

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



**STAKEHOLDER
CONFERENCE**

**29th - 30th,
October 2024
8 am - 5 pm**

**Sarova Panafric Hotel
Kenyatta Ave,
Nairobi, Kenya**

SCAN TO REGISTER 

Theme
**Shaping Sustainable
Futures: The Influence of
Policies, Programs and
Economic Factors in
Kenya's Agriculture and
Well-Being**



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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

During the past three years, a consortium of Michigan State University, Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University and Purdue University has been implementing the Support for Applied Research and Analysis in the Kenya and East Africa Region (SARA-KEA) project, funded by the USAID through a grant from USDA. The project's objective is to provide applied research and analytical support to 1) strengthen knowledge management, adaptive learning, and data-driven decision making to guide ongoing and future USG investments in the KEA region, 2) improve development outcomes through increasing economic growth, food security, better nutrition, and enhanced resilience to shocks, and 3) contribute to research and institutional capacity development that will enhance the ability of local organizations and researchers to conduct high-quality research and influence development programs/policies more effectively while becoming increasingly self-reliant.

The project's research focus builds upon three thematic areas of agriculture-led growth, resilience and nutrition, and encompass support functions around analytics, learning and adaptive management and knowledge management. Since its inception, the analytics agenda for the project have been identified through a consultative (co-creation) process to ensure relevance and ownership of the research evidence for local development and policy decisions. The consortium has utilized a range of methodologies to collect, analyze, and synthesize data and develop findings, which the consortium has shared with USAID and other stakeholders to inform/support development programming.

Considering the localization initiatives of USAID, the consortium has organized this two-day national conference to engage a broader array of stakeholders and decisions makers in Kenya to share and discuss the research findings with a view to inform policy, development and research in the country. The objectives of the conference are to: 1) present the results of the research and analytics undertaken in the project and other research activities by the consortium members and gather feedback, and 2) facilitate a dialogue among diverse participants and provide a forum for exchange of ideas and perspectives among a wide range of stakeholders in Kenya's agricultural sector, including policy makers, development practitioners, private sector and researchers/analysts. The conference includes participants from national and county governments, civil society organizations, donor and development agencies, the private sector, and research organizations.

PROGRAM

DAY 1: 29th October 2024

Time	Activity
7.30 - 8.15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival and registration • Morning coffee/tea
8.15 – 8.30 am	Welcome and Introduction Master of Ceremony: Michael Ondialla
8.30 - 10.00 am	Session I: Opening session Story Telling: Master of Ceremony (20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maize farmer (access to inputs) • Fish farmer (access to inputs) Opening remarks: <i>Vice Chancellor, Egerton University (10 mins)</i> Opening remarks: <i>Director, USAID Mission Kenya (10 mins)</i> Opening Address: <i>Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (20 mins)</i> Overview and Objectives of the Conference: (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Director, Tegemeo Institute</i> • <i>SARA-KEA project PI, Michigan State University (MSU)</i>
10.00 – 10.30 am	Session II: Agricultural Growth in Kenya: Trends and Drivers Chair: Dr. Joseph Karugia – CGIAR-NPS Speaker: Dr. Timothy Njagi – Tegemeo Institute Plenary discussion
10.30 - 11.00 am	Tea/coffee break / photo session
11.00 – 12.30 pm	Session III: Fertilizer and Soil Health Chair: Ms. Bridget Okumu - IFDC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the impact of recent fertilizer price crisis on Kenya’s fertilizer sector: What are the appropriate policy responses? <i>Dr. David Mather – Michigan State University (15 mins)</i> • The status of fertilizer quality in agro-dealer outlets in Kenya <i>Dr. Timothy Njagi – ANAPRI (15 mins)</i> • Farmers’ willingness to pay for soil testing in Kenya <i>Dr. John Olwande – Tegemeo Institute (15 mins)</i>

	<p>Panel Discussion (30 mins) Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bimal Kantaria – Chairperson, FAK • Dr. Kiplimo Lagat – Chairperson of Agriculture CECM Caucus • Mr. Simon Muchigiri - Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development <p>Q&A (15 mins)</p>
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 3.00 pm	<p>Session IV: Agricultural value chains development Chair: Dr. Daniel M. M'Mailutha – CEO, KENAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political economy factors and their influence on the development of agricultural value chains in Kenya <i>Dr. Mercy Kamau - Tegemeo Institute (20 mins)</i> • Are Commercialized Farms Driving Agricultural Transformation in Rural Kenya? <i>Prof. Milu Muyanga – Michigan State University (20 mins)</i> • Policy Prioritization through Value Chain Analysis: The case of Aquaculture and Beef <i>Dr. Lilian Kirimi & Dr. Jackson Langat – Tegemeo Institute (30 mins)</i> <p>Q&A (20 mins)</p>
3.00 – 3.20 pm	Tea/coffee break
3:20 – 4:10 pm	<p>Session V: Panel Discussion Chair: Dr. Nancy Laibuni - Advisor, Associate Member, Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President Topic: Lessons and perspectives from agricultural value chain development projects/programs</p> <p>Panelists: 4 panelists (10 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementers of various agricultural value chain development projects/programs in Kenya (TBA), e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Samuel Guto, National Coordinator, NAVCDP ○ Dr. Sophia Baumert -Project Manager, Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies (AgSys) ○ Mr. John Macharia – Country Manager for Kenya, AGRA ○ Mr. George Njoroge – Country Coordinator, FTMA <p>Q&A – 10 mins</p>
4.10pm	Wrap up and close of day

DAY 2: 30th October 2024

Time	Activity
7.30 - 8.15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival and registration • Morning coffee/tea
8.15 – 8.45 am	<p>Welcome and Introduction Master of Ceremony: Michael Ondialla</p> <p>Summary of Day 1 Deliberations: Rapporteur (10 mins)</p> <p>Story Telling and Poetry: Master of Ceremony (20mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock farmer (output marketing) • Coffee farmer (output marketing) • Poetry
8.45 am – 9.15	<p>Session I: Keynote Address Chair: Anne Chele - Enabling Policy & Investment Environment Sub-Programme Leader, FAO</p> <p>Topic: Strengthening the Resilience of Food Systems and Livelihoods in Kenya Speaker: Dr. Mary Mathenge, Senior Lecturer, Egerton University</p> <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
9.15 – 10.45 am	<p>Session II: Nutritional Policy and Environment: Assessing Influences and Costs of Food Choices in Kenya Chair: Prof. Daniel Ndaka Sila - Associate Professor and Senior Researcher, Food Science & Technology Department, JKUAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the policy enabling environment for large-scale food fortification in Kenya <i>Dr. Lilian Kirimi – Tegemeo Institute</i> • Influence of home and away-from-home food environments on diets in urban and peri-urban Kenya <i>Prof. Mywish Maredia – Michigan State University</i> • The cost of a nutritious diet in Kenya <i>Dr. David Mather - Michigan State University</i> <p>Panel Discussion Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Charles Opiyo – Influencing & Advocacy Manager, GAIN Kenya • Veronica Kirogo – Director of Nutrition and Dietetics Services, Ministry of Health • Dr. Christine Chege - Agri-Nutrition and Food System Scientist, CIAT <p>Q&A</p>

10.45 – 11.00 am	Tea Break
11.00am – 12.30pm	Session III: Enhancing employment opportunities for youth Chair: Dr. Rose Ngugi – Executive Director, KIPPRA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livelihood options and labor force participation by youth in urban and rural Kenya: Facts and Trends <i>Prof. Jacob Ricker-Gilbert - Purdue University</i> • Enhancing youth employment through building entrepreneurial capacity <i>Prof. Alexander Kahi - Egerton University</i> • Youth Employment study by KALRO <i>Dr. Patrick K. Ketieme - Institute Director, Agricultural Mechanization Research</i> <p>Panel Discussion Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Patience Mshenga, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Egerton University • Prof. Milu Muyanga, Department of AFRE, MSU • Mendi Njonjo - Director of the KCB Foundation <p>Q&A</p>
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 3.00 pm	Session IV: Building resilience of rural households Chair: Mr. Antony Kioko - CEO, CGA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livelihood diversification among Kenya’s rural households <i>Dr. John Olwande – Tegemeo Institute</i> • Resilience through Diversity: A policy scan of possible pathways to future food systems <i>Dr. Paswel Marenja</i> • The impact of agro- weather advisories on uptake of technologies and productivity in select crop value chains <i>Dr. Mercy Kamau - Tegemeo Institute</i> <p>Panel Discussion Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priscilla Muiruri, National Coordinator, Food Systems Resilience Project • Henry Mwololo, National Drought Management Authority (NDMA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anthony Apalia, CECM Agriculture, Pastoral Economy and Fisheries, Turkana County
3.00 - 3.30 pm	<p>Session V: Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap and way forward <i>Prof. Gideon Obare - Tegemeo Institute</i> • Concluding remarks <i>Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Research and Extension, Egerton University</i> • Vote of thanks <i>Dr. John Olwande – Tegemeo Institute</i>
3.30 pm	Tea/coffee and departure