

Beneficiary Host Communities: Lessons from East Africa
Keynote Speaker: David Western
Question and Answer Session
Summary of Topics

The following topics were addressed during the Question and Answer Session following David Western's Keynote Speech, "Beneficiary Host Communities: Lessons from East Africa":

- The importance of cultivating an open channel of knowledge production rather than a one way transmission of knowledge from top (scientific community) to bottom (local community)
- The effectiveness of training community members in sound business practices in order to form a basis for institutional development and ultimately local governance
 - Limitations of regulations imposed by outside governing bodies (including those related to National Parks) rather than those established by local collaboration
 - Long-term benefits of enabling trade toward fostering organization and cooperation between different stakeholders in tourism sector
- Travelers' Philanthropy as a continuation of the progress made by Ecotourism
 - Unfinished business of Ecotourism in creating more equitable relationships in tourism industry
 - Role of Travelers' Philanthropy as a medium through which travelers can monitor and support the advancements in the tourism industry toward sustainable development
- The missing voice of the philanthropic traveler in dialogue on Travelers' Philanthropy
- The benefits of partitioning and privatization of lands versus maintaining a more open landscape
 - Though maintaining an open landscape is more ecologically-sound, erecting fences around reserves is more economical for landowners
 - Call for government to quantify and offset costs of keeping land open
- The little progress ecotourism efforts in Amboseli have made on alleviating poverty in the cultural manyattas relative to the strides in conservation
 - Critical role manyatta organizations can play in demanding more equitable relationships (externally: with bus drivers, internally: between men and women)
- The feasibility of creating an environment within the conservation movement wherein local communities become enabled to self-govern and manage their own resources and the relevance of this question to the Masaai peoples and Amboseli National Park