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Schedule At-A-Glance

<b>DAY 1 Monday 9th May 2022</b>	
<b>07:45 GMT</b>	Welcome and Announcements
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## DETAILED SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

DAY 1, Monday 9th May 2022

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**07:45** Welcome and Announcements

**08:00** Series of presentations

Time	Title	Presenter
08:00–08:10 GMT	Introduction to the amphibians of Kenya	Atubwa Howard
08:10–08:20 GMT	Adaptive capacity of dwarf chameleon thermoregulation in a changing environment	Azraa Ebrahim
08:20–08:30 GMT	Lessons of plasticity and adaptation following invasion	John Measey
08:30–08:40 GMT	Investigating the effects of water temperature and elevation to the community structure of a range-restricted amphibian: a case study using <i>Heleophryne rosei</i> tadpoles.	Joshua Weeber
08:40–08:50 GMT	Survey report: Trapping reptiles on Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve	Kurt van Wyk
08:50–09:00 GMT	Statute of threatened frogs on Manengouba mountain, Cameroon	Michele Mgalieu
09:00–09:10 GMT	Status and habitat preferences of montane threatened endemic skinks in the central Cameroon Volcanic Line	Michele marina Kameni ngalieu
09:10–09:20 GMT	Size and structure of a Karoo dwarf tortoise population	Victor Loehr

**09:20–09:45 GMT**

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**09:45-10:25 GMT**

**Poster Session 1**

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Time	Title	Presenter
09:45-09:50 GMT	Skin microbiome diversity of <i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i> challenged Phofung River Frogs ( <i>Amietia hymenopus</i> ) in the Drakensberg Mountain range	Antonie Kloppers
09:50-09:55 GMT	Reproductive behaviour of the spotted reedfrog, <i>Hyperolius guttulatus</i> (Anura: Hyperoliidae), in a savannah habitat from western-central Ivory Coast	Ouétré N'Guessan
09:55-10:00 GMT	The reproductive ecology of <i>Homopus femoralis</i> (Reptilia: Testudinidae): observations and updates	Tamson L Foster
10:00-10:05 GMT	Occurrence of amphibian chytrid fungus in Kenya	Thomas Odeyo
10:05-10:10 GMT	Predation of <i>Phrynobatrachus plicatus</i> (Anura: Phrynobatrachidae) by the twig snake <i>Thelotornis kirtlandii</i> (Serpentes: Colubridae) in a southeastern Ivory Coast rainforest	Ulrich Zingbé
10:10-10:15 GMT	The elusive serpent lizard	Werner Conradie
10:15-10:20 GMT	Do <i>Pachydactylus</i> geckos mimic <i>Parabuthus</i> scorpions? A discussion using <i>Pachydactylus tigrinus</i> and <i>Pachydactylus punctatus</i> as examples.	Ruan Stander
10:20-10:25 GMT	Sympatry of dwarf crocodiles, <i>Osteolaemus osborni</i> and <i>O. tetraspis</i> , at the edge of the Congo Basin	Vaclav Gvozdik

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**Announcements**

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**DAY 1, Monday 9th May 2022****10:45-11:15 GMT Poster Session 2**

Time	Title	Presenter
10:45-10:50 GMT	Population genomic of the allotetraploid African clawed frog <i>Xenopus laevis</i> from South Africa	Dareen Almojil
10:45-10:50 GMT	Calls of the desert: unexpected diversity of barking geckos	Francois Becker
10:50-10:55 GMT	Investigating the phylogenetic relationships of the genus <i>Afroedura</i> .	Gary Nicolau
10:55-11:00 GMT	Evolution of diet in a clade of ecological specialist and generalist colubrine snakes	Jody Barends
11:00-11:05 GMT	Adaptive radiation of Ethiopian high elevation frogs	Sebastian Kirchhof
11:05-11:10 GMT	Origin and colonization history of the <i>Trachylepis maculilabris</i> complex in the Gulf of Guinea	Kaitlin Allen
11:10-11:15 GMT	Phylogenetics and integrative taxonomy of African Water Snakes (Squamata: Colubridae: <i>Grayia</i> )	Teslin Chaney

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<b>11:30 – 12:00 GMT</b>	PLENARY - High plains drifters: the unique montane herpetofauna of Ethiopia -	<b>Stephen Spawls</b>
12:00–13:00	Social = breakout rooms	

**DAY 2, Tuesday 10th May 2022****[NOTE YOUR TIMEZONE & JOIN SESSION HERE](#)****07:45-08:00 GMT Welcome and Announcements****08:00–10:00 GMT Series of presentations Session 1**

Time	Title	Presenter
08:00–08:10 GMT	Averting extinction, saving South Africa's most threatened snake species	Alouise Lynch
08:10–08:20 GMT	The rough moss frog: a story of conservation action for a Critically Endangered species	Andrew Turner
08:20–08:30 GMT	Herpetofauna of the Khakea/Bray Transboundary Aquifer Region	Chad Keates
08:30–08:40 GMT	Venomous snakes and Snakebite	Hiral Naik
08:40–08:50 GMT	Ecology of the Pancake tortoise in Kenya	Jacob Ngwava
08:50–09:00 GMT	Protecting the unique and threatened frogs of the Western Cape	Jeanne Tarrant
09:00–09:10 GMT	Amphibian chytridiomycosis survey of the Timbavati Private Game Reserve.	Ludwig Gruber
09:10–09:20 GMT	Seventy-three Days and Seventy-three nights: standardized reptile trapping in the Kalahari	Riaaz Mohamed
09:20–09:30 GMT	How many reptile communities in South Africa are adequately sampled?	Ryan van Huyssteen
09:30–09:40 GMT	Local perception of the giant frog <i>Conraua goliath</i> (Boulenger, 1906), in the Littoral region of Cameroon.	Tsekane Sedrick Junior
09:40–09:50 GMT	Where have the snakes gone?	Warren Schmidt
09:50–10:00 GMT	Using photographic records from social media to investigate the distribution of reptiles and amphibians in central South Africa and Lesotho	Cora Stobie

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10:30–10:35 GMT	Reptile traditional conservation methods	Efenakpo
10:35–10:40 GMT	Reptile community responses to an avian ecosystem engineer	Emma Buckley
10:40–10:45 GMT	Amphibians of Mabira Central Forest Reserve	Lukwago Wilber
10:45–10:50 GMT	Capacity building of Ivorian wildlife conservation officers in matters of recognition of amphibian species of the Azagny National Park (southern-central Ivory Coast)	N'Goran Kouamé

**10:50–11:00 GMT****BREAK****11:00–12:20 GMT****Series of presentations Session 2****[NOTE YOUR TIMEZONE & JOIN SESSION HERE](#)**

Time	Title	Presenter
11:00–11:10 GMT	Accessible anatomical data for Africa's amphibians and reptiles	David Blackburn
11:10–11:20 GMT	Do dwarf chameleons have the capacity to cope with transformed habitats?	Devon Main
11:20–11:30 GMT	Natural history of the yellow-bellied sea snake ( <i>Hydrophis platurus</i> )	Emily Jackson
11:30–11:40 GMT	Marks of urban life: differences in <i>Bradypodion damaranum</i> scarring between an urban and natural population	Melissa Petford
11:40–11:50 GMT	A new species of <i>Cordylus</i> from the highlands of Angola, and the rediscovery of <i>Cordylus angolensis</i> (Squamata: Cordylidae)	Michael Bates
11:50–12:00 GMT	How frogs get their stripe: using African grass frogs (genus <i>Ptychadena</i> ) as a model to study the evolution of a widespread color pattern in anurans	Sandra Goutte
12:00–12:10 GMT	A morphological study of the pulmonary adaptations in the lungs of the red-eared slider	Svenja Mulder
12:10–12:20 GMT	Convergent evolution of cephalic horns in vipers	Theo Busschau

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12:30–12:35 GMT	Morphological investigation into the trade-off of keeled lateroventral scales and the epaxial muscles in <i>Philothamnus</i> snakes using light microscopy	Dean Rayd
12:35–12:40 GMT	Using faecal DNA to investigate the diet of the snakes, <i>Psammophis crucifer</i> and <i>Psammophylax rhombeatus</i>	Kim Scholtz
12:40–12:45 GMT	Tips or tips: The efficacy of buccal swabbing and tail clipping for DNA retrieval in chameleons	Matthew Adair
12:45–12:50 GMT	Bacterial contamination and antibiotic resistance in isolates of amphibian chytrid fungus	Annika Jacobsz

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<b>13:30–14:00 GMT</b>	PLENARY - Continued growth of the central nervous system of the Nile crocodile ( <i>Crocodylus niloticus</i> )	<b>Ayanda Ngwenya</b>
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**14:00–14:30 GMT****Awards & Prizes**