Dear Partners and Friends of ANAW,

Ladies and gentlemen, in a few days we will all be bidding farewell to this year, 2017. What a year it has been, with all of you on board as we strove with our last ounce of energy and courage to care for Africa’s animals!

As I have said before, Africa’s animals continue to face increasing threats to their survival, and support such as you have given to ANAW, especially this year, has gone a long way in giving our animals a chance for survival even in the face of these monumental challenges; and for that, we are forever grateful.

In this year I am glad to report to you that as an organization we have been able to achieve many important animal welfare milestones that will be captured in our forthcoming Annual Report.

Of these milestones, are the Africa Animal Welfare Conference held in October 2-4, 2017 where together with UN Environment and the Government of Kenya cohosted the event, and of course, the just concluded National Judicial Dialogue among other key activities.

Allow me, on behalf of the Chairman, Board and staff (ANAW and ANAW-USA), to sincerely thank you for your support in this near-ending 2017. You have made a great contribution to Africa’s animals and with your continued support, we are without a doubt looking forward to 2018 with renewed energy for the work we do.

May you have a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year 2018.

Sincerely,

Josaphat Ngonyo
Executive Director
ANAW
For 9 days, ANAW participated and supported the hosting of the 3rd United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 3) in Nairobi dubbed, #BeatPollution.

The Assembly was organized in two main sessions, Global Major Groups and Stakeholders’ Forum (GMGSF) and the UNEA Proper which involved member states discussions.

ANAW was keen and interested in supporting the drafting of declarations and resolutions that would be favorable to animal welfare and environmental conservation in the GMGSF as well as propelling the animal welfare agenda in the UNEA Proper through a policy brief drafted post Africa Animal Welfare Conference held at the UN Environment 2nd - 4th October 2017.

In his appreciation note to ANAW’s Executive Director, Josphat Ngonyo and colleagues and while acknowledging the support role ANAW offered during the third UN Environment Assembly Alexander Juras – UNEP’s Civil Society Unit Chief said, “We are pleased to inform you that quite a number of meetings were held in the tent during the sidelines of the Assembly and provided an opportunity for Civil Society delegates to come and discuss on issues pertaining to the theme of the Assembly. Also, we were able to hold a high level governmental meeting together with Civil Society and various Government Stakeholders. All this could not have been done without your assistance. Thank you.”

Mr Juras also added that UN Environment was looking forward to working with ANAW to further the duo partnership in the coming years.

The next UNEA is slated for the 11th – 15th March 2019 in Nairobi, further information to follow suit.
In collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), ANAW convened the 7th Intra-Agency Forum on Wildlife and Environmental Crimes on 14 - 15 December 2017 at Sarova Shaba Game Lodge within the Shaba National Reserve. The forum themed ‘Into The Next Frontier: Balancing Environmental Sustainability and Development’ brought together 75 participants: comprising 1 judge, 40 magistrates, 10 prosecutors, 10 investigators, 5 County Government Representatives, civil society, conservation partners and community representatives.

The National Judicial Dialogue on Wildlife and Environmental Crimes forum was established in 2013 to provide a common platform for stakeholders to identify key gaps, exchange experiences, share lessons and implement resolutions through cooperation and collaboration among the justice chain stakeholders.

The rationale of the just concluded 7th National Dialogue arose from the realization that although agriculture, mining and forestry sectors collectively were the primary contributors to Kenya’s Gross Domestic Product - GDP, forest stocks and natural resources continued to be decimated. Further, wetlands and wildlife numbers were also on the declining path while renewable and nonrenewable resources have become increasingly depleted and worse still, was the absence of or inadequacy in appropriate policies and viable policy environments aimed at deterring such environmental setbacks.

Therefore, the challenge was how to continue to achieve economic growth and generate employment and income while at the same time conserving the natural resource base. In this front, the Intra-Agency Forum convened in December to discuss how Kenya can achieve sustainable development with the least amount of negative environmental impacts.
After a busy year of promoting animal welfare in schools, it was time for the teachers who have done exemplary work in helping shape and develop positive attitude towards animals to their pupils, to celebrate and reflect on the activities of the Animal Welfare Clubs. It was time to assess both successes and challenges of the year and forge a way forward for the coming year(s). Some of the teachers who were trained in Humane Education had the opportunity to share with the others on how they have utilized the knowledge gained.

The workshop was held on 1st of December at Kilimo Grand Resort, in Kiambu County, west of Nairobi Capital and was facilitated by Susan Mwai, the Humane Education Officer at ANAW. A total of 29 teachers from Kiambu, Machakos, Nairobi, Kajiado and Makueni counties attended the workshop.

Among the key issues discussed were coverage of modules, content delivery and future projects in schools. Such Projects would focus on environment and animal welfare.

Teachers were optimistic that Animal Welfare Education was going to continue imparting change in behavior and attitudes in children towards fellow pupils, the environment and animals.

Mrs. Florence Omwenga of Nakeel Primary noted, “We are going to start our heroic project immediately schools open because we have no time left. We need to act quickly to save the environment”. All teachers present unanimously agreed with her and committed to start their project when schools re-opened in January.
2017 has been a year that ANAW through her robust mission of working with communities, governments, partners and other stakeholders has unreservedly employed the available resources and managed to save 216 precious animals that would have otherwise died at the hands of poachers within our core project areas.

Through provision of quick and timely emergency rescue treatment to injured wildlife that fall victim to the bush-meat poaching and trade or the human-wildlife conflict issues, our Wildlife Rescue Team in conjunction with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has been able to free those species from pain and injury and release them back to the wild.

The positive and touching feedback we continue to receive from the neighbors to the animal habitations urges us to keep showing care, compassion and speaking for these voiceless creatures. One man, only identified as John, recently stopped his motorcycle and watched our rescue team free a zebra from a wire snare, and after watching it hop away to join the rest in the wild, remarked, “You guys have given that animal a second chance to live. Thank you. Keep up the good job” Then rode away.

In 2017, a total of 38 wildlife rescue campaigns were carried out in our project zones: Nairobi, Nakuru, Machakos and Kajiado and 24 Zebras, 6 Giraffes, 2 Elands, 1 Waterbuck, 1 Hippo, 1 Wildebeest, 1 Hyena, 1 Warthog and 1 Buffalo were freed from undeserved pain, injury and distress and given another shot in life.

Finally, it is important to note that we have had interventions geared to rescuing and rehabilitating of primates at Colobus Conservation, Diani, Kwale County where 178 welfare incidences were reported and attended to by a Veterinary Officer seconded by ANAW.

Pictures 1,2,3,4 show ANAW & KWS in rescue operations
ANAW field staff were excited to welcome an academic team of 16; 14 students and 2 professors from the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Social Work. The group took part in an impactful experiential trip across the country from December 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017. They visited key animal care and wildlife conservation sanctuaries in Nairobi, Nakuru, Voi, Diani and Kasigau.

The theme explored this year was African women empowerment through technology and conservation. The group spent time and became well acquainted with indigenous communities in Taita Taveta. The students reflected on the perspectives of how conservation has contributed to the well-being of the women in these communities. They accompanied prolific women in the field while they gave talks and carried out their day to day tasks.

The Conservation Social Work course covered the positive and negative impact of current challenges faced in the protection and care of animals in Kenya. The group took in the adverse effects of poaching, urban development and human-wildlife conflict on communities, their land and the local economic ventures.

They observed in awe how varied species of wild animals and birds thrived in land and marine habitat.

ANAW collaborates with international and local learning institutions and organizations to educate individuals and professionals on good animal welfare practices in experiential trips at different times of the year. The organization heartily thanks University of Denver for a meaningful mutual partnership carried out in the 10 years of working together.
Seventeen enthusiastic undergraduate students from University of Denver led by Professor Bob Utarro, accompanied by Teacher Assistants-Riley and Nate landed in Kenya ready to undergo an intensive ANAW field-based practical course work experience within the Coastal region.

They were also joined by the Risk Management Officer for International Studies, Ms. Courtney.

The theme of their visit was Conservation, Communities and Culture. They were to compare their already acquired classroom perspectives on conservation against their envisaged new perspectives that would emanate from the experiential trip.

The students visited ANAW project area of Kasigau Ranch, Sea Turtle Monitors, including Lumo Conservancy, Taita Hills Sanctuary, Ngangao Community in Taita Hills, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Rukanga Women Basket Weavers among others.

“Conservation is not just about animals; Conservation is like a painting that has many colors. How can we claim to succeed in conservation if the ‘gate keepers’ realize no benefits at all out of their endeavors to keep such resources alive?”

Professor Bob Utarro - International Studies, University of Denver, CO USA

By the end of the trip, the students were to engage in development of an academic paper whose framework and content was envisaged to influence their perspectives on Conservation, Communities and Culture. Having gone through the entire trip, key questions to ponder on while putting their thoughts down entailed:

- Why are many of us not winning the war on conservation?
- What really is involved in conservation; what does it entail; what do we need considered?
- Who bears the cost and who gets the benefits?
- Should communities, conservation and culture intersect or should they move at a parallel?
- What are we conserving; who are we conserving for?
- What kind of conservation is best for animals; what kind of conservation is best for the people and how can this be made to intersect, if that be the case?

By the end of the experiential trip, the undergraduates had much to share and believed that the experience had given them a totally new paradigm shift in the way they perceived conservation from a classroom perspective.
LEAVE A LEGACY OF COMPASSION FOR ANIMALS

Here’s a great way to support Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW) and enable us to protect future generations of animals. By putting a bequest to ANAW in your will or trust, you will help us to improve the lives of animals far beyond your lifetime.

Contact Steve Itela on partners@anaw.org if you need additional information about how to include us in your will.

On behalf of the animals we work for, Thank you!
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2017 HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL YEAR,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
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