

Dear 2015 CILT Africa Forum delegates,

You are warmly welcome to Tanzania the land of Kilimanjaro. Welcome to Arusha the tourist city of different wildlife such as the Lion, King of the bush,

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located 180 km west of Arusha in the Crater Highlands area of Tanzania. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area boasts the finest blend of landscapes, wildlife, people and archaeological sites in Africa. Often called an 'African Eden' and one of the seven wonders of Africa. The first view of the Ngorongoro Crater takes the breath away. Ngorongoro is a huge collapsed caldera that is 250 square kilometers in size and 600 meters deep.



IMAGE 1: NGORONGORO CRATER

The rich pastured and permanent water of the Crater floor supports a large resident population of wildlife of up to 25,000 predominantly grazing animals including some of Tanzania's last remaining Black Rhino. The rhino emerge from the forests in the mists of early morning, and make a striking impression. Other wildlife include lions, leopard, cheetah, elephants and zebras.



IMAGE 2: BLACK RHINO

Ngorongoro is one of the few places in Africa where human beings co-exist with wildlife. Masai pastoralists living in the Ngorongoro conservation area with their cattle, donkey, goats and sheep. The masai are allowed to take their animals into the crater for water and grazing, but to not live and cultivate there. Elsewhere in the Ngorongoro they have the right to roam freely.



IMAGE 3: MASAI LIVING IN NGORONGORO

Shifting Sands is a remarkable black dune, composed of volcanic ash OldonyoLengai is being blown slowly westwards across the plains, at the rate of about 100 meters every six years. Some nine meters high and 100 meters long in its curve it can be found to the north of Oldupai Gorge.



IMAGE 4: SHIFTING SANDS



An overview of the Ngorongoro crater. Wildebeest and zebra herds, migration paths, roads for safari vehicles and the Magadi Lake can be seen ([Muhammad Mahdi Karim](#)) - Own work)



View of Ngorongoro from Inside the Crater ([SajjadF](#) - Own work)



Maasai cattle in the crater
[Vince Smith](#) - [Flickr: Maasai cattle](#)

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