

NAIVASHA DECLARATION

September 2025

In unwavering unity and solidarity, we who comprise the fellowship of the collaborative group known as the Baboon Parliament, having concluded our convocation of members on this 11th day of September 2025 in Naivasha, Kenya, do hereby reaffirm our role as conservation leaders and trusted stewards of our local peoples. Together, we reiterate our shared commitment to preserve and safeguard the sacredness of the natural environment selflessly and in perpetuity, and the totality of its wildlife and communities therein.

Embracing the progress achieved since the first assembly of the Baboon Parliament, we collectively recognize that the foundation of our collective success lies in the interconnectedness of communities, lands, and wildlife. In service of the need to both secure and strengthen the bonds of coexistence that are essential to preserving the harmony between wildlife and those communities that live alongside it, the Baboon Parliament and its Naivasha Declaration proclaim the following:

1. Further to the Presidential proclamation made last year pertaining to the opening and protection of wildlife corridors country-wide, we advocate that similar proclamations be proposed that incorporate the regulation of fencing along these same corridors. This is essential to addressing the systemic issue where fencing impedes the ability of wildlife to migrate naturally.
2. This stems from the result that such fencing has heavily influenced the decline in wildlife populations throughout the country, especially those particularly close to protected areas.
3. We advocate that all relevant parties, and particularly the Government of Kenya, ensure that all mega infrastructure is designed to incorporate green spaces therein. We urge this as a fundamental principle that will help create the spaces necessary for both people and animals to thrive together.
4. We support the reawakening of traditional knowledge and the dissemination of that knowledge broadly and with respect. Reawakening

and transmitting indigenous knowledge across generations and embracing its value is fundamental to ensuring long-term success that is based on a spiritual connection to nature.

5. We inherently believe, and thus declare with conviction, that the peaceful coexistence of humans and wildlife is both possible as well as practical. This has been the case since the beginning of creation, and it must continue on this same path.
6. Collectively, we call for increased cooperation and coordination amongst the Counties involved in conservation. The success of the whole will depend on the collaboration of the parts, and we affirm that all counties fulfill this agreement.
7. We call for enhancing and supporting ecosystem management plans across all Counties, especially those that are transboundary. Such plans are fundamental to fulfilling cohesion and enhancing stewardship of the natural environment.
8. We advocate for the inclusion of ecosystem and landscape planning in both the spatial and physical plans of all Counties, the purpose of which is to enhance administrative and regulatory coordination.

In recognition of the above, and in deference to the importance of securing the well-being of the connected landscapes, communities, and wildlife which make up our shared home, we, the members of the Baboon Parliament, do hereby reaffirm our collaborative stewardship of the natural environment and the right of both people and animals to coexist peacefully, this 11th day of September 2025.
