



Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

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About WWF Kenya

WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) is the world's largest international conservation organization, working in over 100 countries with nearly 6 million members.

WWF has contributed to conservation in Kenya since 1961 and established its country presence in 1986. Since, WWF Kenya has been dedicated to protecting nature while ensuring harmony between conservation and community well-being.

In 2016, WWF Kenya was established as National Organisation registered with the Non Governmental Organisation Coordination Board.

WWF Kenya is a dynamic national organization with a committed and talented group of professionals, a highly qualified national board of directors, and a diversity of allies and partners, working together to mobilize transformative strategies.

WWF Kenya is a respected and active actor in the WWF global network, striving to uphold the global WWF mission and values: respect, collaboration, courage, and integrity. We strive for impact, listen deeply, collaborate openly, and innovate fearlessly.

More about WWF Kenya on our [website](#).

Message from the Chair of the Board, WWF Kenya

The effects of climate change and nature loss on sustainable development at local and national levels are evident across Kenya, as they are globally.

At WWF Kenya, we are deeply committed to addressing these challenges. We work in close partnership with the government, civil society, the private sector, and local communities to safeguard biodiversity and promote sustainable management of natural resources.



We are now seeking a visionary leader to take the helm as CEO of WWF Kenya. This individual will lead a dedicated team in advancing our mission and strengthening the impact of our programs, ensuring a lasting and positive difference for both people and the environment.

This brochure outlines the competencies and people skills we are looking for in the ideal candidate. However, it is important to emphasize that this is not just a job; it is a unique opportunity to lead a purpose-driven organization with passion, courage, and unwavering commitment. As CEO, you will play a pivotal role in shaping a future where both nature and people thrive.

If this mission aligns with your experience and values, we encourage you to apply and join us in this transformative journey.

Warm regards,

Isaac Awuondo
Chair of the Board

The Culture

WWF Kenya is more than an organization; it is a passionate community united by a commitment to a sustainable future. Our culture blends purpose with strong relationships, where teamwork, innovation, and continuous learning drive progress. We celebrate achievements while embracing adaptability and new ideas. The ideal CEO will embody this spirit, leading with empathy, vision, and agility.

The Role

Role: Chief Executive Officer

Location: Nairobi - Kenya

Salary: Competitive



Job Summary

We seek an inspiring leader who combines strategic foresight with heartfelt leadership. The CEO will champion WWF Kenya's vision, engage a diverse range of stakeholders, and drive meaningful impact in conservation and sustainable development. This role demands exceptional communication, relationship-building, and problem-solving skills to foster collaboration across public, private, and civil society sectors.

Key Relationships

Reports to: Board of Directors (via Chairman)

Direct Reports: Heads of Functions

Indirect Reports: Entire WWF Kenya team (~150 staff)

Internal: Board of Directors, Strategic Leadership Team, WWF Global Network

External: Government entities, corporate sector, donors, NGOs, community organizations, and media

Responsibilities

1. Vision & Strategic Leadership

- Lead WWF Kenya's strategic direction, ensuring alignment with global goals and national realities.
- Strengthen partnerships, foster innovation, and amplify conservation efforts.

2. Representation & Advocacy

- Act as the face of WWF Kenya locally and internationally, cultivating strategic alliances.
- Influence policies, mobilize resources, and expand community engagement in conservation.



3. Organizational Growth & Development

- Build and lead a high-performing team, fostering a culture of collaboration, learning, and excellence.
- Secure sustainable funding from diverse sources, ensuring financial resilience.
- Uphold WWF's values and environmental, social, and legal commitments.

4. Operational Excellence

- Ensure WWF Kenya operates with efficiency, transparency, and accountability.
- Oversee risk management, governance, and compliance with legal and regulatory frameworks.

5. Board Engagement

- Partner with the Board to shape WWF Kenya's strategy, ensuring strong governance.
- Provide timely insights, risk analysis, and strategic recommendations.

Candidate Profile

Experience & Qualifications

- **Successful experience in the conservation of Nature and sustainable development in Kenya including**
 - Strategic planning and the development, execution and evaluation of large projects and programs (over \$5 million).
 - Understanding risk analysis, safeguards, and socio-environmental policies.
- **Significant professional experience including performance leadership roles in complex organizations**
 - Preferably national or international NGOs.
 - Capacity and experience in the management of multidisciplinary and multicultural teams.



- **Demonstrated achievements in fund-raising, both from institutional and private sources.**
- **Advanced academic training in a career related to natural resources management/conservation, and/or development**
 - Advanced university degree (Master's or PhD) in a field of natural resources management/conservation, social sciences, business administration, law, or related careers. Training in the environment / conservation will be considered favorably.
- **Excellent spoken and written communication skills, including public engagements, in English. Ability to speak Ki-Swahili is a strong advantage.**
 - Able to express ideas, positions, and emotions clearly and always based on respect for others.
 - Both consultative and assertive, favoring healthy working and personal relationships

Key Leadership Qualities

- **Strategic & Inspirational Leadership:** Builds consensus, influences change, and drives impact.
- **People-Centered Management:** Empowers and nurtures teams while maintaining high performance.
- **Results-Oriented Execution:** Ensures measurable progress through accountability and innovation.
- **Cross-Scale Agility:** Balances on-the-ground conservation with high-level policy engagement.
- **Values-Driven & Empathetic:** Leads with authenticity, fostering strong partnerships and trust.

How to Apply

All correspondence, at this stage, should be via Oxford HR. To apply for this post, click on the "Apply" button on the job advert page, complete our online application form, and submit your CV and cover letter as two different documents, which should be prepared before applying as they will be considered in the application process.

The cover letter should be no more than two pages long and explain why you are interested in this post and how your skills and experience make you a good fit.



The document should be saved in PDF in the following format: Your First Name-Your Last Name-Document Name-Date (mmyy)-WWFKenya e.g., Sara-Mohamed-CV-0225-WWFKenya or Sara-Mohamed-CoverLetter-0225-WWFKenya.

Timeline

- Closing Date:** 5th April 2025
- First stage interviews:** Week of 21st April 2025
- Final interviews:** TBC

Selection Process

All candidates will receive an update regarding their application after the closing date. We advise candidates to add the role email to their safe senders list and regularly check their spam folder.

Equality Statement

Equality and diversity are at the core of WWF Kenya's values. Staff are expected to work collectively and individually to promote a constructive and sensitive approach to others from a variety of backgrounds, where the work of others is valued and respected.

Queries

If you have any queries on any aspect of the appointment process, need additional information, or would like to have an informal discussion, please email at mbillanou@oxfordhr.com in the first instance.

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