

THE 5TH KIPPRA ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 15th–17th 2022



CONCEPT NOTE



The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) is organizing its 5th Annual Regional Conference themed, “**Foundations for a Sustainable Economic Transformation in Kenya**”. The conference brings together state and non-state actors to exchange views on building strong foundations to propel sustainable economic transformation in Kenya. This is in fulfilment of the Institute’s mandate to provide a platform for policy dialogue among stakeholders in the public policy space to explore and discuss potential areas and opportunities to exploit in forging a common front to accelerate achievement of a sustainable inclusive development. In addition, the conference will host a youth event that brings together university students to focus on their transition to the world of work. The conference is planned for **15th–17th June 2022** in Nairobi. The conference is hosted by KIPPRA in collaboration with other key stakeholders, including government ministries, departments, and agencies. The conference will also bring together delegates comprising officials from national and county governments, representatives of national authorities from the regional economic blocs, regional think tanks, as well as development partners, civil society, persons with disability and other special interest groups.

In the last two years, the country has witnessed devastating socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the country has faced the invasion of the desert locust and since last year, the country is facing a drought condition. These exogenous shocks have reemphasized the importance of economic transformation for inclusive and sustainable development. As the economy gets to the recovery path, solidifying the foundations for the economic system become a priority in building and sustaining momentum for economic transformation. Currently, the preparations for the Fourth Medium-Term Plan are underway and soon the conversation on where next, as we get to the end of the Vision 2030, will begin. This conference, therefore, provides us with an excellent opportunity to exchange views in

contributing to the medium and long-term development agenda as we gain momentum with the recovery.

The key areas of discussions during the conference include the following:

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Creative Economy: Innovation in creative economy, film industry and arts and craft industry (visual arts, which include antiques, painting, photography, sculpture) fashion and design industry, traditional and cultural expression and cultural sites and digital content creators.

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Green Economy: Renewable energy, circular economy, solid waste management, forest management and water management.

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Trade Competitiveness and Frontier Products: Quality and standards, promoting fair competition, promoting value addition and innovation, and market access and linkages.

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Gig Economy and Digital Innovation: Asset sharing services, transportation services, professional services, handmade goods, and household services.

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Financial Inclusion: Development financial institutions, affirmative finance, SACCOs, microfinance, fintech and micro insurance.

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Values and Economic Transformation in Kenya: National values and principles, values and principles of public service, family values and cultural values.

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Human Capital: Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Early Childhood and Development Education (ECDEs) and special schooling.

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Making Markets Work: Aggregation and the role of cooperatives, price stabilization and the role of NCPB, commodity markets, retail and wholesale markets and e-commerce.

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Youth Event: Entrepreneurship bootcamp on value addition, exhibitions for youth inventors, sports and talent showcasing.

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