

LAKE REGION
ECONOMIC BLOC (LREB)
**REGIONAL CLIMATE
CHANGE SUMMIT
AND AGRI EXPO**
KAKAMEGA
EDITION **2025**



14th-16th October 2025 **Masinde Muliro University**

INVESTING IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: FINANCE, INNOVATION, AND ACTION

EVENT PROGRAM



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County Government of Kakamega



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JOSPONG
GROUP OF COMPANIES

VENUE SETUP (10TH-14TH OCT 2025)

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
0900H - 1700H	Arrival and picking of badges by participants Boot h set-up and final preparations Pre- Hackathon Activities	Planning Committee

DAY 1: PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES (14TH OCT 2025)

EVENT 1: MARATHON AND TREE PLANTING (KAKAMEGA TROPICAL RAIN FOREST)

0700H - 0730H	Assembly Point: 6.30am MMUST (For bus transport) Solyo - 5km race. Likhovero – 10 km Kakamega Forest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival of Delegates, Partners and Marathon participants Arrival of Governors, Cabinet Secretaries, and Key Dignitaries Band (National Anthem) and Inspection of the Guard of honour 	County Secretary Kakamega H.E FCPA
0730H - 1000H	Kakamega Forest Conservation Marathon - Flagging Off by H.E Wilber Ottichilo, EGH, Governor Vihiga County (5km and 10km)	Athletics Kenya
0900H - 1300H	Procession to the Kakamega forest Tree Planting site Welcome Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dennis Kerengo, Regional forest conservator Ms. Karen Ndiema, Warden Kakamega Forest National Reserve H.E FCPA Fernandes Barasa, OGW- Governor Kakamega County – Spearheading of Tree planting session by H.E Wilber Ottichilo, EGH, Governor Vihiga County 	First Lady (Kakamega County) CEC Environment

EVENT 2: LREB SUMMIT HACKATHON CHALLENGE (UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS)

0830H - 0930H	LREB Climate Summit Hackathon - Official opening Documentary/Trailer Moderator: Dr. Tecla Psuma – MMUST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by MMUST-Prof. Peter Bukhala, DVC Planning, Research and Innovation Remarks by CEO KENIA Remarks by CEO KIPI Remarks by Director General ,NACOSTI Remarks by Dr. Leila Ndalilo, KEFRI Guest Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Joanes Atela - CEO, African Research & Impact Network (ARIN) Prof. Dickson Andala, CEO by National Research Fund 	NRF ARIN MMUST
Presentations by Hackathon Finalists to Judges		



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EVENT 2: LREB SUMMIT HACKATHON CHALLENGE (UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS)		
11:00H – 1300H	Technical working Group Session Moderator: ARIN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Directors and Deputy Directors of Environment and Climate Change • County Directors and Deputy Directors of Agriculture • Relevant Government SAGAs (KenInvest, NETFUND etc) • LREB Director Climate Change • Partners 	Co-facilitators: ARIN LREB Secretariat
1300H -1400H	LUNCH BREAK (Cultural Food Fest)	Food Court
EVENT 4: Cultural Festival- MMUST GROUNDS		
1400H – 1700H	Cultural Festival (Traditional Dancers, Cultural Fashion Show)	Dr. L. Mandillah (IICKSCC) CECs Culture LREB
EVENT 5: LREB GALA DINNER		
1800H - 2200H	GALA DINNER : Dress Code - African <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment • Performance by local artists Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host: H.E Hon. Fernandes Barasa Awards and Speeches Chief Guest -Principal Secretary, Science, Research and Innovation – Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, EBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young & Ngao Locally Led Climate Champions • Youth Innovations/Hackathon Awards Vote of thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Ayub Savula, Deputy Governor Kakamega County 	Sumba Juma



DAY 2: OFFICIAL OPENING LREB SUMMIT -15TH OCTOBER 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
0800h - 0830H	Arrival of Guests and Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entertainment 	Secretariat
0830H - 0930H	Welcome Remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Solomon Shibairo - Vice Chancellor, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) Mr. Victor Nyagaya - CEO Lake Region Economic Bloc Hon. Ayub Savula - Deputy Governor, Kakamega County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions of VIP Dignitaries Recognition of partners and sponsors Remarks by Key Sponsors and Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platinum Sponsor –JOSPONG Country Director SNV 	Moderators: Norman Mudibo Sumba Juma - Director Communications
0930H - 1000H	Showcase Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. John Mwendwa, OGW - CEO KenInvest Ms. Charlene Ruto - CEO SMACHS Foundation 	Moderator: Norman Mudibo
1000H - 1030H	HEALTH BREAK	
1030H - 1230H	BREAK AWAY SESSIONS	
1030H - 1230H	Venue - Main Plenary Session Topic: Research, Innovation and Green Financing. Documentary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Research Fund (NRF) MMUST Showcase Innovation: Hackathon Winner Moderator: MMUST Guest Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Caroline Mugalla Khamati - ILO Regional Director, East Africa Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, EBS - Principal Secretary, Science, Research and Innovation Moderator: NRF <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Centre Director KALRO Kakamega Dr. Ngige, DG NACOSTI Prof. F. Orata MMUST Dr Joanes Atela, Executive Director, ARIN Dr. Phitalis Masakhwe, Chief Officer Service delivery Kakamega Mr. Alex Nyago -SMACHS Foundation 	Moderator: National Research Fund (NRF)
1030H - 1230H	Side Event 2: Venue TURACO Session Topic : Resilient Agri-Food System Driven by Renewable Energy Welcome Remarks Hon. Mophat Mandela, CEC Agriculture, County Government of Kakamega Keynote Address: Rebecca Halam (SNV) - Country Director, SNV in Kenya and Burundi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Brief: Power for Food Partnership - Judith Libaisi, Power for Food Partnership Lead, Kenya Documentary (SNV) 	SNV Counties (Kakamega, Bungoma, Busia, Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Kericho and Nakuru)



TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
	<p>Success Story :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eng. Michael Lwoyelo- MD Regen Organics <p>Master class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Ngigi (SNV) • Prof. Thomas Rewe (Egerton University) – Learn Pathway • Rikki Aguda (SOCAA) – Leverage Pathway • Patrick Sigei (BOP Inc.) <p>Ceremony:</p> <p>SNV/County Governments Statement of Support signing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CECs (Kakamega, Bungoma, Busia, Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Kericho and Nakuru) <p>MoU Signing by SNV Implementing Partners</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Hon Eng. Maara Nelson, CEC</p>	
1030H - 1230H	<p>Side Events 3: Venue - Tent 2 - LOLWE</p> <p>Documentary : JOSPONG, FARM AFRICA</p> <p>Session Topic: Agro-Processing, Blue Economy & Sustainable Aquaculture Value Chains</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Country Director, Jospong Group – Innovations and Investments in Sustainable Agro-Processing and Waste Management for Aquaculture 2. Mr. Teddy Nyanaphah – Project Coordinator, Farm Africa (YISA Program): Strengthening Aquaculture Value Chains for Youth and Women 3. Dr. Chrispine Nyamweya – Assistant Director, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI): Scientific Insights for Blue Economy Development <p>Chief Guest Speaker: H.E. Gladys Wanga, Governor, Homa Bay County</p> <p>Panel Discussion “Building Competitive Aquaculture Value Chains in LREB: Standards, Branding, and Inclusive Market Access”</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Juma Aginda – Manager, DAS Group (K) Ltd (Kakamega Fish Factory) 2. Mr. Norman Munala – Aquaculture Business Development Programme (ABDP), Kakamega 3. Prof. Shivoga – Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) 4. CEC Agriculture, Busia County. 5. Mr. Vincent Oduor - CEO Aquaculture Barn Limited 	JOSPONG
1030H - 1230H	<p>Side Event 4: Tent 3 - High Level Climate Research and Policy Makers Roundtable</p> <p>Moderator: Noman Mudibo</p> <p>Chief Guest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses M. Wetang’ula, EGH, MP, Speaker of the National Assembly <p>Round table Session Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governors, Deputy Governors, Senators, Parliamentary committee representatives and MCAs • Mr Peter Odhengo, FloCCA Coordinator & Ministry of Treasury: 	African Research and Impact Network (ARIN)

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LUNCH BREAK		
1330H – 1430H	Arrival of the President at MMUST Grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local entertainment – MMUST Grounds • Documentary Presidential Round Table – VVIP Lounge (Governors, Ambassadors, LREB CEO and Platinum Sponsors) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Exhibitions 	State Function
OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY		
1430H - 1630H	Official Opening of the Climate Change Summit and Agri-Expo Location: Main Plenary Hall <p>Arrival of the President at the Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthems - National Anthem, East Africa Anthem and Kakamega Anthem • Prayers by Rev and Sheikh • Local entertainment <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks by Dr Pamela Sitienei - Chairperson of Council, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) <p>Documentary on Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Platinum Sponsor <p>Keynotes Addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E FCPA Hon. Fernandes Barasa - Host Governor, Kakamega County • H.E Hon Dr Wilber Ottichilo, EGH - Governor Vihiga County, and Chairperson of Environment and Climate Change Committee, CoG • H.E Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o – Governor Kisumu County and Chairperson, Lake Region Economic Block 	State Function - State commentator



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	Launch of the LREB Regional Climate change and Agri-Expo	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signing of MoUs (Jospong, KenInvest, SMACHS Foundation) 2. Launch of the MMUST Innovation Academy 3. Launch of the SNV Power for Food Partnership Project (Kakamega, Bungoma, Busia, Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Kericho and Nakuru) 4. Launch of the LREB Youth Innovation and Research Hub- Kakamega Chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by the Ministry of Environment, Climate change and Forestry by Dr. Barasa Mulongo - Cabinet Secretary • Remarks by the Prime Cabinet Secretary and CS Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora affairs by Hon Musalia Mudavadi, EGH 	
	Official Opening by the President of The Republic Of Kenya	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote address by H.E. Dr William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H. President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces. 	
	Presentation of gift to H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya	
	Presidential Group Photo	



DAY 3: (16TH OCT)

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
0800H -0830H	Arrival of Guests and Registration Entertainment Documentary- Climate change, MMUST	Secretariat
0900H-1030H	Side Event 1 - Tent 1 Moderator: Guest Speakers 1. JOSPONG Session Topic: Resilient Municipalities: Climate-Smart Water and Urban Sanitation Systems Show case Speakers: 1. Dr Joanes Atela, Executive Director, ARIN 2. Ms. Christabel Ashiono, Principal Legal Officer – KACWASCO Kakamega 3. Mr. Abala Wanga -CITY Manager, Kisumu 4. Eng. Thomas Odongo - MD Kisumu City Water and Sewage Company 5. State Department of Housing	Africa Research and Impact Network Municipalities
	Side Event 2 - Tent 2 Documentary Moderator: Ms. Penina Mukabane -CEC Environment, Kakamega County Session Topic: E-Mobility, Clean Energy and Circular Economy Guest Speakers: 1. Susan Maina, Country Director – Practical Action 2. Mr. Samuel Tobiko- Program Component Manager Energising Development (EnDEV) Show case Speakers: 1. Eng. Ben Abila – CEO M-taka 2. Mr. Ben Wasonga, CE4HOW project Coordinator 3. BasiGo - E-Mobility (Electric Buses) 4. Ms. Mitugo Mukami, Regen Organics 5. Mr. Gilbert Saggia – Director EpureRides(K) 6. JOSPONG	Jospong Practical Action
HEALTH BREAK		
1100H-1230H	Main Plenary Session 1: Strengthening County Resilience: IBEC's Role in Ring-Fencing Climate Finance, Policy and Adaptation Policy Frameworks Guest Speaker: Dr Langat, Head of IBEC Panel Discussion: 1. LREB CECs Environment and Climate Change 2. CECs Finance and Economic Planning 3. FLLOCA Representative	Moderator: Norman Mudibo IBEC
1300H-1400H	LUNCH BREAK	



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1300H-1400H	<p>Arrival of H.E Prof Kithure Kindiki, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya at MMUST grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthems - National Anthem, East Africa Anthem and Kakamega Anthem • Tour of Exhibitions • Local entertainment 	H.E FCPA Fernandes Barasa LREB Chair H.E Prof Anyang' Nyongo
1400H - 1530H	<p>Official Closing Ceremony by Prof Kithure Kindiki, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya at the Main Plenary</p> <p>Documentary on Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of other Sponsors/Partners – 3Mins • Remarks by the Platinum and Gold Sponsors • Presenting a High-Level Climate Research, Policy & Practice Communique CEO ARIN & MMUST (Prof. Omutterema) <p>Keynotes Addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Pamela Sitienei - Chairperson of Council, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) • Host Governor - H.E FCPA Hon. Fernandes Barasa - Governor, Kakamega County • Presentation of the Conference Declaration and Resolutions by Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o - Chairperson, Lake Region Economic Block • Remarks by Cabinet Secretary Agriculture and Livestock Development, Hon Mutahi Kagwe <p>Keynote address by H.E. Prof Kithure Kindiki, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of gift to H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya • Group Photo 	State Function Protocol

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