



THE KABETE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC

4th International Research Conference



4TH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE, SKILLS COMPETITION, INNOVATION, CAREER GUIDANCE & EXPO

THEME: *Transforming TVET in Kenya for Market-Ready Skills, Employability, and Sustainable Development*

Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th June 2026 • Kabete National Polytechnic, Off Waiyaki Way, Nairobi

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
DAY ONE — CAREER GUIDANCE DAY / SKILLS EXPO (Wednesday, 17th June)		
8:00 – 8:30 am	Arrival and registration of participants	Secretariat
8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Skills Competition / Career Expo	Research Coordinator
LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITIONS (1:00 – 2:00 pm)		
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Research paper presentations & Skills Competition / Career Expo	Research Coordinator
DAY TWO — CONFERENCE DAY ONE (Thursday, 18th June)		
7:30 – 8:00 am	Arrival and registration of participants	Secretariat
8:00 – 9:00 am	Research presentations <i>Arrival of guests and exhibition tour</i>	Research Coordinator Secretariat
PANEL 1: INDUSTRY–ACADEMIA LINKAGES AND THE FUTURE OF WORK		
9:00 – 9:45 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Musa Opuk- Manager Industrial Training Development -NITA Gideon Murenga – GIZ Prof. Kioni NEA Mr. Francis Wahome- Chairperson ASMAK 	Moderator: Magdalene Mwachofi- Principal NACHU
9:45 – 10:00 am	Keynote Address	Dr. Erick Rutto — President, KNCCI
OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION		
10:00 – 11:30 am	National & East Africa Anthems Opening Prayer OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE	Chief Principal & Chair, KNP Governing Council
	OPENING REMARKS BY LEADERS Government Officials Remarks: Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET, accompanying PS's and development partners	Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria <i>Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET</i>
	Remarks: Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education and accompanying CS's Remarks: H.E. the Governor- Nairobi City County Remarks: Ambassadors and High Commissioners Present	Mr. Julius Migos Ogamba <i>Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education</i>

★ OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE ★

CHIEF GUEST

H.E. Hon. Prof. Kithure Kindiki, EGH

Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya



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TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
11:30 – 11:50 am	Keynote Address: The Affordable Housing Programme as an anchor of Skills Development in Kenya	Mr. Charles M. Hinga <i>PS, Housing & Urban Development</i>
PANEL 2: TVET AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGENDA — BUILDING TECHNICAL CAPACITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
11:50 am – 12:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Joe Mutugu– Chief Executive Officer- AHB Albert Gakuru – Regional Director SDHUD Arch. Nyamai Wambua HSC, CEO, KNFJKA Mr. Julius Gichohi- Director Capacity Building & Training RCMRD KAM Dr. Glory Mutungi -CP Nairobi National Polytechnic 	Moderator: Plan. Mairura Omwenga- University of Nairobi
12:30 – 12:50 pm	Keynote Address Qureish Noordin — Specialist, Extension & Agrodealer AGRA	
LUNCH BREAK		
2:00-2:20 pm	Keynote Address: Technology Driven TVET Transformation	Dr. Kevit Desai- Chairperson Centurion Systems Ltd
PANEL 3: AGRI-TVET, VALUE ADDITION, AND FOOD SYSTEMS INNOVATION		
2:20 – 3:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Sophie Naboliri- AGRA Prof. Mary Abukutsa – JKUAT Dr. Samuel G. Mugo- Principal, AHITI Kabete Mr. Peter Njoroge Rubia-Chuka TVC Dr. Gatama Gichini- State Department for Research 	Moderator: Prof. Joseph Kamau
	Q&A and Open Forum	
DAY THREE — CONFERENCE DAY TWO (Friday, 19th June)		
8:00 – 8:30 am	Arrival and registration of participants	Secretariat
8:30 – 9:30 am	Research presentations <i>Arrival of guests and exhibition tour</i>	Research Coordinator
PANEL 4: ENHANCING INCLUSION OF YOUTH, WOMEN, AND PWDS IN SKILLS TRAINING		
9:30 – 10:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHOFCO Kevin Thuku – Programme Director, NRCF Ms. Rachael Kiaritha – CEO Kenya Counselling & Psychological Association (KCPA) Ms. Rachel Kimani- CP Nyeri National Polytechnic Dr. Priscilla Nduku- Principal MTTIB 	Moderator: Ms. Martha Otieno- Senior Manager Youth Empowerment
10:15 – 10:30 am	Q&A and Open Forum	
TEA BREAK		
11:00 – 11:20 am	Keynote Address: Financing the Transition from TVET to the Labour Market	CPA. Benedict Atavachi - CEO Youth Fund



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PANEL 5: ENHANCING QUALITY AND RELEVANCE IN TVET TRAINING		
11:20 am – 12:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Timothy Nyongesa Katiambo- Ag. DG TVETA Dr. Alice Kande, PhD- CEO KNQA Prof. Kisilu M. Kitainge- CEO TVET CDACC Mr. Stanely Maindi- Direvtor RPL Delivery Unit Dr. Edwin Tarno- CEO KSTVET Mr. Musa Opuk- Manager Industrial Training Development -NITA 	Moderator: Dr. Nyambura CEO Signox
12:20-12:40 pm	Keynote Address: Dual Training for a Dual Crisis: Skilling Health Workers Where the Patients Actually Are	Dr. Rizwana Peerbhoy, OGW- General Manager at Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital
12:40 – 1:00 pm	Skills Competition, Innovations and Exhibitions; Research Awards	
CLOSING CEREMONY (from 1:30 pm)		
1:00 pm	Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria <i>Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET</i> Vote of Thanks & Closing Prayer	
GROUP PHOTO SESSION • LUNCH BREAK <i>Networking — guests leave at their own leisure</i>		



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