

NOMINEES STANDING FOR ELECTION

VICE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Helida Oyieke

Dr. Oyieke has a PhD in Marine Botanical Sciences. She currently works as Chief Research Scientist at the National Museums of Kenya, having served as the Director for Research and Collection at the same institution for about 10 years. Prior to that, she served as Assistant Director, Center for Biodiversity at NMK. She has a keen interest in environmental research particularly those leaning towards Wetlands, biodiversity and their sustainable utilization as well as community involvement in conservation. Dr Oyieke is an expert in EIA and serves as a member of several conservation related committees and taskforces, both national and international. She is a strong supporter of Nature Kenya's Conservation Programmes.

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr. James (Jim) Birnie

Jim Birnie is a retired certified public accountant and certified public secretary and has extensive experience in the areas of audit and accountancy work. He was a partner with Coopers & Lybrand, a major international accounting and financial service company, from 1972 until retirement in 1996. He has served as trustee to a number of pension schemes and charitable trusts, was for a number of years the treasurer of All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi, and is a member of Rotary. Jim was married to Ann who was the founder of Friends of Nairobi Arboretum and co-author of "Trees of Kenya", who passed away last year. Interests include travel and the environment.

MEMBER AND TRUSTEE

Ms. Irene Karani-Njumbi

Ms. Njumbi holds an M.Phil in Wildlife Management from Moi University and is currently pursuing her PhD in Climate Change Adaptation at the University of Nairobi. She was a Lecturer at Moi and Daystar universities, teaching various disciplines of wildlife management, environmental science, and biology. She also worked with the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya as the Programme Officer; Practical Action formerly known as ITDG-EA (Intermediate Technology Development Group) as the Pastoralist Project Manager; and Acacia Consultants as the Rural Development Consultant. She was a Partner and Senior Consultant at Kesarine and Associates, and a Director of LTS Africa, a subsidiary of LTS International based in Scotland, UK. LTS later merged with the Niras Group based in Denmark and she became the first Niras Africa Head Office Director, where she managed seven Niras country offices in Africa. She is currently the Africa Climate Director of the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, and sits on the board of the Africa Climate Foundation based in South Africa.

MEMBER

Mr. Kuria Waithaka

Mr. Waithaka, a Chevening Scholar, holds an LLM degree in Corporate and Commercial Law from UCL, University of London. He has undertaken postgraduate studies in Air and Space Law at McGill University and in addition holds an LLB degree from the University of Nairobi. He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a Certified Secretary and an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is currently the Company Secretary & Chief Legal Officer at the Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc. Prior to that, he was

a Partner at KN Law LLP. He has previously held senior legal, company secretarial, corporate affairs and compliance roles at the East African Breweries Limited, the Privatization Commission (Kenya), Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya Airways, Citibank N.A. and Kaplan & Stratton Advocates. Mr. Waithaka has a great interest in environmental conservation and community development. He is in the leadership team of the Rotary District 9212 and also serves on a Council Committee of St. John's Ambulance Kenya.

MEMBER

Mr. Ben Allen

Ben was born in Kenya and educated in Tanzania & Yorkshire, England. He read Agricultural Management at the University of Natal and went on to manage farms in Zimbabwe and Zambia before migrating to Western Australia with his wife Fiona. They lived in Perth for the next 24 years, building up a wholesale bakery business, bringing up two boys, and Ben did an MBA at Murdoch University. In December 2013 they moved back to Kenya when Ben was appointed Managing Director of Fairseat Foundation, a not-for-profit retirement community based in Rosslyn where Ben's mother and Fiona's parents are all resident. He has always been a keen amateur naturalist and wants to be able to give back to society and contribute where possible.

Executive Committee members 2021/2022

- Mr. Rupert Watson – *Chairman, term ending 2023*
- Dr. Helida Oyieke - *Vice Chair & Trustee, Standing for re-election*
- Mr James Birnie - *Hon Treasurer, Standing for re-election*
- Ms. Fleur Ng'weno - *Hon Secretary, term ending 2024*
- Dr. Charles Warui - *Hon Editor, term ending 2024*
- Dr. Dino Martins – *Hon. Librarian, term ending 2023*
- Dr. Siro Masinde - *member and Trustee, term ending 2024*
- Ms. Irene Karani Njumbi - *member and Trustee, Standing for re-election*
- Mr. James Kashangaki - *member, term ending 2023*
- Mr. Ben Allen – *member, Standing for re-election*
- Mr. Kuria Waithaka – *member, Standing for re-election*
- Dr. Geoffrey Mwachala – *member, term ending 2024*
- Mr. Alex Duncanson - *Member, term ending 2023*

Co-opted Members

- Ms. Heather Elkins
- Dr. Darcy Ogada
- Dr. Benny Bytebier
- Dr. Alan Carles
- Dr. Debbie Nightingale
- Dr. Ian Gordon



Biographies of Executive Committee members standing for election



**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 28th April 2022**