, Southern Africa Shanghai Industrial and Commercial Liaison Association (南部非洲上海工商联谊总会), one of the top Chinese business leaders in South Africa
- Nan Gengxu, chairman of Global Max Media Group (环球广域传媒集团), owner of the biggest Chinese media group in Africa and one of the top Chinese business leaders in Botswana
- Hongxiang Huang, founder, China House. Huang has done intensive field investigation on the ivory and rhino horn trade with the Chinese connection (<https://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/6540-The-Chinese-ivory-s-mugglers-in-Africa>)

## 中非野保合作论坛：一场跨越中外媒体的对话

**日期：**12月2日，周三

**时间：**上午八点半开始注册

**地点：**Senate Room, Senate House, 金山大学东校区, 约翰内斯堡, 南非

(金山大学校园地图: [http://www.wits.ac.za/maps/605/braamfontein\\_campus.html](http://www.wits.ac.za/maps/605/braamfontein_campus.html))

**组织方：**金山大学中非报道项目, 南部非洲上海工商联谊总会, 环球广域传媒集团, 马拉野保基金会, Stop Ivory, HSI, 中南屋

### 简介

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2015年升级为峰会的中非合作论坛将把中非合作带到一个新的高度。如同中国非洲特使刘贵今及许多中非专家曾经指出, 相互理解是中非关系可持续发展的关键。作为非洲文化有象征性的一部分, 野生动物保护一直在中非双方文化沟通中扮演着独特而重要的角色。

随着中国在非洲的援助及商业活动蓬勃发展, 越来越多的海内外媒体开始关注在非洲与中国相关的野生动物保护议题, 如象牙与犀牛角问题。通过这场活动, 我们希望聚集中国企业家, 在非洲从事野保的中国人, 中非领域的学者, 国际野保组织, 一起与中外媒体进行一场对话: 中非论坛将对中非野保合作带来什么? 在非的华人是如何看待野生动物保护问题的, 以及目前为止在该领域做过一些什么; 有哪些外国这方面的媒体报道是不实的, 是误解了情况的; 中外记者应该如何更好地了解中非关系与野生动物保护这个议题, 如何更好地对其进行报道; 中外之间, 如何更好地沟通与对话, 来促进双方的互相理解?

### 目标

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- 呼吁大家借中非合作论坛的契机, 了解国际野保工作与野保 NGO, 更多关注“在非华人与非洲野生动物保护”议题;
- 帮助国际新闻记者正确地理解在非华人与非洲野保的关联, 以及华人在该领域所做出的努力;
- 促进中外记者更好理解中非野保合作对于中非关系可持续发展的重要意义;
- 探求华人在非洲野生动物保护方面的机遇与挑战;

### 日程

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2015年12月2日周三金山大学

**来宾注册**

8:30 a.m.

**开场致词及活动背景提要:** 黄泓翔, 象牙犀牛角调查记者, 中南屋创始人

9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.

**主题演讲:** 周欲晓, 中国前驻赞比亚大使

9:05 a.m. - 9: 20 a.m.

**议程一：中非合作与野保——多方视点**，主持人：张贤双，中南屋

9:20 a.m. - 9: 50 a.m.

如何更好理解中非野保合作在中非领域的地位与影响

Alexander Rhodes, Stop Ivory 的 CEO 与大象保护行动 (EPI) 的代表  
吴玉珊研究员, 南非国际问题研究所 (SAIIA)

Cobus van Staden 博士, 金山大学媒介研究, 中非项目联合创始人

9: 50 a.m. - 10: 20a.m.

国际野保组织如何看待在非华人与野保, 以及中非领域的野保合作

Iris Ho, Humane Society International

Andrea Crosta, 大象行动联盟

Damien Mander, 国际反盗猎基金会

10: 20a.m. - 10: 50 a.m.

在非华人对非洲野生动物保护的认知与行动

星巴, 马拉野保基金

姒海, 南部非洲上海工商联谊总会

南庚戌, 环球广域传媒集团

**议程二：圆桌对话**，主持人：金山大学中非报道项目

11: 00 a.m.- 12: 00 p.m.

在中非报道项目的主持下, 论坛嘉宾对一些议题进行讨论与对话, 以媒体应该如何更好报道该议题为中心。随后中外记者会通过提问来与嘉宾互动。

初定圆桌对话的讨论话题:

- a. 关于在非华人与野生动物保护, 中外存在哪些理解上的误区?
- b. 在非华人能如何更好地参与非洲野生动物保护?
- c. 野生动物保护问题如何影响中国人的在非形象, 从而影响中国投资在非洲的长期可持续发展?

12: 00 p.m.

与会嘉宾共同在“拒买野生动物制品, 非洲华人在行动”签名板上签名, 向中非合作论坛表达期望

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周欲晓, 中国前驻赞比亚大使 (2011-2014), 前驻利比里亚大使(2007-2011), 前

驻南非参赞(2005-2007)，前驻尼日利亚参赞(1999-2002)

Alexander Rhodes, STOP IVORY 的 CEO, Elephant Protection Initiative 的代表。  
EPI 是一项非洲国家政府间保护大象和抵制非法野生动物制品贸易的公约

吴玉珊，南非国际问题研究所 (SAIIA) 研究员，公共外交与中非关系专家  
(<http://www.saiia.org.za/policy-insights/not-beating-around-the-bush-understanding-china-and-south-africas-illegal-wildlife-trade>)

Cobus van Staden 金山大学媒介研究，中非项目联合创始人，中非项目是国际上最受欢迎的中非媒体平台之一  
(<http://www.chinaafricaproject.com/tag/ivory/>)

Iris Ho, Humane Society International, HSI 与中南屋合作，在肯尼亚开展了影响肯尼亚华人社区参与野保，抵制野生动物贸易的工作，这是世界上最前沿的影响在非华人参与野保的项目之一  
(<http://www.chinaafricaproject.com/kenya-chinese-volunteers-wildlife-conservation/>)

Andrea Crosta, 大象行动联盟，参与了多次国际野生动物犯罪调查，与该类型其他组织亦关系密切  
(<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/oct/08/chinese-ivory-queen-charged-smuggling-706-elephant-tusks>)

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星巴 (卓强)，马拉野保基金会创始人，马拉野保基金会是首个中国人在非洲成立的野保 NGO

姒海，南部非洲上海工商联谊总会会长，南非著名侨领

南庚戌，环球广域传媒集团董事长，非洲最大的华人媒体集团之一的创始人，博茨瓦纳著名侨领

黄泓翔，中南屋创始人，曾进行深度的象牙与犀牛角贸易暗访调查  
(<https://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/6540-The-Chinese-ivory-smugglers-in-Africa>)