2nd Annual Rangelands Congress of Kenya
Theme: Rangelands Health and Security in a Dynamic Landscape
29th and 30th November 2016
Kenya Commercial Bank Leadership Centre - Karen, Nairobi

The importance of the rangelands cannot be overlooked. Covering a quarter of the earth's surface, the rangelands span two thirds of tropical Africa, support 550 million pastoralists, farmers, and the largest livestock and wildlife populations on the continent. The rangelands also play a key role in water capture, carbon sequestration and a host of ecosystem services, including tourism, outdoor recreation and wellbeing.

Today, the rangelands are threatened by land annexation, fragmentation, degradation and climate change. Rangeland communities are being marginalized by lack of education, healthcare, infrastructure, resource development, access to markets, weak institutional governance, political influence and rapid population growth and poverty. Land grabs and resource appropriations further weaken resident communities and degrade rangeland health.

Landowner associations, conservation organizations, research institutions and governmental institutions have been working together in recent years to open up new opportunities for rangeland communities, based on productive and sustainable uses of the land and natural resources.

To further the collaboration, The **Rangelands Association of Kenya** (RAK), in collaboration with the African Conservation Centre (ACC) and Institutional Canopy of Conservation (I-CAN), will host the **2nd Annual Rangelands Congress** at the KCB Leadership Centre in Karen Nairobi on the **29TH – 30TH of November 2016**.

The theme of the congress is **'Rangelands health and security in a dynamic landscape'** and will focus on how the land owner associations and partners can ensure land security and healthy ecosystems in the face of growing threats and rapid change.

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