10th KIPPRA ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

THEME: PATHWAYS TO KENYA'S SOCIOECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

26TH TO 28TH JANUARY 2027, NAIROBI

TIME		**DAY 1: 26TH JANUARY 2026**
8.30 -9.00	8.30 - 9.00	Entertainment Arrival and registration Prayers National and East African Community Anthem-Choir Master of Ceremonies (MC)
9.00 – 10.30	9.00 – 9.15	Remarks by Chair of Board Programmes
	9.15 – 9.35	Conference Overview: Pathways to Kenya's Socioeconomic Transformation - KIPPRA Executive Director
	9.35 – 9.55	Lessons Learnt and Drivers for the Next Development Blueprint: Vision 2030 Development Secretariat
	9.55 – 10.15	Foundations for Socioeconomic Transformation: UNDP
	10.15-10.30	Kenya's Macroeconomic Stability for Socioeconomic Transformation – State Department for Economic Planning
10.30-11.00		**REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)**
SUB THEME 1: Agricultural Transformation, Food Systems and Climate Resilience		
11.00 -13.00 Common Session	11.00 – 11.40	Policy research presentations on: Agriculture, value addition, food security, climate change
	11.40 – 13.00	Panel discussion on: Transforming agriculture for climate resilience, food systems and inclusive growth
13.00 – 14.00		**LUNCH BREAK**
Sub-theme 2: Industrialisation, Enterprise Productivity and Trade Competitiveness		
14.00-15.30 Parallel Sessions	PS SN 1:	Policy research presentations on: Industrialization, MSME development
		Panel discussion on: Driving socioeconomic transformation through MSMEs, industrialization, entrepreneurship,
	PS SN 2:	Policy presentations on trade, regional integration, market linkages
		Panel discussion on revitalizing trade, regional integration, export diversification and competitiveness for economic transformation
	PS SN 3:	Policy presentations indigenous knowledge, green growth, culture and heritage
		Panel discussion on harnessing natural products industry, green growth, culture and heritage
15.40-16.30	Common Session	Chairs of sessions: Highlights and way forward on industrialisation, enterprise productivity and trade competitiveness to drive transformation Plenary and Q&A
16.30-17.00		**REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE**

TIME		DAY 2: 27TH JANUARY 2027
8.30-8.40	**Recap:**	**Key Highlights of Day One Discussions**
Sub-theme 3: Human Capital, Skills and Productive Employment		
8.40-10.30 Common Session	8.40 – 9.00	Policy research presentations: Nutrition, health, education and labour for economic transformation
	9.00 – 10.30	Harnessing Kenya's human capital for productivity, innovation and inclusive growth Plenary and Q&A
10.30-11.00		**REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)**
Official Opening Session	**11.00-13.00**	**SPECIAL SESSION 1: OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
		Signing of the visitor's book at VIP lounge and briefing to **H. E. Dr William Samoei Ruto, PhD, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces**
		National Anthem and East Africa Anthem Prayers (Muslim and Christian)
		Choir Entertainment
		Welcoming Remarks: **Dr Eldah Onsomu,** Executive Director, KIPPRA **Remarks by Partners:**
		Opening Remarks: **Prof. Paul Wachana,** Chairperson, KIPPRA Board
		Remarks: **Dr Bonface Makokha,** Principal Secretary, State Department for Economic Planning
		Speech: **Hon. John Mbada,** Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning
		Remarks: **Rt. Hon. Dr Moses Wetang'ula,** Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Kenya
		Keynote Address and Official Opening by H. E. Dr William Samoei Ruto, PhD, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces
		Gift to the President by KIPPRA Board Chair and Executive Director
		Launch of the KIPPRA Kenya Public Policy Centre and Laying of the Foundation Stone
13.00-14.00		**LUNCH BREAK**
14.00 -15.30 Parallel Sessions	PS SN 1:	The role of health, nutrition and social protection in building productive human capital
	PS SN 2:	Aligning education and training systems to future labour market needs
15.40 – 16.40 Common Session	Common Session	Chairs of sessions: Highlights and way forward on human capital to drive transformation Plenary and Q&A
16.40-17.00		**REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE**

TIME		DAY 3: 28TH JANUARY 2027
8.30-8.40	**Recap:**	**Key Highlights of Day One Discussions**
Sub-theme 4: Infrastructure, Digitalization and Technological Transformation		
8.40 – 9.40	8.40 – 8.55	Policy research presentations: Housing, sanitation, transport, energy
	8.55 – 9.45	Panel discussion on: Transport, housing, energy and sanitation for inclusive growth and productivity Plenary and Q&A
9.50 – 10.50	9.50 – 10.05	Policy research presentation: Digital infrastructure, data, AI and emerging technologies'
	10.05 – 10.50	Panel discussion on: Harnessing innovation, digitalization, data and AI for inclusive growth and productivity Plenary and Q&A
10.50-11.20		**REFRESHMENT BREAK (ENTERTAINMENT)**
Sub-theme 5: Institutions, Governance and Financing for Transformation		
11.20-13.00 Common Sessions	11.20 – 11.40	Policy research presentations on: Devolution, land reforms, public service reforms, governance and regulatory structures
	11.40 – 13.00	Policy frameworks and institutional reforms to drive sustainable and inclusive economic transformation Plenary and Q&A
13.00-14.00		**LUNCH BREAK**
SUB THEME 6: Equity and inclusion for sustainable economic transformation		
14.00 – 15.30 Common Session	14.00 – 14.20	Presentations on: Gender, PWDs and youth, poverty
	14.20 – 15.30	Panel discussion: Leaving no one behind: Advancing inclusive and sustainable economic transformation Plenary and Q&A
15.30-16.30	**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
16.30-17.00		**REFRESHMENTS AND DEPARTURE**