

The Title is: 'Strengthening African CSOs for Improved Natural Resource Governance and Conservation'.

It is going to be a presentation of the findings of a research conducted to understand the challenges civil society organisations in Africa face and possible means of intervening or supporting them to respond to these challenges so that they can be more effective and efficient.

Abstract: A wide range of local and national civil society organisations are central to processes of change and positive outcomes in natural resource governance and conservation fields across Sub-Saharan Africa. However, many committed and innovative CSOs face an array of internal challenges in their ability to grow, scale up and achieve their goals. This side event will seek to create a platform to deepen our understanding of African CSOs' needs, interests and challenges; to explore how funders and partners are working to address and to identify opportunities for better practice and investments in strengthening African CSOs.