



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Kenya Commercial Forestry Investment Conference 2021

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) invites submission for oral and poster presentation for conference under reference.

Dates: 20th to 22nd April 2021

Venue: KEFRI Headquarters, Muguga

Objective:

To Provide a Platform for Exchange of Knowledge and Experiences on Potential of Commercial Forestry Investment in Kenya

Conference Theme:

“Commercial Forestry for Wealth Creation, Food security, health and attainment of 10% tree cover in Kenya”

Conference Subthemes:

Conference Subthemes and Topics

No.	Sub-Theme	Topics
1.	Tree Seed Production, Distribution and Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of tree seed sources in Kenya• Regulation of tree seed vendors to control quality• Role of private sector in provision of tree seed• Tree seed certification• Tree seed education and awareness
2.	Commercial Plantation Management and Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trend of plantation forestry in Kenya• Appropriate plantation forest management• Appropriate silvicultural practices• Integrated harvesting of forest plantation to increase production• Opportunities for market-oriented plantation forests• Forest plantation pests and diseases

- Sustainability of the commercial forestry sector in Kenya
 - Dryland investment in drought tolerant species
3. Bamboo Production, Processing and Utilization
 - Status of bamboo resources in Kenya
 - Integration of bamboo value chain in the construction Industry
 4. Regional Trade of Forest Products (Timber, Poles, Charcoal and NTFP's)
 - Status of regional trade in forest germplasm and forest products
 - Demand and supply of timber products in the region
 - Regional flow of timber products (Exports and imports)
 - Challenges and barriers facing regional trade in forest
 5. Forest Products Processing, Value Addition and Technologies
 - Status of Forest Based Industry and Challenges, Mitigation measures and Opportunities
 - Sustainability of Wooden Power Transmission Poles
 - Utilization of Agricultural Wastes for Bio-Energy Resources
 - Opportunities in Non-timber Forest Products for SME sector
 - Investments in modern Harvesting and processing technologies
 7. Investment and Financing Models
 - Innovative land access mechanisms for investment in forestry
 - Development of forestry specific financial access streams, Investment, and financing mechanisms for forest-related enterprises
 - Development of legislative frameworks that support long-term investment and financing in forestry that facilitate individuals and small-scale farmers secure their investment in forestry
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 - Public private partnership in commercial forestry in Kenya (KOMAZA, ASANTE, One Acre Fund, APC, BETTERGLOBE, KTDA)
 8. Education to support commercial forestry
 - Appropriate capacity to support commercial forestry

- The future of Forestry and Forest Products training
 - Graduate forestry
 - Professional courses for commercial forestry in Kenya
9. Policy, Legislation and Governance
- Policies, legislations and institutional frameworks
 - Governance in commercial forestry in Kenya and the region
 - Incentives in forestry development
 - Markets and trade in forestry
10. Exhibitions -Technologies in Forestry Sector,
- Posters
 - Digital media
- Technologies
 - Products
 - Seeds
 - Success stories

Guidelines for submission of Abstracts

The Secretariat will communicate with those who had sent abstracts. Organizations and individuals with successful case studies in commercial forestry are requested to share with secretariat (commercialconference2020@kefri.org) for consideration during the conference.

Individuals and companies willing to exhibit their products are requested to make a formal request for the same.

Registration

The cost of registration is KES 4,000 for local students, KES 9,000 for OTHER local participants and USD 150 for foreign participants. The fees will cover cost of refreshments, meals and conference materials. **Payment may be made by cheque, cash deposit, Swift transfer or Mpesa to: KEFRI Revenue Account No. 1107 0635 58 KCB Sarit Centre, Swift Code KCBLKEN 016 or Mpesa: Pay Bill no.: 522 095, Account no: KF3**

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