

## **WMI Director attends Enhancing Tree Conservation and Forest Restoration in Africa Conference held on 30th July to 1st August 2013 at Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel and Conference Centre, Entebbe, Uganda**

The three-day workshop highlighted the benefits of carrying out forest restoration using a wide mix of indigenous tree species and the potential to save threatened tree species through restoration at appropriate sites. The workshop explored opportunities for developing partnerships between botanic gardens and other forest restoration practitioners to ensure maximum benefits.

As centres of botanical and horticultural expertise, botanic gardens across Africa have the potential to play important roles in forest restoration as well as the conservation of native and threatened plant species, environmental education and improving livelihoods. Botanic garden collections provide a valuable resource for forest restoration efforts as a source of planting material.

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