

9th KIPRA ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
THEME: STRENGTHENING VALUE CHAINS FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN KENYA
20TH TO 22ND MAY 2026, MOMBASA

TIME		DAY 1: 20th MAY 2026
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 - 8.45	Remarks by Chair of Board Programmes
	8.45 - 9.15	ED: Conference Overview: Strengthening value chains for inclusive growth in Kenya
	9.15 - 9.45	Address on Repositioning African Value Chains in Global Trade (UNECA/World Bank/UNCTAD)
	9.45 – 10.30	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)
10.30-11.00		REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)
Sub theme 1: Status of Kenya’s Priority Value Chains		
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"> • Livestock (dairy, beef) • Crops (Tea, coffee, horticulture) • Fisheries and blue economy
12.20 – 12.40	Q & A	
12.40 – 13.40		LUNCH BREAK
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"> • Textiles and apparel industrialization • Leather sector development • Agro-processing - PSD • Building and construction
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"> • Tourism and hospitality services • Digital economy and ICT services • Transport and logistics services • Financial and fintech services
16.40-17.20		REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE

DAY 2: 21ST MAY 2026		
8.30-8.40	Recap:	Key Highlights of Day One Discussions
SUB THEME 2: Policy Reform and Implementation to Enhance Value Chain Development		
8.40-10.10	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?
10.10-10.30		REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)
10.30-13.00		SPECIAL SESSION 1: OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE
13.00-14.00		LUNCH BREAK
SUB THEME 3: Emerging and Future Value Chains		
14.00 -14.30	Common Session	Evidence presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology and digital economy • Green and climate economy • Mobility and advanced manufacturing • Creative and knowledge economy Panel Session and Q&A
15.30 -17.00	Parallel Sessions	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)
17.30-18.00		REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE

TIME		DAY 3: 22ND MAY 2026
SUB THEME 5: Human capital development for value chains		
08.30-9.40	Common Session	Human capital development: Building blocks for value chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A) Focus areas: Health, nutrition, education and labour Panel Discussions
SUB THEME 5: Investment and Financing for Value Chains		
09.50-11.00	Common Session	The role financing in enhancing the development of value chains (Presentation, Panel Session and Q&A)
11.00-11.30	REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)	
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)
13.00-14.00	LUNCH BREAK	
SUB THEME 6: Inclusive and Sustainable Strategies		
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	SPECIAL SESSION 2: WRAP UP AND WAY FORWARD	
		Conference Resolutions - Presentation of Conference Communique
		Vote of Thanks
		Closing Remarks Board Chair
		Official Closing PS, State Department for Economic Planning
17.00-17.30	REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE	