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THEME: The Future is Urban - Driving Kenya's Urban Transformation

Lake Naivasha Resort - Naivasha Municipality, Kenya

17th - 19th June, 2025



PROGRAM



DAY ONE (1) MONDAY – 16TH JUNE 2025

2.00 P.M – 5.00 P.M DELEGATES ARRIVALS AND REGISTRATION

DAY TWO (2) TUESDAY – 17TH JUNE 2025

8.30 A.M – 9.00 A.M	Entertainment: Songs and Dances – Event's Manager, Ms. Jacqueline Kinuthia, SDHUD Exhibition viewing	
9.00 A.M – 9.30 A.M	HEALTH BREAK	
9.30 A.M – 11.00 A.M	MC: Michael Gitonga – Secretary State Functions Welcoming Remarks H.E. Governor Susan Kihika, EGH, - County Government of Nakuru Statements Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach - Undersecretary General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat Qimiao Fan- World Bank Division Director Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia and Uganda Eastern and Southern Africa H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o - Chair of the Lands, Housing, and Urban Development Committee of the Council of Governors (CoG) H.E. Ahmed Abdullahi EGH, - Chairperson of the Council of Governors (CoG), the Governor of Wajir County. Hon. Alice Muthoni Wahome, E.G.H. - Cabinet Secretary, Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development	
11:00 A.M – 12:00 NOON	High Level Plenary Session Topic: Housing as a Catalyst for Urban Transformation High Level Plenary with H.E., the President Moderator: Mr. Charles M Hinga CBS CA (SA) - Principal Secretary State Department for Housing and Urban Development	
12.00 NOON – 12.30 P.M	High Level Presentation Milestone on the Implementation of Affordable Housing Programme and KUF I Resolutions 2023-Eng. Byron Buyu – Secretary, Urban and Metropolitan Development (SUMD)	
12.30 P.M – 1.30 P.M	Official Opening H.E. Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD, CGH. President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces	
1.30 P.M - 2.30 P.M	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING	

SUB-THEME	URBAN PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE		
2.30 P.M - 5.30 P.M	PARALLEL SESSION 1A: HALL A: URBAN PLANNING	PARALLEL SESSION 2A: HALL B: URBAN GOVERNANCE	PARALLEL SESSION 3A: HALL C: GENDER AND HUMAN SECURITY IN THE CONTEXT OF URBANIZATION & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
	<p>Contextual Setting: Plan. John Kihagi- CECM Lands Nakuru</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Urban Planning: Catalyst or Hindrance for Urban Development:</i> Prof. Lawrence Esho – Associate Professor, Architecture and Building Science (DABS), TUK</p> <p>Paper 2: <i>Livable Housing an economic endeavor for Africa: Case of values in informal settlements in Dar es Salaam City:</i> Arch. Dr. Camilus Lekule – Director, Afri-Arch Associates: Urban Design, Public Spaces, Urban Regeneration and Renewal</p> <p>Paper 3: <i>Urban Expansion</i> Dr. Patrick Lamson Hall – African Urban Lab.</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Prof. Caleb Mireri – Professor of Planning, Kenyatta University</p> <p>Judy Bala – Municipal Manager, Maseno Municipality</p> <p>Plan. Fawcett K'Omollo – President, Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP)</p> <p>Ms. Clementina Asiago – SLUM International Dwellers</p> <p>Moderator: David Kamau Kuria – CO Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Nakuru County</p>	<p>Contextual Setting: Wanyonyi Buteyo – Chair, Urban Boards Caucus</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Governance and leadership nexus for effective urban institutions in Kenya:</i> George Wasonga – CEO, Civil Society Urban Development Platform- Urban Governance</p> <p>Paper 2: <i>Evidence Based Decision Making: Municipal Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) Program:</i> Plan. Elizabeth Mutisya, Kitengela Municipality, Kajiado County</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Eric Nyadimo – President, ISK</p> <p>Plan. Ann Mugo – Director, Metropolitan Development Department – SDHUD</p> <p>Mr. Abala Wanga - Kisumu City Manager and National Chairman of Municipalities & City Managers Caucus</p> <p>Beatriz Puig – Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Plan. Solomon Ambwere –Ag. Director, Urban Governance, Management and Climate Resilience</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Wendy Atieno Sharon Chemase</p>	<p>Contextual Setting: Dr. Dan Adino: Social Safeguards and Gender Expert</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Gender and Human Security in context of Urbanization:</i> Ambassador Beatrice Karago – Deputy Permanent Representative to Kenya Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat</p> <p>Paper 2: <i>Solid Waste Management paradigm shift in the context urban realm (Actors, Systems, Infrastructure), case of Nairobi City County Government:</i> John Paul Malawi – County Director Environment, Nairobi City County Government</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Paul Kuria- National Gender and Equality Commission.</p> <p>Gitau Thabanja – Manager, Nakuru City</p> <p>Anastacia Vialu– Senior Compliance Officer, NEMA</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Leah Oyake Ombis – Social Development TA (KUSP II)</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Janet Kinyanjui Jackline Konchella</p>

	Rapporteurs: Julianne Kirogo Gawale Kalicha		
	Caucus Room A		Caucus Room B
2.30 P.M – 3.30 P.M	Launch of the – Kenya Nature Based Solutions Compendium – GCA & World Bank		Building Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor (BCRUP) Session 1: Presentation on BCRUP Governance structure, Operation Framework and Resource operation Strategy (45 Min)
3.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M			Session 2: Presentation on Global Environment Facility (GEF) 8 Nairobi sustainable City Integrated Project (45 Mins) Opening Remarks: Hon. Alice Muthoni Wahome, E.G.H. - Cabinet Secretary, Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Closing Remarks: Mr. Charles M Hinga CBS CA (SA) - Principal Secretary State Department for Housing and Urban Development
9.00 A.M – 5.30 P.M	EXHIBITIONS AND NETWORKING		
DAY THREE (3) WEDNESDAY – 18TH JUNE 2025			
8.00 A.M – 9.00 A.M	Arrival and Registration – Secretariat		
9.00 A.M – 5.30 P.M	EXHIBITIONS AND NETWORKING		
9.00 A.M – 9.30 A.M	HEALTH BREAK		
SUB-THEME	URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE		
9.30 A.M – 10:00 A.M	CONFERENCE: THEME CONTEXTUAL SETTING: Plan. Lilian Kieni		
10.00 A.M – 1.30 P.M	PARALLEL SESSION 1B: HALL A: URBAN HOUSING	PARALLEL SESSION 2B: HALL B: URBAN MOBILITY AND FINANCING	PARALLEL SESSION 3B: HALL C: INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, WATER & SANITATION
	Contextual Setting: Eng. Byron Buyu – Secretary, Urban and Metropolitan Development (SUMD) Paper 1: <i>The Status of the Affordable Housing Program under BETA: Future Outlook and Prospect:</i> Qs. Said Athman – Secretary, Housing Paper 2: <i>Beyond Shelter, Markets and</i>	Contextual Setting: Eng. Benjamin K. Njenga – Private Consultant Paper 1: <i>Innovative Financing of Urban Infrastructure and Fiscal Management:</i> Dr. Nyangasi Oduwo – Kenya Cities Forum Paper 2: <i>Leveraging on the Public Private Partnerships (PPPS) to Accelerate Delivery of Urban Infrastructure in Kenya:</i> Dr. Daniel Mutegi Giti – CEO, National	Contextual Setting: Prof. Nicholas Oguge – Professor of Environmental Policy Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi Paper 1: <i>Urban Infrastructure Planning:</i> Dr. Walter Alando , Lecturer, School of Planning and Architecture, Maseno University. Paper 2: <i>Water Supply, Sanitation and Transformation of Urban Areas:</i> Prof. George Krhoda - Associate Professor at the

<p><i>Equity: Examining the Opportunity Costs of Transcendental Needs of Urban Housing - Lessons for the Affordable Housing in Kenya:</i> Dr. Joseph Kedogo – Lecturer, Technical University of Kenya</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Arch. George A. Ndege – President, Architectural Association of Kenya</p> <p>Susan Araka – Housing Projects Specialist, UN Habitat</p> <p>Plan. James Maina – Director, Housing Department</p> <p>George Nyaema Laboso – Senior Relationship Manager, Affordable Housing, KCB Group</p> <p>Arch. Reuben Rutto – CECM, Urban County Government of Baringo</p> <p>Moderator: Raymond Kinyua – CECM Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Embu County</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Vivian Muriuki Job Kimani</p>	<p>Cohesion and Integration Commission</p> <p>Paper 3: Future perspectives of Urban Mobility: Eng. Jecinta Mwangi – Ag. Director, Policy Strategy & Compliance (PSC), KURA</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Eng. Maurice Aketch – CEO, NCA</p> <p>Dr. Mutakha Kang’u – Constitutional Law Expert</p> <p>Beatriz Puig – Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Plan. Eng. Mairura Omwenga – Town County Planners Association of Kenya</p> <p>Moderator: Eng. Silas Nyambok</p> <p>Rapporteurs: June Okong’o Joseph Mutula</p>	<p>University of Nairobi and Managing Director of Research on Environment and Development (REDPLAN) Consultants Ltd.</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Peter Wachira Ndungu – Ag. Engineering Manager – Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company</p> <p>Joyce Klu – Sustainable Development Specialist European Investment Bank</p> <p>Plan. Fawcett K’Omollo – President KIP</p> <p>Simon Okoth – Urban basic services, UN - Habitat</p> <p>Moderator: Jared Buoga – Regional Lead, Nyanza</p> <p>Rapporteurs:</p> <p>Chris Mandere Shaleen Akinyi</p>
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1.30 P.M.– 2.30 P.M	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING
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SUB-THEME	CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
2.30 P.M – 5.30 P.M	<p>PARALLEL SESSION 1B: HALL A: CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND RISKS IN THE URBAN</p> <p>PARALLEL SESSION 2B: HALL B: SMART CITIES DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RESILIENCE</p> <p>PARALLEL SESSION 3B: HALL C: CLIMATE RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT & ADAPTATION</p>

	ECONOMY	
	<p>Contextual Setting: Peter Odhengo, Head of Climate Finance National Treasury/ AfDAN Coordinator</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Climate-related Loss and Damage in Urban Informal Settlements – A case of Kisumu City: The Kisumu Experience</i> Ms. Irene Kinoti – Program Officer, Pamoja Trust</p> <p>Paper 2: <i>Vulnerability and resilience in the face of climate change</i> Dr. Emmanuel Midheme – School of Planning and Architecture, Maseno University</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Prof. Nicholas Oguge – Professor of Environmental Policy Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi</p> <p>Commissioner, John Kioli – Nairobi Rivers Commission, Chairman of the Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG) and member of ACCESS Coalition</p> <p>Ms. Njoki Mukiri – Regional Director of Environment Rift Valley Region- NEMA</p> <p>Moderator: John Nderitu – T.A Program Specialist, KUSP II</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Tobias Ngóngá Cynthia Juma</p>	<p>Contextual Setting: Beryl Kanyile – Head of Country Program Office (Kenya) at UN-Habitat (United Nations Human Settlements Program)</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Smart Cities Development as a Key Prospect for the Urban Future</i> Dr. Vincent Kitio – Architect, Chief, Urban Energy Unit, UN-Habitat (United Nations Human Settlements Programme)</p> <p>Paper 2: <i>Nature-Based Solutions; Global Case Studies and Best Practices</i> Joep Verhagen, Global Lead, Water & Urban, Global Centre on Adaptation</p> <p>Paper 3: <i>Smart but inclusive cities in Africa using artificial intelligence;</i> Cecily Murage – Masai Mara University</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Dr. Charles Kónyango – Former Director, Urban Development Department</p> <p>Hon. Alphaus Tanui – Chair, CECMs Finance Caucus</p> <p>Aaron Baraka – AAK Town Planner Chapter, University of Nairobi</p> <p>Moderator: Plan. Mercy Kimani – Assistant Director, Result Area II</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Shakila Nanzala Gawale Jarso Kalicha</p>
2.30 P.M – 3.30 P.M	Caucus Room B - UN-Habitat	
9.00 A.M – 5.30 P.M	EXHIBITIONS AND NETWORKING	

DAY FOUR (4) THURSDAY – 19TH JUNE 2025

8.30 A.M – 2.00 P.M	EXHIBITIONS AND NETWORKING		
8.30 A.M – 9.00 A.M	CONFERENCE: CONTEXTUAL SETTING: Eng. Benjamin K. Njenga		
SUB-THEME	ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION & INCLUSIVE URBANIZATION IN THE WAKE OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT		
9.00 A.M – 11.00 A.M	PARALLEL SESSION 1C: HALL A: ROLE OF URBAN AREAS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PARALLEL SESSION 2C: HALL B: INFORMAL SECTOR, SMES, AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS	PARALLEL SESSION 3C: HALL C: INCLUSIVE URBANIZATION IN THE WAKE OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT
	<p>Contextual Setting: Patrick Gachanja, Chief Economist, Urban Development Department</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Developing Statistical Data and Information for County and Urban Planning with specific focus on Private Sector Engagement</i></p> <p>Dr. Macdonald George Obudho EBS, MBS – Director Kenya National Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Presentation 2: <i>Urban jobs and local economic development: A global perspective</i></p> <p>Carlos Mejia. Senior Urban Economist, World Bank</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Ambassador Grace A. Okara – Permanent Representative to Kenya Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat</p> <p>Alex Mugambi – Chair, Environment Institute of Kenya</p> <p>Mr. Timothy Mirugi – New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (New KPCU)</p> <p>Dr. Samuel Gichere – Private Sector, Consultant, KUSP II</p> <p>Plan. Paul Manyala – Mombasa City</p>	<p>Contextual Setting: Eng. Karani Njeru, Director, MSEA</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Socio-economic impact of AHP, Jua Kali/MSME's inclusion and the Housing Economic Value Chain</i></p> <p>Kingsley Melita Kipury – MSME Inclusion Lead, SDHUD.</p> <p>Presentation 2: <i>Co-Producing Social Fabric in Burgeoning Settlements: Community Infrastructure and Public Space in Kenya's Informal Settlements Improvement Program</i></p> <p>Jack Campbell Clause – Senior Design Principal at Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI)</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Joseph Kimani – Executive Director, SDI Kenya</p> <p>Eric Naivasha – Head of Sustainable Finance, KCB Group</p> <p>Gabriel Muli – Deputy Director, Slum Upgrading Programme</p> <p>Alois Muriithi Ngure – Senior Manager, Green Financing and Sustainability, KCB Group</p> <p>Moderator: Victor Otieno, Managing Director, VIFFA Consult</p>	<p>Contextual Setting: Plan. Daido Aragorn, KUSP II Result Area 5 Lead Window for Host Communities and Refugees Component, SDHUD</p> <p>Paper 1: <i>Provision of Integrated Services:</i> Mr Allan Mukuki – Director Forced Displacement Research Hub, Strathmore University</p> <p>Paper 2: <i>Planning for Uncertainties:</i> Jared Owuor – Research operations manager, Samuel Hall East Africa</p> <p>Paper 3: <i>Sustainable Urban Integration of Displacement affected communities</i></p> <p>Arch. Phillip Maina Gatongi – Urban Analyst, Cities Alliance</p> <p>Paper 4: <i>Coordination of the camps to settlement transition</i></p> <p>Mr. Stephen Sikolia – Senior Regional Services officer KNCHR</p> <p>Plenary Session: Discussants</p> <p>Commissioner John Burugu - Commissioner Refugee Affairs</p> <p>John Ewesit Ebonyo – Chair Kakuma Municipality Board</p> <p>Abdullahi Omar Musa – Chair Dadaab Municipality Board</p> <p>Samuel Orlando – Executive Director, Pamoja Trust</p>

	<p>Manager</p> <p>Moderators: Joseph V. Onyango</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Jerioth Maina Fred Mairu</p>	<p>Rapporteurs: Floyce Namayi Collin Ngigi Janet Kinyanjui</p>	<p>Miguel Angel De Corral Martin – Senior Strategy and Operations Officer, World Bank Ivana Unluova – Deputy Representative UNHCR Kenya</p> <p>Ishaku Maitumbi – Sub-Regional Head, East and Horn of Africa UN-Habitat</p> <p>Moderator: Rufus Karanja – National Programme Officer – Migration & Protection Embassy of Switzerland to Kenya, Eritrea, Rwanda, Somalia and Uganda</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Miriam Kahenya Diana Odari James Kibor Peresian Ben</p>
11.00A.M –11.30 A.M	HEALTH BREAK		
11.30 A.M – 2.30 P.M	<p>CONFERENCE RESOLUTION PLENARY</p> <p>Plan. Lilian Kieni Dr. Charles K'Onyango Secretariat</p>		
12.30 P.M – 1.30 P.M	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY</p> <p>Mr. Charles M Hinga CBS CA (SA) - Principal Secretary State Department for Housing and Urban Development Gershon Otachi – Chairperson, National Land Commission H.E Susan W. Kihika – Host Governor, County Government of Nakuru Hon. Alice Muthoni Wahome - Cabinet Secretary, Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>Chief Guest- Official Closing</p>		
2.00 P.M	<p>DEPARTURE GUEST LEAVE AT OWN PLEASURE</p>		