

# Kenya Diaspora Conference

## Conference Programme

\*Please note the Diaspora Conference program may change in the days leading up to the event. \*

### DAY ONE – SATURDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012

7.30 – 8.45 am – Registration and Information

9.00-9.05am – National Anthem

9.05-9.15am – Welcome, Introduction and Conference Logistics

9.15-10.30am – PLENARY I:

- Overview of the Kenyan Diaspora in Australia & New Zealand: **Prof Sam Makinda** – Murdoch University & KCWA Patron
- The Diaspora in Building Kenya's Future: Introducing the Diaspora Policy: Mr **Thuita Mwangi** – CBS Permanent Secretary/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Official Opening and Key note address
- Diaspora and the New Constitutional Dispensation – **Mr Charles Nyachae**, Chairman, Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution

10.30-11.00am – Morning Tea Break

11.00-11.30am – PLENARY II: HARNESSING THE DIASPORA IN BUILDING KENYA

- Vision 2030 and the Diaspora: **Mr Mugo Kibati**, Director-General/ Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat
- Vision 2030 flagship Projects: Konza City and the Business Process Outsourcing Concept: **Dr Catherine Adeya**, Director, Business Process Outsourcing, Kenya
- Promoting Empowerment of Kenyan Youth for National Development – Mr J. M. Waweru, PS, Min. of Youth & Sports
- Q & A Session

## 11.30-12.10am – PLENARY III: DIASPORA AND FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF KENYA

- Modalities for Diaspora participation in voting and voter registration: **Mr Ahmed Isaak Hassan**, Chairman/ Independent Electoral & Boarder Commission
- Implications of Dual Citizenship
- Q & A Session

## 12.10-1.10pm – Lunch Break

## 1.10-1.50pm – PLENARY IV: DIASPORA & KENYA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Investment Policies, Promotion & Facilitation of Potential Investors: **Mr Julius Korir** – CEO Kenya Investment Authority
- Rep-Kenyan Diaspora: **Mr Patrick Muraguri** – NSW Chamber of Commerce
- Q & A Session

## 1.50-2.30pm – PLENARY V: NEW VENTURES, MINING INDUSTRY

- The economic implications with the introduction of mining – **Lindsay Reed** CEO Aviva Corporation
- Skills and Expertise required – **Steve Hall** Exec Dir of Australian School of Mines (Curtin), **Darren Townshed** CEO Pacific Wildcat Mining
- Key industry players
- Q & A Session

## 2.30-3.00pm – RAPPORTEUR SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

## 3.00-3.45pm – AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

# DAY TWO – SUNDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012

## 7.30-8.15 am – Registration and Information

## 8.15 -9.20am – PLENARY VI: DIASPORA& KENYA'S EDUCATION, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT:

### PART I-Higher Education& Research: Opportunities & challenges:

- The Role of Education, science & technology in Kenya's development
- Financing Higher Education
- Mobilising the Diaspora to enhance University Capacity
- Pathways to higher education as well us scholarship opportunities in Australia for Kenyans – **Dr. Njau Gitu**, QLD
- AUSAID

## 9.20-10.00pm – PLENARY VII: FINANCE & REAL ESTATE

### Financial Services: Developments, opportunities & challenges:-

- Developments, opportunities & challenges in Kenya's financial sectors/remittances – . **Mr. Gerald Nyaoma**, Director, Financial Markets Department, Central Bank of Kenya
- **Eric Gitonga** – Paramount Bank
- Diaspora-Rep
- Q & A Session

## 10.00-10.30pm – MORNING TEA BREAK

## 10.30-11.20pm – PLENARY VIII: RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND ICT

- Role of Research in National Development with reference to activities in Kenya-ACIAR Dr. **Simon Hearn**, Principal Adviser
- Research Promotion & Collaboration –**Dr. Melvin**, Queensland University of Technology
- Rep-Diaspora

## 11.20-12.10pm – PLENARY IX: IMMIGRATION AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Immigration reforms in Australia
- **Jane Njomo** – Diaspora Rep (Sydney)
- Q & A Session

## 12.10-1.10pm – LUNCH BREAK

## 1.10-1.50pm – PLENARY X: ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE DIASPORA

- Success Stories in Australia:
- Success in Business
- Success in Academia
- Success in ICT Sector/others
- Successes in Publishing – **Mwangi Mutuanene**, Author, “The Weatherproof Salesman”, Sydney
- Recognition of Diaspora contribution to Kenya
- Q & A Session

## 1.50-2.10pm – KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION PLAN

## 2.10-2.30pm – WAY FORWARD

## 2.30-2.40pm – CLOSING SESSION

## 2.40-2.50pm – VOTE OF THANKS

## 2.50-3.30pm – AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

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