

**9<sup>th</sup> KIPRA ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**THEME: STRENGTHENING VALUE CHAINS FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN KENYA**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2026, PRIDEINN FLAMINGO, MOMBASA**

<b>TIME</b>		<b>DAY 1: 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026</b>
8.00 -8.30	8.00 - 8.30	Entertainment Arrival and registration Prayers National and East African Community Anthem-Choir Master of Ceremonies (MC)
8.30 – 9.00	8.30 - 8.40	Remarks by Chair of Board Programmes
	8.40 - 9.00	ED: Conference Overview: Strengthening value chains for inclusive growth in Kenya
	9.00 - 9.20	Address on Repositioning African Value Chains in Global Trade (UNECA/World Bank/UNCTAD)
	9.20 – 10.10	PS State Department for Agriculture – Dr Paul Ronoh (Strengthening agricultural value chains to accelerate inclusive growth) PS State Department for Trade – Ms Regina Ombam (Enhancing competitiveness and market access for Kenya’s value chains)
	10.10-10.30	Remarks on the place of the youth in Kenya’s value chains PS, State Department for Youth Affairs and Creative Economy, Mr Fikirini Jacobs
<b>10.30-11.00</b>		<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)</b>
<b>Sub theme 1: Status of Kenya’s Priority Value Chains</b>		
11.10-12.20	Common Session	Status of Kenya’s Priority Value Chains: Agricultural Value Chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livestock (dairy, beef)</li> <li>• Crops (Tea, coffee, horticulture)</li> <li>• Fisheries and blue economy</li> </ul>
12.20 – 12.40	Q & A	
<b>12.40 – 13.40</b>		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
13.40-15.10	Common Session	Status of Kenya’s Priority Value Chains: Industrial value chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textiles and apparel industrialization</li> <li>• Leather sector development</li> <li>• Agro-processing - PSD</li> <li>• Building and construction</li> </ul>
15.20-16.50	Common Session	Status of Kenya’s Priority Value Chains: Service Sector Priority Value Chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism and hospitality services</li> <li>• Digital economy and ICT services</li> <li>• Transport and logistics services</li> <li>• Financial and fintech services</li> </ul>
<b>16.40-17.20</b>		<b>REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE</b>

<b>DAY 2: 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026</b>		
<b>8.30-8.40</b>	<b>Recap:</b>	<b>Key Highlights of Day One Discussions</b>
<b>SUB THEME 2: Policy Reform and Implementation to Enhance Value Chain Development</b>		
<b>8.40-10.10</b>	Common Session	High Level Policy Dialogue on Value Chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A)  Focus: What reforms will unlock inclusive value chain development in Kenya?
<b>10.10-10.30</b>		<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)</b>
<b>10.30-13.00</b>		<b>SPECIAL SESSION 1: OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE</b>
<b>13.00-14.00</b>		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>SUB THEME 3: Emerging and Future Value Chains</b>		
<b>14.00 -15.30</b>	Common Session	Evidence presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology and digital economy</li> <li>• Green and Climate Economy</li> <li>• Mobility and advanced manufacturing</li> <li>• Creative and knowledge economy</li> </ul> Panel Session and Q&A
<b>15.30 -17.00</b>	Parallel Sessions	Data Ecosystems, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Services to Enhance Value Chain Development (backward and forward linkages) (Parallel Session 1 and Q&A Session)
		Creative and Knowledge Economy for Value Chains (Parallel Session 2 and Q&A Session)
		E-Mobility Value Chain (Parallel Session 3 and Q&A Session)
<b>17.30-18.00</b>		<b>REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE</b>

<b>TIME</b>		<b>DAY 3: 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2026</b>
<b>SUB THEME 5: Human capital development for value chains</b>		
08.30-9.40	Common Session	Human capital development: Building blocks for value chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A) <b>Focus areas:</b> Health, nutrition, education and labour Panel Discussions
<b>SUB THEME 5: Investment and Financing for Value Chains</b>		
09.50-11.00	Common Session	The role financing in enhancing the development of value chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A)
<b>11.00-11.30</b>		<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)</b>
11.40-13.00	Parallel Sessions	Carbon markets and climate finance (Parallel Session 1 and Q&A Session) Competitiveness, value addition, diversification and market access (Parallel Session 2 and Q&A Session)
<b>13.00-14.00</b>		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>SUB THEME 6: Inclusive and Sustainable Strategies</b>		
14.00 – 15.00	Common Session	Inclusive and sustainable strategies to enhance participation of women, youth, PWDs and the marginalized along the value chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A)
15.00-16.00		<b>SPECIAL SESSION 2: WRAP UP AND WAY FORWARD</b>
		Conference Resolutions - Presentation of Conference Communique
		Vote of Thanks
		Closing Remarks <b>Board Chair</b>
		Official Closing PS, State Department for Economic Planning
<b>17.00-17.30</b>		<b>REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE</b>