

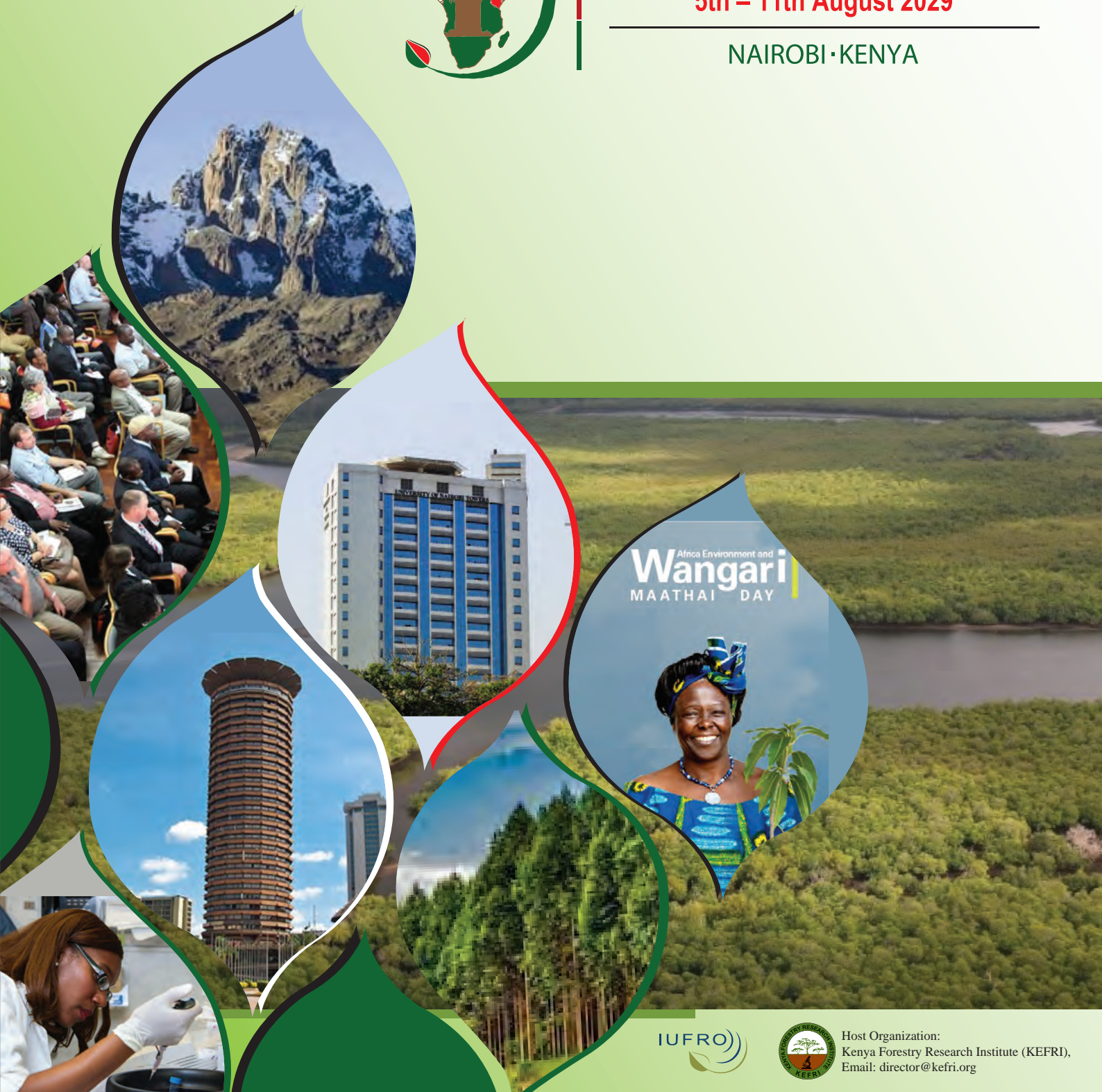
Bid to host XXVII World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organisations



XXVII IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS

5th – 11th August 2029

NAIROBI • KENYA








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Africa Environment and Wangari MAATHAI DAY



In a few decades, the relationship between the environment, resources and conflict may seem almost as obvious as the connection we see today between human rights, democracy and peace.

Prof. Wangari Maathai
Environmentalist & Nobel Prize Winner



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Dear Dr. Parrotta

RE: LETTER OF INVITATION BY THE KENYA FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR IUFRO TO HOST THE 27TH WORLD CONGRESS 2029 IN NAIROBI, KENYA

This letter brings you warm greetings from KEFRI Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. KEFRI is IUFRO Member No. 0091.00.00 from Kenya. Established in July 1986 as a state corporation under the Science and Technology Act Chapter 250 of the Laws of Kenya, the Institute has a four-fold national mandate to:

- i. Conduct research in forestry and allied natural resources;
- ii. Disseminate research findings to stakeholders;
- iii. Build capacity of stakeholders; and
- iv. Establish partnerships and cooperate with other research organizations and institutions of higher learning in joint research and training.

Research in forestry in Kenya began in 1934 as a unit of the then Forest Department in the pre-independence government. The unit focused on applied research in forest silviculture, entomology, pathology and wood utilization. It then transitioned to become the larger East African Agricultural and Forestry Research Organization (EAAFRO) in 1948. This Organization was established with its Headquarters in Kenya and as an arm of the East Africa High Commission. KEFRI inherited this rich legacy when it was formed as a successor in 1986.

In pursuit of a vision to be a global Center of Excellence in forestry research, KEFRI today pursues research under 4 thematic areas that are closely aligned with those of IUFRO. They are:

- Forest Improvement and Productivity (FPI)
- Forest Products Development (FPD)
- Forest Biodiversity and Environmental Management (FBEM)
- Social –economics, Policy and Governance (SPG)

All communications should be addressed to the Director

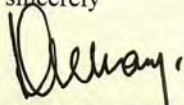
In addition, a Forest Research Support Services (FRSS) theme provides the necessary technical support for the themes.

KEFRI is an active member of IUFRO in Africa and has been increasingly represented in the Network during its Regional and World Congresses held in the past decade. The Institute has vibrant regional research partnerships and co-hosted the First IUFRO-FORNESSA Regional Congress for Africa in 2012 in partnership with ICRAF, ANAFE, ITTO and African Forest Forum. Thereafter KEFRI sent delegates to the 2014 IUFRO World Congress (USA), 2016 Asia Regional Congress (China), 2017 125th Anniversary Congress (Germany) and 2019 World Congress (Brazil). 23 abstracts by KEFRI authors were accepted in 2019.

The Institute counts on the support of its Board of Directors and financial commitment by the Government of Kenya in this bid to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya in 2029. In this undertaking, the Institute also counts on the goodwill of other active players in the forest sector such as the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and two local IUFRO members in Kenya - the World Agroforestry (ICRAF) and African Forest Forum (AFF). The bid has also attracted the interest and support of regional partners in forest research and development, including some in the private sector and academia. KEFRI will mobilize additional in-kind or financial resources from development partners to be channeled to the Congress through a Local Organizing Committee, should the bid be successful.

KEFRI is thus humbled to offer to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress and promote forestry research and development through global partnerships. By association, Kenya hereby extends an invitation to IUFRO to nominate Nairobi as the host city for the Congress in 2029 and in this African setup, strengthen this dynamic network of diverse international collaborators.

Yours sincerely



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Letter of Support by:
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Dear

Mr President

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

Kenya, located in Eastern Africa, is a country of great beauty with the Eastern Arc Mountains featuring unique assemblages of plants only found in the Eastern Africa region. The climax of unique vegetation is reached in moorlands and alpine zones of Mt. Kenya, Aberdare ranges and Mt. Elgon forests. In addition, the Country is one of the leading attractions for tourists key being the wildlife rich Massai Mara and Samburu-Isiolo corridors and sand beaches with well-developed hospitality sector.

The Government of Kenya values its forest resources and appreciates the contributions to its socio-economic development hence its strategic policy to increase its size from 7.2% to 10% by 2030. The Ministry of Environment and


Forestry has the responsibility of forestry policy development and implementation, which includes forestry research.

The Ministry of Environment and Forestry welcomes and supports the bid by Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) to host the 27th International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress in 2029. It would be the first time in the 130-year history of the Network for the event to take place on the African Continent. KEFRI is well placed as the national centre of excellence in research in forestry and allied natural resources to host the event. Adequate resources will be allocated by the Government of Kenya to the Congress organization and execution, with additional funds raised from the registration fees and solicited from multi-lateral and bilateral development partners.

Key actors in the African regional forest sector have also been contacted and shown their support in organizing the event while mentorship by past hosts of the event gives the Government of Kenya confidence in bringing the World of Forestry Research to Africa in 2029.

This gives me great pride in submitting support for the bid by Kenya to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029.

Yours

Sincerely


Dr. Chris Kiptoo, CBS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Letter of Support by:
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Your Excellency,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO HOST THE XXVII INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FOREST RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS (IUFRO) WORLD CONGRESS 2029 IN NAIROBI, KENYA

The African Union Commission received a request from the Government of the Republic of Kenya through the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the African Union in Addis Ababa to support the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI)'s bid to host the XXVII International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress 2029 in Nairobi, Kenya.

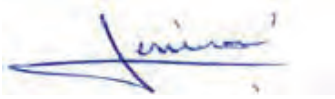
The Republic of Kenya has been in the forefront in supporting the AUC's, Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment, in its efforts to promote sustainable and sound environmental management and agricultural development on the African continent. Kenya's environmental stewardship profile is on the rise, following the appointment of H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya as the African Union Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) in February, 2022, during the 35th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union that was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Republic of Kenya applauded for being "a leading voice on issues of Environment and Climate Change in Africa" Kenya is also one among the African countries that has submitted an update of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) as a requirement by the Paris Agreement to show individual country effort on Climate Action. In January, 2012 Kenya mobilized the African Union (AU) Member State in adopting a decision calling for the joint commemoration of Africa Environment and Wangari Maathai Day on 3rd March every year. This is in recognition of the work and life of the late Professor, a heroine who dedicated her life to promoting environmental conservation and sustainable development in Africa. She was the first African Woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Republic of Kenya through the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) is presenting her **Bid to Host XXVII World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research**

Organizations (IUFRO) in 2029 in Nairobi. This bid is part of Kenya's leadership role in the promotion of Africa's Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development through sustainable environmental management and agricultural development on the African continent. I therefore wish to inform Your Excellency, that the African Union supports the Republic of Kenya's Bid to host the XXVII IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya in 2029. **This will be the first time for the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress to be held on the African continent.**

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Josefa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko
Commissioner for
Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment
Africa Union Commission

CC: Embassy of the Republic of Kenya
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H.E. James Muchiri, Deputy Governor
- National Treasury and Planning**
Hon. Yukur Yatani EGH, Cabinet Secretary

CONGRESS ORGANIZATION

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) leads this bid on behalf of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Government of Kenya and IUFRO member organizations based in Kenya, namely ICRAF, CIFOR and AFF. Other Ministries that support the effort include Tourism, Trade, The National Treasury and Foreign Affairs, among others who will be represented in later stages. This strong partnership extends to the Kenya Forest Service, Green Belt Movement and University of Nairobi that will provide meeting venues and host in-congress tours. Visitors will thus not only appreciate diverse forest ecosystems but also trace the works of Prof. Wangari Maathai in protecting natural forest ecosystems. She rallied citizens to take responsibility to protect trees so as to meet universal needs of human and other life forms for food, energy, health and ecosystem services. Her legacy lives on.

Partners are committed to ensuring success of the Congress by being the focal points for publicity and mobilization of resources and participation. Development partners in particular are invited to support a large number of participants from IUFRO members in developing countries. Their support to Scientist Assistance Programme will benefit selected participants from Latin America and Caribbean, North East Asia and 28 African member countries, all of which are economically disadvantaged.

Of the Organizations that have provided support letters, some have already nominated members to form the Kenya IUFRO Bid Development Secretariat that is coordinated by KEFRI. If the bid is successful, the Congress will be coordinated at the national level by a Steering Committee, chaired by the Principal Secretary of the Ministry in charge of Forestry in Kenya. The Steering Committee members will include CEOs of IUFRO member organizations based in Kenya and the Chief Conservator of Forests in Kenya. It will nominate a Local Organizing Committee under the Director KEFRI that will receive additional guidance from an Advisory Committee nominated by Steering Committee members so as to extend outreach to all regions of the globe by working closely with local and international partners. It is proposed to work with a Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) and share responsibilities among partners represented in the Congress Organizing Committee by forming SubCommittees that will address specific matters such as Strategy, Resource Mobilization, Venue & Logistics, hybrid meeting aspects, Protocol and Publicity, among others. The work of the Committees will be phased and the membership built over time so as to be strongest two years before and during Congress. The Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee will represent the Host Institution in the Congress Scientific Committee. More details are found in Addendum 6. Kenya acknowledges mentorship by Brazil as host of 2019 IUFRO World Congress and Sweden as host in 2024.

KEFRI has the support of national forestry research Institutes from Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia (as neighboring countries) in organizing pre- and post-congress tours and mobilizing participation from Eastern Africa Region. The Institute is also counting in this undertaking on continental support through African Union Commission as well as regional support through FORNESSA and CCARDESSA.

ADVANCING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS IN FORESTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT 27th IUFRO 2029 World Congress Theme

At the center of Kenya's bid to host this version of IUFRO World congress is profiling status of Africa's forestry in the global arena by 2030. Inspired by IUFRO post-2020 strategy for networking and the fact that the IUFRO World Congress has not previously been held in Africa, Kenya welcomes the world of forestry research to visit and experience forests in Africa. Kenya has the support of its immediate neighbors to partner in extending the experience of congress guests beyond its national borders. Regional tours will be hosted in Tanzania and Uganda with possible extension to cover Ethiopia and Southern Africa. The bid also has support of FORNESSA, thus widely embracing institutions and individuals working in the Sub-Saharan Africa region. The aim is to host the strongest ever delegation of African participants to an IUFRO World Congress in terms of numbers, presentations (oral and poster) as well as exhibitions.

UN global development agenda such as UNFCCC and UNCCD are some of the Multi-lateral Agreements of great significance to Africa. The UN SDG era will close in 2030 by when it will be necessary for the world to take stock of the role forests will have played in achievement of related global environmental, social and economic agenda. At the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029, African scientists and actors in the forest sector look forward to showcasing regional efforts that will demonstrate the aspirations of Africa as captured in Agenda 2063 will be on course. This agenda was launched at celebrations held in May 2013 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the African Union (AU), where African Heads of State and Government adopted a landmark Solemn Declaration in which they set out a long term development vision for the continent for the next fifty years, from 2013 to 2063. This vision was shaped not only by experiences and successes recorded but also by the challenges the continent had faced in the fifty years since the setting up of the Organization of African Unity. The vision states that by 2063, there should be "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena."

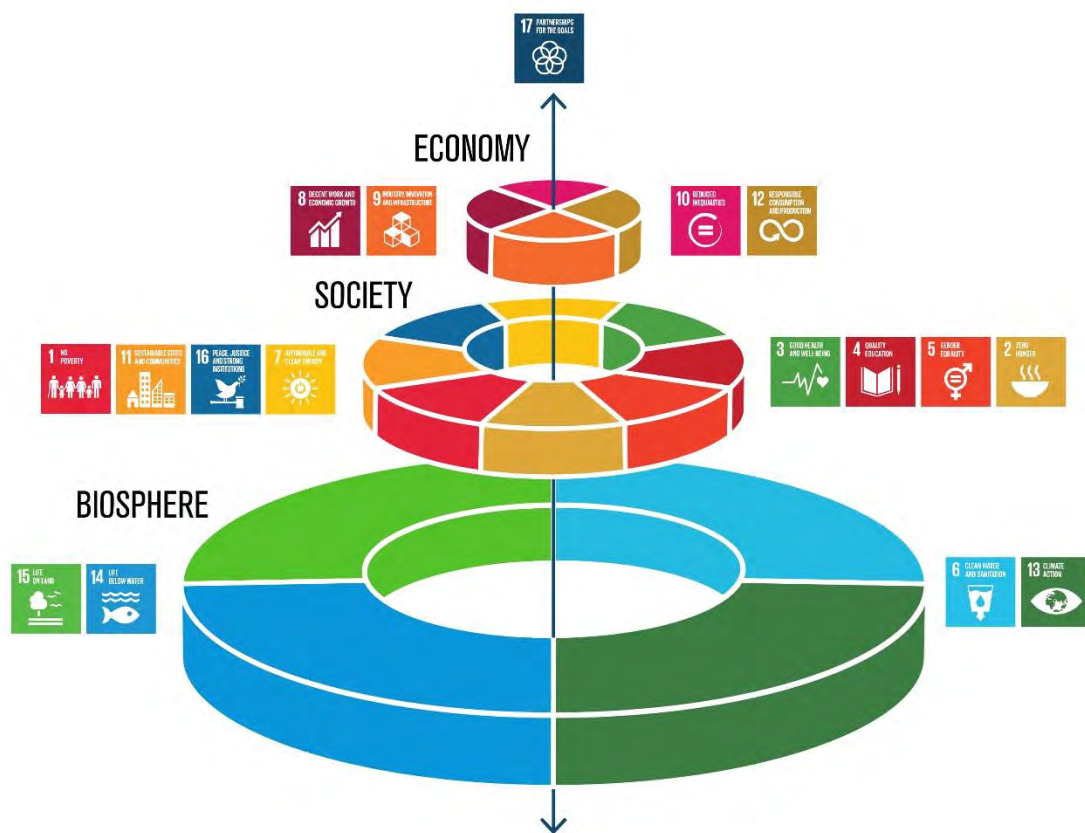
AU Sustainable Forest Management Framework (2020 -2030) was adopted in March 2020 to strengthen sustainable forest management across the continent by addressing the challenges undermining the value and the role of the sector. Through the implementation of this framework, Africa hopes to stimulate trade, sustain livelihood and boost rural incomes. This framework thus serves as a guideline for AU Member States and other African stakeholders in the forestry sector to assist them in their efforts to eliminate deforestation and forest degradation by 2063.

Partnerships for SDGs and Agenda 2063 implementation, monitoring, and evaluation have been identified by the African Union as a critical element of SDG implementation, and are consistent with the approaches adopted by African countries to implement SDGs using Domestic Resource Mobilisation (DRM) or partner resources while addressing challenges. At the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029, African scientists and actors in the forest sector look forward to showcasing regional efforts to ensure the aspirations of Africa as captured in Agenda 2063 will be on course. They will jointly demonstrate with development partners the value of global cooperation in advancing

North-South, South-South, North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector (UN Global Forest Goal 4 Target 4.3). This will demonstrate synergies in SDGs 1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Partnerships for the goals will be demonstrated globally.

A March 2020 report based on a survey that was administered to respondents who belong to the AU SDGs and Agenda 2063 Expert Group, was the first step to understanding the critical governance structures and systems needed to realize the SDGs and the Aspirations in the AU Agenda 2063.

As the Agenda is implemented in 10 year phases, the IUFRO 2029 Congress is a suitable buildup activity to take stock of progress made during the second phase (2023 - 2033)



Source: <https://www.stockholmresilience.org/research/research-news/2017-02-28-contributions-to-agenda-2030.html>



KENYA
HOST COUNTRY



HOST COUNTRY

History

Kenya is commonly referred to as the 'Cradle of Mankind' and has a rich pre-historic fossil heritage dating over 100 million years and a long record of technological evolution with tools as old as 2.3 million years old also exists.

The Republic of Kenya gained political independence from Britain on 12th December, 1963. Kenya is today an active member of three Regional Economic Communities (RECs) of African Union, namely: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) which unites 21 partners, East African Community (EAC) which unites 6 partners and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) whose membership covers 8 countries in the Horn of Africa Region.

Kenyan Culture

United under the flag of national unity, Kenya is home to over 40 distinct ethnic communities speaking close to 80 different languages. Kenyan music combines the unique sounds of the Nation's tribes and ethnic groups with Swahili lyrics, and the influences of other African nations, pop, reggae, hip-hop, gospel and jazz.



The national flag of Kenya

Current Political Governance

Kenya has two levels of government namely; the National Government and **47** County Governments which have devolved mandates and functions. At the National level, elections are conducted every 5 years for representation of the people at National Assembly and Senate Government levels.

Each County is divided into political Wards. Members of County Assembly and Governors are elected every 5 years for representation of the people.



Parliament Buildings, Nairobi

Geography

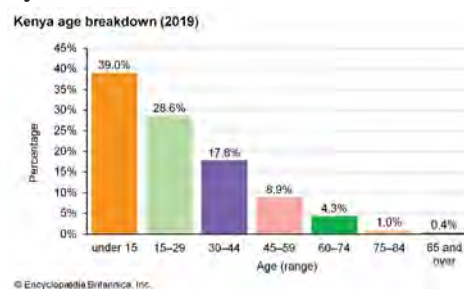


Kenya's location in Eastern Africa.

Kenya time zone is GMT +3.00

Population size

Kenya has a population of **52 million** people with a projected number of **60 million** people by 2030.

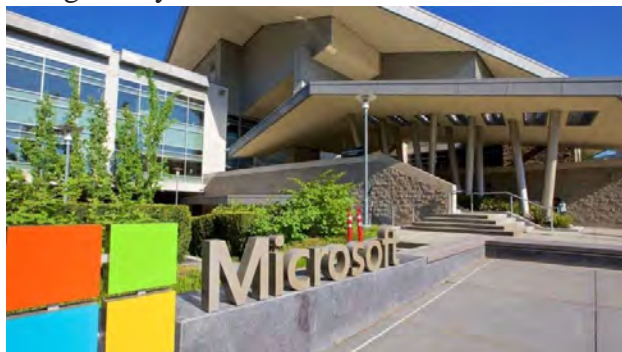


Climate

Kenya's climate is warm and humid at the coast, cool and humid in the central highlands, and hot and dry in the north and east. Visitors and delegates can enjoy most activities in the cities, beaches and in the national parks all year round.

Economy

Kenya is the largest and most advanced economy in Eastern Africa. Kenya is strategically located as a gateway to Africa.



Microsoft R&D Hub, Nairobi and its first in Africa

Nairobi hosts regional and international headquarters of several organizations which include World Bank, IMF, Coca-Cola, United Nations, Rockefeller and Toyota

Natural heritage

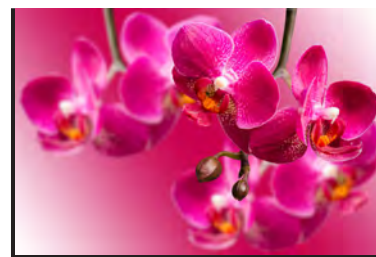
Kenya is home to over 7 000 plants with 103 being threatened (critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable). The country is an oasis of biodiversity. 25000 invertebrates (21575 of which are insects), 1133 birds, 315 mammals, 191 reptiles, 180 freshwater fish, 692 marine and brackish fish, 88 amphibians and about 2000 species of fungi and bacteria.

The country is famous for its diverse assemblage of large mammals like the African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*), black rhino (*Diceros bicornis*), leopard (*Panthera pardus*), buffalo (*Syncerus cafer*) and African lion (*Panthera leo*).



*Lilac-breasted roller,
Kenya's national bird*

*Amboseli Game Reserve
is home to elephants*



*The Orchid, Kenya's
national flower*

Types of forests found in Kenya

Mangrove forests

These forests cover approximately 61,000 hectares distributed along the Kenya's Indian Ocean coast.

There are nine species of mangroves in Kenya which occur on a typical zonation pattern from the seaward to inland side. The mangrove ecosystem support fisheries, ecotourism, and wood supply for construction of houses. It also protects the coastline and local communities against climate change extremes such as storms and tsunamis



Mangrove Forest along Kenya's Indian Ocean coast

The coastal forests

These are the forests found in the coastal region of Kenya within a 30km strip of the shoreline and cover approximately 295,871 hectares. They start off as pockets of closed canopy forests which gradually become open woodlands. They provide climate amelioration functions and supply important wood and non-wood products to the local communities. They are an important habitat to threatened species such as elephant shrew and Sokoke Scops Owl. They are

important spiritual shrines (Kayas) to the local communities.

Montane forests

These occur in high altitude regions of Kenya (above 1,500m above sea level). They are the most extensive type of high-canopy forest in Kenya covering approximately 1,445,553 hectares in 2018. These are moist broad-leafed, coniferous mixed forests and at higher altitudes, the highland bamboo (*Yushania alpina*) predominates. These forests and their related ecosystem services play an important role in supporting economic activities and human well-



A montane forest

The western rain forests

These are remnants of the Guineo-Congolese forests and cover an area of 144,615 hectares with trees that are significantly taller and larger as compared to those in other forests of Kenya. The forest is found in Kakamega area of Western Kenya and serves as a source of timber, fuel wood, herbal medicines, building materials and tea along its fringes. It is home to globally threatened, restricted-range *Muscicapa lendu* and *Eremomela turneri* bird species and therefore an important bird area.

Dryland forests

These are the forests found in the arid and semi-arid regions of Kenya that are lower than 1500m above sea level.

As a singular forest stratum, they comprise the largest area of 2,010,547 hectares. Their tree composition is dominated by various *Acacia* and *Commiphora* species but also includes *Combretum* sp., *Delonix elata*, *Platycephalum voense*, *Manilkara* sp, *Lannea*, *Balanites aegyptiaca*, *Melia volkensii*, *Newtonia hilderbrandtii*, *Euphorbia candelabrum* and *Adansonia digitata*.

They supply gums and resins, aloe, charcoal, essential oils, silk, edible oil, commercial juices, frankincense, indigenous fruits, honey, thatching materials, and timber. The stated products are very important to the socio-economic development of communities living in the Arid and Semi-arid areas (ASALs).

Plantation forests

These are areas with even aged monocultures and mainly planted for commercial purposes. They cover approximately 186,716 hectares and the common species include; *Cupressus lusitanica*, *Eucalyptus* sp. and several pine species (*P. patula*) in montane areas and, *P. caribaea* in coastal forests). They supply timber, pulp, and fuel for the growing economy, and by so doing reduce pressure on Kenya's natural forests.



Eucalyptus plantation

Importance of forests to the economy

Kenya's forests contribute about 7 billion Kenya Shillings or 3.6% to the economy annually and employ over 50,000 people directly with a further 300,000 people employed indirectly.

These forests supply about **30 million m³** of wood, which is below the current demand at **40 million m³** and Kenya is thus a net **importer** of sawn wood products. At household level, Kenya is highly dependent on biomass energy. The main source of energy is charcoal in urban centers or firewood in rural areas. Kenya's energy policy promotes renewable alternative sources to reduce dependence on biomass fuel.

The forest sector is expected to reduce GHG emission of 10.4 MtCO₂e by 2023 and contribute significantly to Kenya's Nationally Determined Contribution target of reducing greenhouse emission by 32% relative to 143 MtCO₂e per year by 2030.



Commercial fuelwood plantation (in the foreground)

On commercial scale, forest plantations serve the processing industries as sources firewood and charcoal.

Wood-based industries mainly focus on producing poles, timber, veneers and fiberboards that support related value chains such as furniture and construction industries.



Timber processing plant

Plywood



Forest management and governance

There are three governance and management structures of forests in Kenya as recognized in the Constitution.

- **Public forests** are managed by both National Government agencies (mainly Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service) and the County Governments.
- **Community forests** are owned by communities or held in trust by County Governments on behalf of local communities through long-term leases or management agreements.
- **Private forests** are owned or managed by individuals, institutions or corporate entities as freehold or leasehold.

Key institutions in forest governance in Kenya

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry

It is responsible for policy guidance and oversight in governance of environment and natural resources for the socio-economic development of the country.

The key state agencies tasked with research and development of forests in Kenya are:

1) Kenya Forest Service

This is a state corporation mandated to enhance development, conservation and management of Kenya's forest resources base in all public and community forests. It assists County Governments to develop and manage forest resources on community and private lands for the equitable benefit of present and future generations. The service has adopted a participatory forest management approach where the local communities are involved in forest governance through community forest associations. In addition, the Service offers capacity building of middle-level forest

management professionals at the Kenya Forestry College.

2) Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI)

It is a state corporation mandated to conduct research in forestry and allied natural resources. It disseminates technologies and scientific information for sustainable forest management and socio-economic development. Furthermore, the Institute builds capacity of stakeholders and pursues partnerships with institutions of higher learning for joint research and training.

KEFRI is a leader of forestry research in the African region and a long-standing member of IUFRO. The Institute provides advice to the national and county governments on forestry issues and helps in increasing tree cover in Kenya through provision of tree germplasm. The Institute has 128 scientists with post-graduate qualifications. These scientists bring with them a wide range of expertise and diverse experience in disciplines related to forest and allied natural resource management. With the assistance of professional foresters and technologists, the scientists undertake research in four thematic areas, namely: Forest Productivity and Improvement; Biodiversity and Environmental Management; Forest Products Development and Socioeconomics, Policy and Governance. These thematic areas mirror the IUFRO post-2020 strategy. The quality of services by KEFRI is assured by the Quality Assurance Department. Additionally, all the scientific thematic areas are supported by a dedicated Department which offers forestry research support services. KEFRI has a strong program of student attachment and internship to mentor upcoming scientists and expose them to forestry research careers.

As a public institution, the main source of funds to KEFRI is the Exchequers disbursements

from the National Government. Through project proposals, KEFRI attracts a number of development partners to fund priority research. A dedicated Directorate of Corporate Services supports research through prudent financial management, human resource development, administration and supplies chain management. For smooth operations, KEFRI has adopted an automated system (Enterprise Resource Planning) that integrates all aspects of its operations.

KEFRI Research Centres are spread throughout Kenya and each specializes in unique ecosystems such as the Kenyan Central Highlands, The Rift Valley, Lake Victoria Basin, Drylands and Coastal ecosystems.

Tertiary Education in forestry

There are currently four (4) universities offering undergraduate and postgraduate level training and one (1) tertiary level college offering certificate and diploma level training in forest science. There exist long and fruitful ties between KEFRI and all of these teaching institutions and a number of senior KEFRI staff supervise post graduate university students.



Laboratories are very important research facilities



HOST CITY

Nairobi is Kenya’s capital city and the most populous city in East Africa, with a current estimated population of about 3.5 million. This makes it the 14th largest city in Africa. Founded in 1899 as a railway depot along the Uganda Railway, the name Nairobi” comes from the Maasai phrase ‘Enkare Nyrobi’, which translates to “cool water”. The city is also the seat of the County Government of Nairobi and the national Government. The city commemorates its historic past with tourist sites and several museums. Today, it is a cosmopolitan centre with modern physical and communication infrastructure and is a commercial hub with international business linkages.



Nairobi City Hall

Transport

Getting there

The *Kenya Airports Authority* is an autonomous body charged with the responsibility of providing and managing all airports in Kenya. The Authority is the owner and operator of nine civilian airports and airstrips in Kenya. Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi is the busiest and functions as an effective air transport hub with direct access from Europe, USA and Asia. Kenya Airways and 30 foreign airlines serve 50+ global and

African destinations in & out of JKIA.

Moi International Airport in Mombasa is a second regional and international transport hub that has frequent domestic and international connections. Visitors to Nairobi have options of landing in Mombasa then transferring directly or through Malindi Airport to Wilson Airport or JKIA. Other international Airports operate in Kisumu, and Eldoret.

Most major World airlines—including Kenya Airways—fly into Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi, which is Kenya’s main airport. Kenya Airways also flies nonstop from the U.S (New York). Other intercontinental transits are made through Johannesburg, Addis Ababa, Cairo, London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Paris. Other possible connections are available through the Middle East, Qatar and Dubai. In Asia, Kenya Airways has flights between Nairobi and Bangkok, Hanoi, Hong Kong and Guangzhou in China.

Among airlines flying from/to Nairobi airport are:

Kenya Airways	
KLM	
Turkish Airlines	
Etihad Airways	
Air France	
Emirates	
British Airways	
Lufthansa Airlines	
China Southern Airlines	
Ethiopian Airlines	

The Madaraka Express SGR train from Nairobi to Mombasa runs a return service daily that takes 5 hours.

Getting Around

Bus shuttles will be assigned to move delegates from various hotels to conference venues and between the various conference venues. An Express Way will soon open linking Nairobi CBD and nearby satellite business centers to JKIA. Transfers between venues and hotels will be made possible in a matter of minutes

Lifestyle and gastronomy (Restaurants)

Kenya's culinary appeal is wonderfully diverse. The flavours emanate from Indian, Arab and European heritage. You are spoilt for choice and you can get what you need for your palate.



Japanese Cuisine



A local favorite: fried fish and millet meal, vegetables



Kenya: Goat choma (grilled goat meat)

Kenyan drinks feature locally-made coffee and tea, and the ever-popular iconic “Tusker” beer. Coffee lovers around the world know Kenya’s flavourful and aromatic Arabica beans. High in antioxidants, tea from Kenya has won international acclaim for taste and aroma.



*Enjoy “Tusker”,
a world-class Kenyan beer*

Hospitality

There are already many international hotel chains that are long established in Nairobi City, such as The Sarova, Hilton and Best Western. The sector has seen tremendous growth in the last 10 years. International brands such as Starwood, which is part of Marriott, the world’s largest hotel group have now entered the Kenyan market, through The Global Trade Center and many others are expected to follow suit.

Hotel Accommodation

With over 10,000 hotel rooms to choose from in the central business district of Nairobi and nearby areas that are under 10 minutes’ drive from the congress venues, delegates will find accommodation to suit their budget levels and comfort. The City also has Airbnb featured accommodation for families and participants who prefer home stay experiences.



The Global Trade Centre and Nairobi Expressway



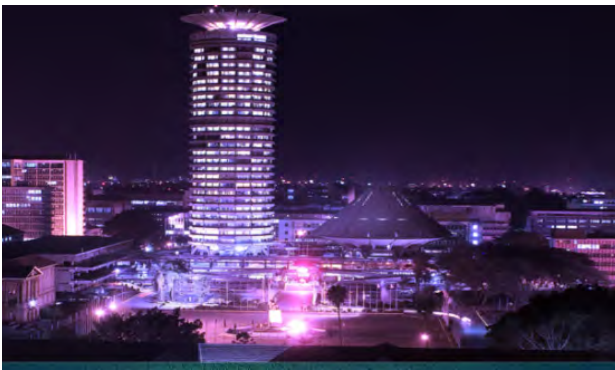
CONGRESS VENUE(S)

Two key venues will be combined in the Central Business District of Nairobi to provide the necessary space for Congress meetings. Additional venues in the outskirts within 30 minutes-drive.

Venue 1a:

The Kenyatta International Convention Centre - KICC

The Kenyatta International Convention Centre (<https://kicc.co.ke>) is an icon and landmark for the city of Nairobi, Kenya. KICC boasts of having held a large number of regional and international conferences such as the World Bank Conference in 1973, the Inter-Parliamentary Union summit in 2008, other UN based conferences, 8th USA African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), to name but a few. A list of similar events is as listed in the Addendum 2.



KICC by night

Located at the heart of the central business district of Kenya's Capital, KICC boasts of its proximity and easy accessibility to and from all major five-star, four-star and three-star hotels, most of which are within ten minutes' walk and five minutes ride by car (<https://kicc.co.ke/plan/places-to-stay/>). KICC offers an area of 14,556 sqm of exhibition space, comprising of an outdoor area and 5,000 sqm more of indoor space.

KICC therefore has the capacity to hold large and small events, both indoors and outdoors. The facility has excellent rooms with good ambience that are clean and air-conditioned.



KICC Tsavo ballroom equipped with LED screens, stage lighting, audiovisual and interpretation equipment

Outdoor catering area in a fully furnished marquee tent



KICC outdoor tents for side meetings and exhibitions

Equipment & Technology

The venue has fully equipped Simultaneous Interpretation Equipment with the capability of handling the seven United Nations languages together with headphones to help international clients who cannot understand any language well other than their own.

An internet network which is supported by a fibre optic backbone together with the necessary infrastructure and backup are already laid out across the premises to support hybrid meetings with physical attendance and virtual experiences.

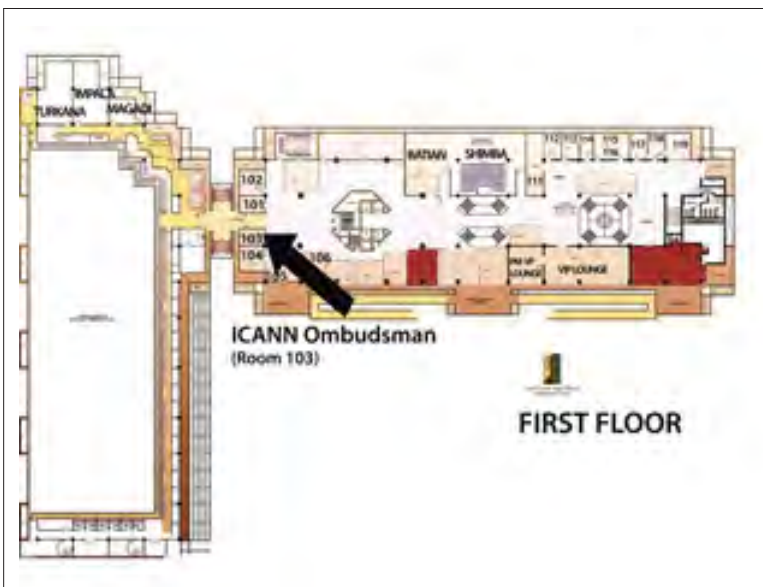
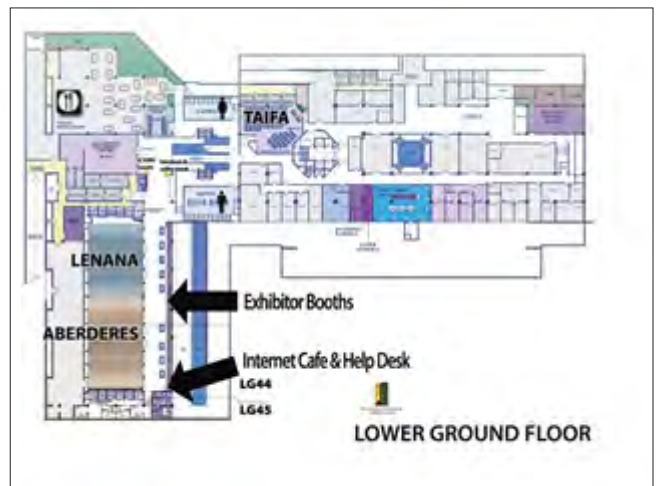
Hybrid Congress concept

The Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) will support the Congress with The Global Landscapes Forum, a world-class digital platform that delivers an interactive and unique virtual experience for meeting participants. The virtual platform will not only generate a global dialogue by featuring Plenary and sub-Plenary Congress sessions but also offer unique

online experiences, such as virtual exhibitions and thematic networking sessions. The digital platform and a mobile application will provide translation for all attendees both in-person and online for the featured agenda items. Online participants will also have an opportunity to join a 3-D immersive field trip experience. This will mirror the in-person congress field trips and

provide all virtual attendees with a feel of how forest management practices are implemented at the local level. The Global Landscapes Forum will also support promotion of the Congress through ticket campaigns and other digital communication efforts to further illustrate the Congress themes and link to influencers.

Floor plans of KICC



Environmental Sustainability

The Centre strives to enhance environmental sustainability and has ensured that the following is in place;

1. There is a committee that is mandated to spearhead environmental sustainable programmes with an in-house “Environmental Sustainable Policy”. The current policy developed in 2019 focuses on three pillars of sustainability i.e social, economic and environmental aspect.

- The Centre endeavors to enhance the use of natural sources of energy. There is a 200KVA solar panel in Tsavo ballroom roof connected to the national power grid that has made the institution save monthly bill of Ksh. 2 Million which is 33% of the total energy consumption since 2018.
- The venue has green design that allows natural air drift from the outside to basement all the way to the helipad saving on energy.

- Some of the rooms use natural ventilation by design with shutters to allow free flow of air.
- The building ensures maximum natural lighting as windows are made of large glasses.
- Used water is recycled for irrigation.
- Global forest purifies the air hence reducing carbon emission.
- There is maximum use of LED lighting.
- The Centre is currently replacing old pumps with high efficiency pumps to save on energy.
- Service providers are encouraged to have efficient engines e.g. generators.
- There is an in-house Corporate Social Responsibility Policy supports the community in several sectors among them tree planting activities in the needy water catchment areas.

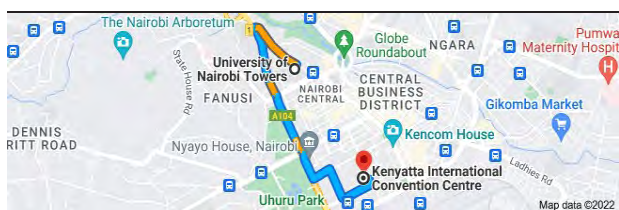
KICC Events Space Technical Data

Meeting rooms	Area sq[m]	Ceiling height[m]	Actual dimension LXW [m]	Theatre set up	Classroom setup	Banqueting set up
Tsavo ballroom	2,666	12	83x30	3,000	2,000	1,500
Tsavo Ball Room A	1,120	12	28x40	1,000	600	500
Tsavo Ball Room B	476	12	28x17	700	500	400
Tsavo Ball Room C	476	12	28x17	800	550	500
Aberdare	368	3	23x16	300	150	120
Lenana	320	3	20x16	300	150	120
Taifa Hall	192	2.5	12x16	80	50	60
Shimba Hills	160	2.6	12.2x13.6	100	90	Fixed seats
Delegates Lounge	1125	3	45x25	-	-	150
Impala	100	3	12x8	70	50	50
Turkana	100	3	12x8	70	50	50
OUTDOOR AREAS KICC - Commercial Exhibition Area						
Courtyard	7,056	Tents can be erected for exhibitions, extra outdoor meeting rooms, catering space, meals area				
Lawns	7,500	Tents can be erected for exhibitions, extra outdoor meeting rooms, catering space, meals area				
Raised tree area	6,450	Tents can be erected for exhibitions, extra outdoor meeting rooms, catering space, meals area				
Upper COMESA	5,497	Tents can be erected for exhibitions, extra outdoor meeting rooms, catering space, meals area				

Venue 1b:

The University of Nairobi Towers

The University of Nairobi Towers (<https://tinyurl.com/2p8d2fjrM>) is located within the university's main campus in Nairobi's CBD. It is an inspiring and attractive showcase of "green" buildings and with cutting-edge architecture. The building also enhances the quality of meetings with a balance between indoor and outdoor spaces. This venue is located a short distance away from KICC (3.5km)



It has hosted a number of large meetings including the First Global Conference on Blue Economy in 2018. It was co-hosted with KICC and had over 16,000 participants. Others are the 2nd Africa Conference in 2015 and the 3rd International Scientific Conference.

The University Towers exhibition areas include the Great Court which has a total of 4,800 sqm and the Hyslop parking exhibition area covering a total of 3,800 sqm. The Chandaria Hall lobby covers 1,900 sqm.

Venue 1c:

University of Nairobi, The Wangari Maathai Institute

This Institute was established in 2009 as a Center of Excellence and an iconic legacy building for Peace and Environmental Studies. It honors the late Prof. Wangari Maathai who became the first female professor in her home country of Kenya while she taught at the same campus of the University of Nairobi where the building stands today in a serene 50-acre garden. Additionally, she was the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. The Institute trains both



Masters and Doctoral students in environmental governance and explores linkages with peace and democracy. By design, the building makes optimal use of natural lighting and natural ventilation by its orientation to the sun and prevailing winds. The outdoor amphitheatre with a sitting capacity of 1000 persons will be the most fitting venue for the Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award. The grounds of the institute are suitable for the tree planting ceremony during the 27th IUFRO World Congress.



Wangari Maathai Institute Outdoor Amphitheatre

Combining rooms for Venue 1

The opening and closing plenary ceremonies will be hosted at the KICC. The congress breakout and sub-plenary sessions can be hosted KICC and the UON Tower while tree planting and Forest Champions Award can take place in WMI. The three venues are linked and accessible by a well-connected road system via public transport and taxis.

University of Nairobi meeting room capacity details

1	MEETING ROOMS	CAPACITY
	Subplenary	Taifa Hall - 640 Pax Chandaria Hall - 500 Pax
	Mini lecture theaters	MLC1 60 Pax
		MLC2 70 Pax
		MLC3 100 Pax
		MLC4 90 Pax
		MLC5 140 Pax
		BLC 101-100 Pax
		BLC 102-300 Pax
		BLC 201-250 Pax
		BLC 301-500 Pax (Subplenary)
		BLC 302-300 Pax
	BLC 401-250 Pax	
Other rooms		
		Press room - 30 pax
		VIP holding area - 50 Pax
	9 th floor	Room 1: 100pax
		Room 2: 100 Pax
	10 th floor	Room 1: 50 Pax
		Room 2: 50 Pax
2.	Exhibition Space - outdoors	Capacity
	Great Court - Exhibitions' area	1000 pax
	Graduation Square	2000 pax

Medical and other emergencies

In case of emergencies, KICC and UON have well-trained security staff who double up as fire Marshalls and ambulances and fire engines will be on standby during the Congress period

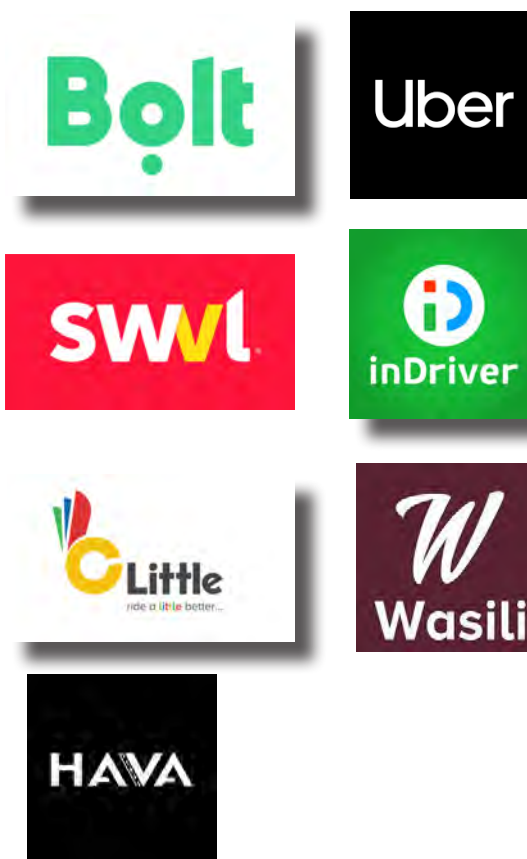
Transport within Nairobi City

Local transport in Nairobi is frequent between the selected venues. Besides the shuttle buses that will offer dedicated transport for the congress, there will be options to hail digital taxis. Electric buses will be operating in Nairobi by then and there are new entrants like SWVL, which are booked online. When all you need is a long ride with good music.... selected city routes offer

“Nganyas”, unique public transport experiences suited for the streetwise and adventurous.



A ride in Nairobi's "Nganyas" is for the daring



Taxi hailing Apps in use in Kenya

Alternative venues

It is proposed to use the combined ICRAF-UN Office at Nairobi (UNON) as the partner alternative venues located out of Central Business District in Nairobi in the event that physical attendance is much reduced due to technological advancements by 2029. See Addendum 2 for details.



FINANCIAL PLAN



This financial plan involves a detailed revenue stream and cost/expenditure analysis. Both the revenue and costs analysis are reflected in three (3) distinct scenarios based on number of projected delegates, that is; 2,000, 3,000 and 5,000 delegates.

Revenue Projections

The forecasted revenue sources are from; participants' registration fees, exhibitions, contribution from hosting partners, sponsors/development partners, gala dinner charges and contribution from the Government of Kenya.

The first revenue stream is the participation fees. It is projected that for 2,000 delegates' scenario, total revenue will be USD 3,701,500; the 3,000 delegates' scenario will generate USD 3,387,750; while the 5,000 delegates' scenario will generate USD 5,886,250.

The second revenue stream will be the contribution by the host country which is the Government of Kenya. The Government of Kenya, through the National Treasury and Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry as well as the National Research Fund are projected to contribute up to 30% of the projected total revenue. The Congress also anticipates to raise funds from sponsors and development partners. Selected partners, that include; County Government of Nairobi, KEFRI (Government of Kenya Organization), African Forest Forum, Kenya Forest Service (Government of Kenya Organization), CIFOR-

ICRAF, National Environment Trust FUND (Government of Kenya Organization) and University of Nairobi (Government of Kenya Organization), among others such as The Office of the President and Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, will support the congress through financial and in kind contribution by representation in committees. Several of them are currently supporting bid development process.

Exhibition and gala dinner charges will be other revenue streams.



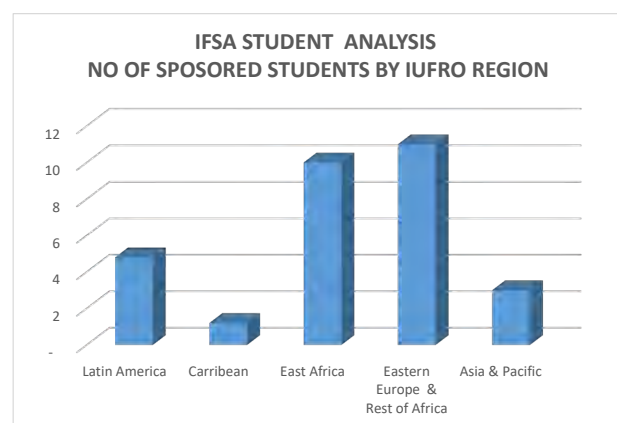
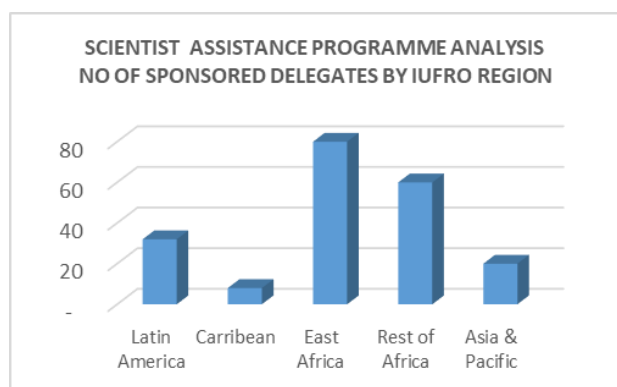
Local Kenya currency notes

Cost/ Expenditure Analysis

The provisional total cost of the congress will vary under each of the three scenarios. The 2,000 delegates' scenario is projected to cost USD 3,679,577; 3,000 delegates USD 4,362,812; and 5,000 delegates USD 5,844,789. A provision of 8% of the anticipated total costs has been provided to cater for possible inflation and USD 30,000 set aside unforeseen expenditures as the highest amount in the 5,000 in person scenario. The calculation has been done at an exchange rate of 1 USD to 130 Kenya shillings to take care of changes in fluctuation of currency exchange rate.

Scientist Assistance Programme

In the budget forecast, funds have been provided for Scientist Assistance Programme (SAP). These funds are intended for sponsorship of delegates from low income countries from Africa, Latin America, Caribbean and Pacific, developing states in Eastern Europe and South East Asia, among others. Funds will be mobilized from development partners to sponsor as many scientists as possible from developing countries to attend the congress. Number of beneficiaries in all scenarios is presented in the chart below. Organizers further wish to sponsor 30 IFSA members to attend the Congress.



Potential Development Partners and Sponsors for the Congress

A joint fundraising campaign by host and partners will be intensified after winning the bid. It will target development partners such as SIDA, JICA, EU, FAO, USAID, DANIDA, UNDP, UNEP, AfDB and others.

Through the African Union, the Republic of Kenya has potential collaboration with all Regional Economic Communities in Africa. Already, special outreach and consideration has been made to involve neighboring member states of the East African Community (EAC) and Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD). Continental Networks, namely, Forest Research Network of SubSaharan Africa (FORNESSA) and African Forest Forum (AFF) have pledged to raise awareness and sustain publicity of the Congress on the continent and in other global arena.

KEFRI also has well-established linkages with over 20 local world class Universities, led by University of Nairobi which hosts Wangari Maathai Institute. KEFRI will also explore support of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). These organizations can strategically support the Scientist Assistance Programme by related projects sponsoring a significantly larger number of participants than usual from developing countries to attend the Congress.

Budget scenario summary sheets for hybrid congress attendance are provided in the next section.

BUDGET FORECAST FOR 5000 HYBRID WITH 2000 IN PERSON DELEGATES						
REVENUES	Projected No.	% share	Rate (USD)	TOTAL		
				KES	USD	
Participants Registration Fees						
<i>IUFRO Members Developed Countries Early Registration***</i>	800		400	41,600,000	320,000	
<i>IUFRO Officials Developed</i>	50		400	2,600,000	20,000	
<i>IUFRO Members Developed Countries Late Registration</i>	200		450	11,700,000	90,000	
<i>Non IUFRO Members</i>	200		500	13,000,000	100,000	
<i>Sponsored IUFRO Members Developing Countries</i>	200		350	9,100,000	70,000	
<i>IUFRO Members Developing Countries (self or other paying)</i>	100		350	4,550,000	35,000	
<i>IUFRO Associate Members</i>	20		350	910,000	7,000	
<i>Self paying Students - IUFRO Members Developed countries</i>	30		100	390,000	3,000	
<i>Sponsored IFSA Students</i>	30		100	390,000	3,000	
<i>Sponsored student volunteers</i>	100		100	1,300,000	10,000	
<i>Congress Organizing Committee</i>	50			-	-	
<i>Congress Scientific Committee</i>	50			-	-	
<i>Daily Registration</i>	30		50	195,000	1,500	
<i>Accompanying persons</i>	100		250	3,250,000	25,000	
<i>Senior citizens (aged 65 years+)</i>	40		75	390,000	3,000	
<i>Virtual Participants registered online</i>	3000		-	-	-	
Total Participation	5000					
Total Participation for those paying fees	1900	19%		89,375,000	687,500	
Non-Sponsor Exhibitors Fee	60	2%	1,000	7,800,000	60,000	
Gala Dinner Charges	800	2%	80	8,320,000	64,000	
Contribution from Government of Kenya		27%		130,000,000	1,000,000	
Other Government Commitment-KEFRI		5%		26,000,000	200,000	
Other Government Commitment -NRF		2%		10,400,000	80,000	
Partners		6%		29,900,000	230,000	
NETFUND/Development Partners		22%		104,000,000	800,000	
Sponsors (Industry/Private sector)		14%		65,000,000	500,000	
PCO Fund Raising Target		2%		10,400,000	80,000	
TOTAL REVENUE		100%		481,195,000	3,701,500	
COSTS						
Venue costs				48,939,048	376,454	
<i>Venue(s) costs ICRAF-UNON</i>	2000			0	0	
Welcome reception	2000			10,008,881	76,991	
<i>IUFRO President's Reception</i>	275			666,667	5,128	
<i>IUFRO Board Lunch/dinner (incoming/outgoing Members)</i>	50			400,000	3,077	
<i>Entertainment - Opening and Closing ceremonies</i>				1,430,000	11,000	
<i>Tea and snacks</i>				31,500,000	242,308	
<i>Water</i>				333,500	2,565	
<i>Exhibition Tent and Booths costs</i>				4,600,000	35,385	
Event organization and Coordination				29,508,390	226,988	
<i>Private event organizing firm</i>				9,508,390	73,141	
<i>Direct Congress Secretariat costs-KEFRI</i>				20,000,000	153,846	
Congress organizing committee costs				47,700,000	366,923	
<i>Steering, advisory & local committee meetings</i>				20,000,000	153,846	
<i>Congress Scientific Committee Meetings-International Travel</i>				6,000,000	46,154	
<i>Volunteer Costs</i>				1,200,000	9,231	
<i>International Travel to promote bid</i>				20,500,000	157,692	
<i>Platform for virtual congress transmission & translation-In kind support by CIFOR as Steering Committee partner</i>				15,000,000	115,385	
Publicity ,communication & awareness				124,591,833	958,399	
<i>Website and congress app development & maintenance</i>				5,000,000	38,462	
<i>Marketing and Promotion (TV, radio and newspaper adverts and talk shows)</i>				25,000,000	192,308	
<i>Congress Program</i>				1,429,847	10,999	
<i>Registration,Abstract and Proceedings Online sytem</i>				2,859,694	21,998	
<i>Digital Information Screens</i>				25,807,680	198,521	
<i>Interpretation Equipment Costs</i>				23,621,818	181,706	
<i>Interpretation Costs</i>				2,000,000	15,385	
<i>Internet and power backup(On Site Technical Equipment)</i>				8,000,000	61,538	
<i>Conference Branded Stationery and Bags etc</i>				11,500,000	88,462	
<i>Audio Visual Production(documentaries & briefing)</i>				8,718,580	67,066	
<i>Congress Site Furniture,Branding and Decoration</i>				10,654,213	81,955	
Transport logistics				18,424,000	141,723	
<i>Bus hire</i>				3,924,000	30,185	
<i>International VIP special utility vehicles</i>				4,000,000	30,769	
<i>Transport for secretariat</i>				10,500,000	80,769	
Documenting Proceedings				20,000,000	153,846	
<i>Rapportuers & secretariat Costs (during event,)</i>				10,000,000	76,923	
<i>Production of proceedings(Compilation & type setting)</i>				2,000,000	15,385	
<i>Information products(Memories of the congress)</i>				8,000,000	61,538	
Incongress Tours and Excursion				8,970,000	69,000	
Excursion Charges				8,970,000	69,000	
Invited Speakers				25,000,000	192,308	
<i>Travel and Accomadation</i>				20,000,000	153,846	
<i>Facilitation allowance and Honoraria-Variable Costs</i>				5,000,000	38,462	
Social Activities				11,930,000	91,769	
<i>Gala Dinner</i>				4,800,000	36,923	
<i>Gala entertainment</i>				1,430,000	11,000	
<i>Appreciation tokens for Congress Organisers</i>				5,000,000	38,462	
<i>Ambulance & First aid Services</i>				700,000	5,385	
Funds for Scientist Assistance Programme(SAP)				56,940,000	438,000	
Sponsored IFSA Students-Registration fees				5,411,250	41,625	
Sponsored student volunteers -Registration fees				1,300,000	10,000	
IUFRO Officials-Registration				260,000	2,000	
Security				10,000,000	76,923	
Sanitary and Cleaning Services				5,000,000	38,462	
Congress Event Insurance Costs				10,000,000	76,923	
<i>Fee to IUFRO HQ(10% of registration fee)</i>				8,937,500	68,750	
<i>Inflation (8% of all expenses)</i>				35,432,962	272,561	
Provision for unforeseen costs				10,000,000	76,923	
TOTAL COSTS				478,344,981.81	3,679,576.78	
FORE CASTED RESULT-SURPLUS				2,850,018	21,923	

BUDGET FORECAST FOR 5000 HYBRID WITH 3000 IN PERSON DELEGATES						
REVENUES	Projected No.	% share	Rate (USD)	TOTAL		
				KES	USD	
Participants Registration Fees						
<i>IUFRO Members Developed Countries Early Registration***</i>	1,000		400	52,000,000	400,000	
<i>IUFRO Officials Developed</i>	50		400	2,600,000	20,000	
<i>IUFRO Members Developed Countries Late Registration</i>	550		450	32,175,000	247,500	
<i>Non_IUFRO Members</i>	250		500	16,250,000	125,000	
<i>Sponsored IUFRO Members Developing Countries</i>	200		350	9,100,000	70,000	
<i>IUFRO Members Developing Countries (self or other paying)</i>	250		350	11,375,000	87,500	
<i>IUFRO Associate Members</i>	100		350	4,550,000	35,000	
<i>Self paying Students - IUFRO Members Developed countries</i>	70		100	910,000	7,000	
<i>Sponsored IFSA Students</i>	30		100	390,000	3,000	
<i>Sponsored student volunteers</i>	150		100	1,950,000	15,000	
<i>Congress Organizing Committee</i>	50			-	-	
<i>Congress Scientific Committee</i>	50			-	-	
<i>Daily Registration</i>	100		50	650,000	5,000	
<i>Accompanying persons</i>	100		250	3,250,000	25,000	
<i>Senior citizens (aged 65 years+)</i>	50		75	487,500	3,750	
<i>Virtual Participants registered online</i>	2000		-	-	-	
Total Participation	5000					
Total Participation for those paying fees	2900	24%		135,687,500	1,043,750	
Non-Sponsor Exhibitors Fee	60	1%	1,000	7,800,000	60,000	
Gala Dinner Charges	800	1%	80	8,320,000	64,000	
Contribution from Government of Kenya		23%		130,000,000	1,000,000	
Other Government Commitment-KEFRI		5%		26,000,000	200,000	
Other Government Commitment -NRF		2%		13,000,000	100,000	
Partners		7%		41,600,000	320,000	
NETFUND/Development Partners		18%		104,000,000	800,000	
Sponsors (Industry/Private sector)		11%		65,000,000	500,000	
PCO Fund Raising Target		7%		39,000,000	300,000	
TOTAL REVENUE		100%		570,407,500	4,387,750	
COSTS						
Venue costs				103,163,878	793,568	
<i>Venue(s) costs -UONbi</i>	3000			48,720,000	374,769	
<i>Welcome reception</i>	2750			13,762,212	105,863	
<i>IUFRO President's Reception</i>	275			916,667	7,051	
<i>IUFRO Board Lunch/dinner (incoming/outgoing Members)</i>	50			400,000	3,077	
<i>Entertainment - Opening and Closing ceremonies</i>				1,430,000	11,000	
<i>Tea and snacks</i>				31,500,000	242,308	
<i>Water</i>				435,000	3,346	
<i>Exhibition Tent and Booths costs</i>				6,000,000	46,154	
Event organization and Coordination				29,508,390	226,988	
<i>Private event organizing firm</i>				9,508,390	73,141	
<i>Direct Congress Secretariat costs-KEFRI</i>				20,000,000	153,846	
Congress organizing committee costs				48,300,000	371,538	
<i>Steering, advisory & local committee meetings</i>				20,000,000	153,846	
<i>Congress Scientific Committee Meetings-International Travel</i>				6,000,000	46,154	
<i>Volunteer Costs</i>				1,800,000	13,846	
<i>International Travel to promote bid</i>				20,500,000	157,692	
<i>Platform for virtual congress transmission & translation-In kind support by CIFOR as Steering Committee partner</i>				15,000,000	115,385	
Publicity ,communication & awareness				140,192,601	1,078,405	
<i>Website and congress app development & maintenance</i>				5,000,000	38,462	
<i>Marketing and Promotion (TV, radio and newspaper adverts and talk shows)</i>				25,000,000	192,308	
<i>Congress Program</i>				1,429,847	10,999	
<i>Registration,Abstract and Proceedings Online sytem</i>				2,859,694	21,998	
<i>Digital Information Screens</i>				25,807,680	198,521	
<i>Interpretation Equipment Costs</i>				32,480,000	249,846	
<i>Interpretation Costs</i>				2,000,000	15,385	
<i>Internet and power backup(On Site Technical Equipment)</i>				8,000,000	61,538	
<i>Conference Branded Stationery and Bags etc</i>				15,000,000	115,385	
<i>Audio Visual Production(documentaries & briefing)</i>				8,718,580	67,066	
<i>Congress Site Furniture,Branding and Decoration</i>				13,896,800	106,898	
Transport logistics				20,778,400	159,834	
<i>Bus hire</i>				6,278,400	48,295	
<i>International VIP special utility vehicles</i>				4,000,000	30,769	
<i>Transport for secretariat</i>				10,500,000	80,769	
Documenting Proceedings				20,000,000	153,846	
<i>Rapportuers & secretariat Costs (during event,)</i>				10,000,000	76,923	
<i>Production of proceedings(Compilation & type setting)</i>				2,000,000	15,385	
<i>Information products(Memories of the congress)</i>				8,000,000	61,538	
Incogress Tours and Excursion				11,250,000	86,538	
Excursion Charges				11,250,000	86,538	
Invited Speakers				25,000,000	192,308	
<i>Travel and Accomodation</i>				20,000,000	153,846	
<i>Facilitation allowance and Honoraria-Variable Costs</i>				5,000,000	38,462	
Social Activities				13,830,000	106,385	
<i>Gala Dinner</i>				6,000,000	46,154	
<i>Gala entertainment</i>				1,430,000	11,000	
<i>Appreciation tokens for Congress Organisers</i>				5,000,000	38,462	
<i>Ambulance & First aid Services</i>				1,400,000	10,769	
Funds for Scientist Assistance Programme(SAP)				56,940,000	438,000	
Sponsored IFSA Students-Registration fees				5,411,250	41,625	
Sponsored student volunteers -Registration fees				1,950,000	15,000	
IUFRO Officials-Registration				260,000	2,000	
Security				10,000,000	76,923	
Sanitary and Cleaning Services				5,000,000	38,462	
Congress Event Insurance Costs				10,000,000	76,923	
<i>Fee to IUFRO HQ(10% of registration fee)</i>				13,568,750	104,375	
<i>Inflation (8% of all expenses)</i>				42,012,262	323,171	
Provision for unforeseen costs				10,000,000	76,923	
TOTAL COSTS				567,165,530.62	4,362,811.77	
FORE CASTED RESULT-SURPLUS				3,241,969	24,938	

BUDGET FORECAST FOR 8000 HYBRID WITH 5000 IN PERSON DELEGATES					
REVENUES	Projected No.	% share	Rate (USD)	TOTAL	
				KES	USD
Participants Registration Fees					
<i>IUFRO Members Developed Countries Early Registration***</i>	2,000		400	104,000,000	800,000
<i>IUFRO Officials Developed</i>	50		400	2,600,000	20,000
<i>IUFRO Members Developed Countries Late Registration</i>	1,000		450	58,500,000	450,000
<i>Non_IUFRO Members</i>	700		500	45,500,000	350,000
<i>Sponsored IUFRO Members Developing Counties</i>	200		350	9,100,000	70,000
<i>IUFRO Members Developing Countries (self or other paying)</i>	200		350	9,100,000	70,000
<i>IUFRO Associate Members</i>	50		350	2,275,000	17,500
<i>Self paying Students - IUFRO Members Developed countries</i>	70		100	910,000	7,000
<i>Sponsored IFSA Students</i>	30		100	390,000	3,000
<i>Sponsored student volunteers</i>	150		100	1,950,000	15,000
<i>Congress Organizing Committee</i>	50		-	-	-
<i>Congress Scientific Committee</i>	50		-	-	-
<i>Daily Registration</i>	100		50	650,000	5,000
<i>Accompanying persons</i>	300		250	9,750,000	75,000
<i>Senior citizens (aged 65 years+)</i>	50		75	487,500	3,750
<i>Virtual Participants registered online</i>	3000		-	-	-
Total Participation	8000				
Total Participation for those paying fees	4900	32%		245,212,500	1,886,250
Non-Sponsor Exhibitors Fee	60	1%	1,000	7,800,000	60,000
Gala Dinner Charges	1500	2%	80	15,600,000	120,000
Contribution from Government of Kenya		17%		130,000,000	1,000,000
Other Government Commitment-KEFRI		3%		26,000,000	200,000
Other Government Commitment -NRF		2%		13,000,000	100,000
Partners		5%		41,600,000	320,000
NETFUND/Development Partners		17%		130,000,000	1,000,000
Sponsors (Industry/Private sector)		17%		130,000,000	1,000,000
PCO Fund Raising Target		3%		26,000,000	200,000
TOTAL REVENUE		100%		765,212,500	5,886,250
COSTS					
Venue costs				194,625,486	1,497,119
<i>Venue(s) costs -UONbi</i>				48,720,000	374,769
<i>KICC</i>	5,000			56,685,504	436,042
Welcome reception				22,519,982	173,231
<i>IUFRO President's Reception</i>	50			1,500,000	11,538
<i>IUFRO Board Lunch/dinner (incoming/outgoing Members)</i>				400,000	3,077
<i>Entertainment - Opening and Closing ceremonies</i>				1,430,000	11,000
Tea and snacks				52,500,000	403,846
<i>Water</i>				870,000	6,692
<i>Exhibition Tent and Booths costs</i>				10,000,000	76,923
Event organization and Coordination				29,508,390	226,988
<i>Private event organizing firm</i>				9,508,390	73,141
<i>Direct Congress Secretariat costs-KEFRI</i>				20,000,000	153,846
Congress organizing committee costs				48,300,000	371,538
<i>Steering, advisory & local committee meetings</i>				20,000,000	153,846
<i>Congress Scientific Committee Meetings-International Travel</i>				6,000,000	46,154
<i>Volunteer Costs</i>				1,800,000	13,846
<i>International Travel to promote bid</i>				20,500,000	157,692
<i>Platform for virtual congress transmission & translation-In kind support by CIFOR as Steering Committee partner</i>				15,000,000	115,385
Publicity ,communication & awareness				172,416,601	1,326,282
<i>Website and congress app development & maintenance</i>				5,000,000	38,462
<i>Marketing and Promotion (TV, radio and newspaper adverts and talk shows)</i>				5,000,000	38,462
<i>Congress Program</i>				1,429,847	10,999
<i>Registration,Abstract and Proceedings Online sytem</i>				2,859,694	21,998
<i>Digital Information Screens</i>				25,807,680	198,521
<i>Interpretation and Equipment Costs</i>				64,960,000	499,692
<i>Interpretation Costs</i>				2,000,000	15,385
<i>Internet and power backup(On Site Technical Equipment)</i>				8,000,000	61,538
<i>Conference Branded Stationery and Bags etc</i>				25,000,000	192,308
<i>Audio Visual Production(documentaries & briefing)</i>				8,718,580	67,066
<i>Congress Site Furniture,Branding and Decoration</i>				23,640,800	181,852
Transport logistics				22,348,000	171,908
<i>Bus hire</i>				7,848,000	60,369
<i>International VIP special utility vehicles</i>				4,000,000	30,769
<i>Transport for secretariat</i>				10,500,000	80,769
Documenting Proceedings				20,000,000	153,846
<i>Rapportuers & secretariat Costs (during event,)</i>				10,000,000	76,923
<i>Production of proceedings(Compilation & type setting)</i>				2,000,000	15,385
<i>Information products(Memories of the congress)</i>				8,000,000	61,538
Incogress Tours and Excursion				15,000,000	115,385
<i>Excursion Charges</i>				15,000,000	115,385
Invited Speakers				25,000,000	192,308
<i>Travel and Accomodation</i>				20,000,000	153,846
<i>Facilitation allowance and Honoraria-Variable Costs</i>				5,000,000	38,462
Social Activities				22,630,000	174,077
<i>Gala Dinner</i>				12,000,000	92,308
<i>Gala entertainment</i>				1,430,000	11,000
<i>Special events(tree planting/opening & closing ceremonies)</i>				5,000,000	38,462
<i>Ambulance & First aid Services</i>				4,200,000	32,308
Funds for Scientist Assistance Programme(SAP)				56,940,000	438,000
Sponsored IFSA Students-Registration fees				5,411,250	41,625
Sponsored student volunteers -Registration fees				1,950,000	15,000
IUFRO Officials-Registration				260,000	2,000
Security				15,000,000	115,385
Sanitary and Cleaning Services				7,000,000	53,846
Congress Event Insurance Costs				15,000,000	115,385
<i>Fee to IUFRO HQ(10% of registration fee)</i>				24,521,250	188,625
Inflation (8% of all expenses)				53,912,878	414,714
Provision for unforeseen costs				30,000,000	230,769
TOTAL COSTS				759,823,855.28	5,844,798.89
FORE CASTED RESULT-SURPLUS				5,388,645	41,451



ICRAF Headquarters



*Kenya Forest Service
Headquarters*



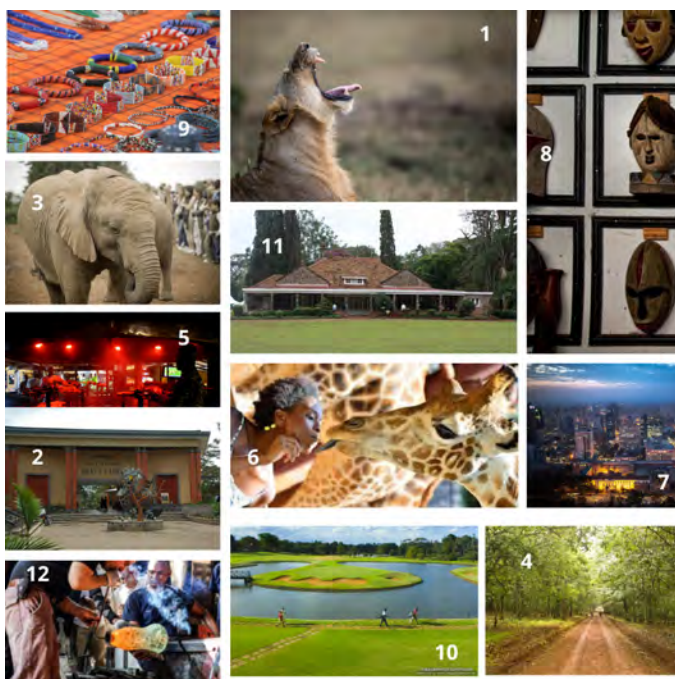
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Headquarters*



FULL AND HALF-DAY IN-CONGRESS EXCURSIONS IN NAIROBI & ENVIRONS

Hosted by Local IUFRO members, Kenya Forest Service and the University of Nairobi. Delegates will make technical visits to various destinations of interest to forestry around Nairobi, Kenya's capital city. Half day tours will allow delegates to try other choices on their own in Nairobi, which is the safari capital of the world and one of Africa's largest, and most interesting cities. Full tour descriptions are in Addendum 3.

1. Nairobi National Park Safari Experience
2. Nairobi National Museum
3. Adopt an Elephant at Sheldrick
4. Visit Wangari Maathai Corner at Karura
5. Evening experience at the Carnivore
6. Kiss a Giraffe at Giraffe Center in Karen
7. Nairobi 360 views
8. Nairobi Art Gallery
9. Shop at the Maasai Markets
10. Enjoy a round of Golf
11. Visit the Karen Blixen Museum
12. Visit to the Kitengela Hot Glass Workshop



Full Day Tour 1	Hosts: University of Nairobi & Kenya Forestry Research Institute Headquarters
	Stop 1: Wangari Maathai Institute, University of Nairobi. Reflect on the works and life of the Founder
	Stop 2: KEFRI Seed Centre and KEFRI Headquarters (tour selected sites, meet stakeholders)
	Stop 3: Kereita Forest Ecotoursim Site for picnic lunch and zip-line fun (Host: Kenya Forest Service)
Half Day Tour 2	Hosts: CGIAR IUFRO Member Partners, KEFRI and Kenya Forest Service
	1. ICRAF-CIFOR-AFF Headquarters, Gigiri. Meet partner staff and tour facilities. Strengthen ties
	2. Kenya Forest Service Headquarters and National Forest Products Center. Karura Forest, Picnic
Half Day Tour 3	Nairobi City Parks (Hosts: Kenya Forest Service and National Museums of Kenya)
	1. City & Michuki Memorial Parks. Green urban spaces and their importance for health of city people
	2. National Museums of Kenya. Enjoy the natural and cultural history of Kenya in the public galleries
	3. Nairobi Arboretum. Kenya's first trial of exotic tree species, established in 1907. Picnic lunch.

PRE & POST CONGRESS FIELD TRIP/TECHNICAL TOURS TO SELECTED DRYLAND AREAS

The pre- and post-congress excursions will provide scientifically grounded discussions about forest-related issues of interest to decision makers and other groups in the society, including cross-sectoral challenges in Kenya and other African countries. Additional tours are featured in Addendum 4

1. Field trip / Technical tour to KEFRI Dryland Eco-region Programme (DERP) in Kitui

Focus - Biodiversity:

Breeding, propagating and growing indigenous *Melia volkensii* for drought tolerance, resilience to climate change and potential dryland plantation tree species.

Description:

Kitui County is located in Eastern Kenya's an arid and semi-arid region. The challenges faced include, degradation and low crop production due to: low and unreliable rainfall of about 500 mm per year; high temperatures of between 18°C - 32°C; poor sandy and acidic soils; rapid conversion of woodlands into farms; and over-exploitation of natural populations of *Melia volkensii*. These challenges lead to food insecurity, low income, and malnutrition for many smallholder farm families within the County. The following aspects will be covered by the visit: Introduction to breeding of drought tolerant *Melia volkensii*, Selection of Plus and

Elite *Melia* trees, Establishment of clonal seed orchards, Progeny trials and their implications on improvement of *Melia volkensii*, Status of seed production in *Melia volkensii* clonal orchards, Physiological studies, Seedling production, Distribution system of improved *Melia* seeds and Capacity building.

Where: Kitui DERP Center is located 180 km from the City of Nairobi while Kwa Vonza Tiva Station is located 24 km from Kitui town

Duration: 2-day field trip

Day 1: Trip from Nairobi to Kitui (KEFRI DERP Center) by bus; Introduction to *Melia volkensii* and visit to the Tiva Station at Kwa Vonza

Day 2: Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels or KEFRI Kitui Center
Cost: US\$ 250
Host: KEFRI

2. Field trip/Technical tour to Kibwezi in Makueni County

Focus - Forests for people: Growing *Melia volkensii* On-farm in the dryland areas of Kenya for improved livelihood and environmental conservation

Description: Makueni County is dry, exhibiting semi-arid to arid conditions. The average annual rainfall range is 600 to 750 mm, while average temperature is about 23-35°C. Rainfall is bimodal with long rains occurring from March to May and short rains from November to December. The short rains are more reliable

than long rains with about 60% of the annual rainfall being received during the short rains. The soils are sandy and low in organic matter. The County is characterized by a rapidly growing population, water scarcity, declining food production, over-harvesting of *Melia*, conversion of woodlands into farms, and low resilience to climate change. The challenges have led to food and nutritional insecurity, as well as low income for many smallholder farm families. Economic empowerment for farmers lies in diversification and investment in low risk

ventures such as growing of high value trees. *Melia volkensii* is a fast growing indigenous tree species of drylands of Eastern Africa. The tree is deciduous, attaining a height of 20m and 40 cm diameter in 10-18 years, drought tolerant and produces high quality termite resistant timber. Other products from the species include; poles, posts, fodder, bee forage, medicine, and firewood.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit:

Collecting and processing of Melia seeds, Raising Melia seedlings, Managing Melia pest and disease in the nursery, Management of Melia plantations, Cost benefit analysis of growing

Melia and Melia related on-farm enterprises for adaptation to climate change, capacity building and improved livelihood.

Where: Kibwezi is located about 200 km South East of Nairobi, along Nairobi-Mombasa Highway.

Duration: 2-day field trip

Day 1: Trip from Nairobi to Kibwezi by bus; visit to KEFRI's Melia orchard and Melia farm in Nyayo village

Day 2: Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels

Cost: US\$ 300

Host: KEFRI/ Farmer

3. Field trip/Technical tour to Makindu in Makueni County

Focus: Growing improved natural pasture grasses in wooded drylands of Makindu in Kibwezi Country for environmental resilience, viable livestock enterprise and improved livelihood.

Description: The trip to Makindu will comprise a tour by bus traversing the Kapiti plains and the Konza Techno City, which are located in the semi-arid and arid region of Eastern Africa. Stops will allow one to observe particular aspects of the rich natural landscapes.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit: Introduction to improved natural pasture grasses, establishment, management, harvesting for seeds and hay, integrating high value trees, community involvement, soil and water conservation, adaptation to climate change, capacity building, marketing seeds, standing and bailed hay as well as related on-farm enterprises.

Where: Makindu which is located about 180 km from the City of Nairobi along Nairobi-Mombasa Highway.

Duration: 2-day field trip

Day 1: Trip from Nairobi to Makindu by bus. Introduction to improved natural pasture grasses, pasture seed production, growing and managing improved natural pasture grass fields and other high value tree species and marketing (including processing, and packaging).

Day 2: Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels with meals

Cost: US\$ 250 including meals

Host: KEFRI/Farmer

**Letters
of
Support**



ADDENDUM 1: LETTERS OF SUPPORT



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Karura, Off Kiambu Rd
P.O. Box 30513 - 00100
Nairobi, Kenya

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11TH March, 2022

Ref: No.....

Date:.....

Dr. John Parrotta,
President
International Union of Forest Research Organizations
c/o Alexander Buck, Executive Director
IUFRO Headquarters
Marxergasse 2,
A-1030 Vienna
Austria

Dear Dr. Parrotta,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE APPLICATION TO HOST THE 27TH IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS 2029 IN NAIROBI, KENYA

Greetings from Kenya Forest Service (KFS) Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The Service is a state corporation that was established under the Forest Act, 2005. Commencing its operations in February 2007, the functions of KFS include, among others, to:

1. Conserve, protect and manage all public forests in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
2. Prepare and implement management plans for all public forests, and upon request, prepare management plan for forests on community land or private land in consultation with forest owners;
3. Assess applications for use of forests and forest resources by individuals, corporate bodies and communities, and issue licenses to this effect and in accordance with the Act;
4. Establish and implement benefit sharing arrangements in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
5. Assist County Governments to build capacity for forestry development on community and private lands;
6. In consultation with relevant stakeholders, develop programmes for tourism and for recreational and ceremonial use of public forests;
7. Promote forestry education and training;
8. Register and maintain a register of all forest management plans on public land
9. Collaborate with individuals, as well as private and public research institutions in identifying research needs and applying research findings;

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10. Manage water catchment areas primarily for soil and water conservation, carbon sequestration and other environmental services; and
11. Enforce the provisions of the Act and any forestry and land use rules and regulations made pursuant to any other written law.

Our Vision

To be an internationally recognized organization for excellence in knowledge-based sustainable forest resources management and conservation.

Our Mission

Conservation, sustainable development, management and utilisation of the country's forest resources for equitable benefit of present and future generations.

KFS hereby expresses support for Kenya's bid to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi in 2029. Inspired by IUFRO post-2020 strategy for networking and the fact that the IUFRO World Congress has not previously been held in Africa, this event would raise not only the profile of the Kenya but also Africa in global forestry research and development. KFS commits to participate actively in the Local Organizing Committee, should the bid be successful and to mobilize human and in-kind resources for facilitation of the Congress ceremonies and tours. The service is also open to mobilizing financial resources through development partners in the forest sector.

KFS looks forward to welcoming the Congress host country and city inspection delegates and other IUFRO officials to Kenya in the course of the bid selection process. Karibu Kenya!

Yours sincerely



Julius Kamau, EBS
CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS



Our Reference 2022/ODG/063

March 22, 2022

Dr. John Parrotta,
President,
International Union of Forest Research Organizations,
c/o Alexander Buck, Executive Director,
IUFRO Headquarters,
Marxergasse 2,
A-1030 Vienna
Austria

Dear Dr. Parrotta,

Re: Letter of support for the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) application to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029 in Nairobi, Kenya

Greetings from the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), (IUFRO Member No. 0422.00.00).

ICRAF, also known as 'World Agroforestry' is a centre of science and development excellence that harnesses the benefits of trees for people and the environment. It is the only institution that carries out globally significant agroforestry research in and for all of the developing tropics. Knowledge produced by ICRAF enables governments, development agencies and farmers to utilize the power of trees to make farming and livelihoods more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable at scales. Together with fellow IUFRO member organizations ICRAF has held many sessions on agroforestry in international conferences and congresses.

In implementing its mandate, ICRAF operates across sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America and conducts research in more than 30 other countries around the developing world. The span of activities thus spreads over 44 countries globally.

Established in 1978, ICRAF has a strong foundation in Kenya where the Centre holds its headquarters. In 2019, ICRAF entered into an effective merger with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). CIFOR and ICRAF are the world's leading research and development organizations focused on forestry and agroforestry, providing the research, policy development and bespoke solutions needed to help forward-thinking countries, communities and companies improve land management, livelihoods, sustainability and resiliency. CIFOR and ICRAF work to address five key global challenges namely: deforestation and biodiversity loss; climate crisis; transforming food systems; unsustainable supply and value chains; and extreme inequality.



ICRAF welcomes KEFRI's initiative to bid to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya in 2029. This will be the second time KEFRI will lead in bringing an IUFRO Congress to Africa. The first was when KEFRI co-hosted the First IUFRO Regional World Congress for Africa with ICRAF in June, 2012. Cordial working relations between ICRAF and KEFRI remain in place today. The two institutions will once again be ready to closely collaborate to harness their strengths in conducting a memorable IUFRO World Congress that will be the first to take place in Africa and bring decades of work in forestry research into sharp focus in 2029.

ICRAF therefore strongly supports KEFRI's Bid to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya in 2029. I commit ICRAF to mobilize physical infrastructure for the congress venue as well as financial and human resources to be channeled through the Local Organizing Committee to ensure the undertaking is a great success.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Parrotta,

Letter of support for the Kenya Forest Research Institute application to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029 in Nairobi, Kenya

First, allow me to introduce ourselves.

The African Forest Forum (AFF) is a pan-African non-governmental organization with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. It is an association of individuals who share the quest for and commitment to the sustainable management, use and conservation of the forest and tree resources of Africa for the socio-economic wellbeing of its peoples and for the stability and improvement of its environment. AFF provides a platform and creates an enabling environment for independent and objective analysis, advocacy and advice on relevant policy and technical issues pertaining to achieving sustainable management, use and conservation of Africa's forest and tree resources as part of efforts to reduce poverty, promote economic and social development as well as environmental stability.

In implementing its mandate, AFF has interacted extensively with many African institutions and individuals, and others beyond the continent, given that its mandate spans forestry issues specific to Africa and those of a global nature that are relevant to the continent. In this regard, AFF is accredited to the Conference of Parties (CoPs) of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification-UNCCD, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change-UNFCCC; in addition to sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly-UNEA and the United Nations Forum on Forests-UNFF. AFF works very closely with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, and effectively participates in its African Forestry and Wildlife Commission and the Committee on Forestry (COFO). AFF has a memorandum of understanding with the African Union to develop forestry on the continent. AFF is also a

member of IUFRO. AFF has for many years collaborated with IUFRO on several aspects including its work with “Global Forest Expert Panels”; the latest being on the preparation of the global assessment report on forests and poverty, and the expanded policy brief on forests, trees and poverty alleviation in Africa. Further, in collaboration with the University of Freiburg, AFF organised a Science Policy Forum for Africa and Europe on “Forest-based Bioeconomy for All: Opportunities and Challenges” as a contribution to the IUFRO World Day that was celebrated during 28-29 September 2021.

All these partnerships have given AFF good African and global exposures and experiences on forestry and related issues; in addition to forging good networks with many partners. For example, in 2015 AFF participated in the Advisory Committee that organized the XIV World Forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa, and supported over 100 African participants to the event. Currently AFF is in a similar capacity to organize the XV World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Korea, in May this year.

In Kenya, AFF has a memorandum of understanding with the ministry responsible for forestry, in addition to one with the Kenya Forest Research Institute (KEFRI). These agreements have, over the years, guided close collaboration with KEFRI on many activities AFF has been undertaking. Similarly, KEFRI has involved AFF in some of its activities. For example, in 2012, KEFRI and AFF, together with other institutions, collaborated in organizing the IUFRO/FORNESSA Regional Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. As a host institution, KEFRI successfully guided development and implementation of a comprehensive Congress programme, side events and field trips; in addition to raising resources for the Congress. Further, through one of its Directors, KEFRI has been on the IUFRO Board of Directors; and this has given KEFRI important information and experience, through this representation on the Board and through contacts with the IUFRO Secretariat, on how to organize many global events, including several past IUFRO World Forestry Congresses.

It is on this basis that the African Forest Forum strongly, and without any reservations, supports the KEFRI application to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029 in Nairobi; a city that is reputed to host many global events, and which is the head office of many international organisations relevant to forestry, including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), currently structured as CIFOR-ICRAF.

If KEFRI, and by extension, Kenya, is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029, AFF is looking forward to supporting the organizing committee with views on how to achieve the expected outcomes of the Congress.

Yours sincerely



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Letter of support for the Kenya Forestry Research Institute bid to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029 in Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Dr. Parrotta,

CIFOR has learnt with great interest and enthusiasm of the initiative by fellow IUFRO member Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) to bid to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029. This is a commendable step which, if successful, will bring the world of forestry research to Africa in this grand manner for the first time ever on the continent.

CIFOR strongly supports KEFRI's bid to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2029. I commit availability of Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) personnel for online streaming of the Congress and ICT infrastructure for a hybrid (physical/virtual) event.

CIFOR will additionally help mobilize resources to be channeled through the Local Organizing Committee by raising awareness of the Congress in the policy and development partner interactive spheres where the Center has influence. This will ensure that the Congress gets wide and consistent publicity with momentum for the event continuing to build, right from when the bid is awarded to Kenya, up until and throughout the Congress. After the Congress, a digital footprint will be available widely for years to come.

Through CIFOR's long-standing and multifaceted work we have developed strong relations with many partners across the African continent and we would be delighted to see the 27th IUFRO World Congress being held in Nairobi.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION BY KENYA TO HOST THE 27TH IUFRO CONGRESS IN 2029.

Receive warm greetings and compliments from the University of Nairobi.

The University of Nairobi (UON) as a premier institution of higher learning in Kenya welcomes the application by Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029. The UON recently marked 50 years since it was transformed from a college conceptualized in 1947 into the first national University in Kenya established on July 1, 1970. This institution has played a critical role in forest sector skills development in Kenya, being the pioneer University to offer local degree courses in Forestry in the 1970s. The University has a long standing Memorandum of Understanding with KEFRI that facilitates collaborative engagement in research.

The University of Nairobi also hosts the Wangari Maathai Institute of Peace and Environmental Studies (WMI), a legacy institution established to honor one of the University's great alumni and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Prof Wangari Maathai, She became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. The University therefore notes with great satisfaction that IUFRO honors her during World Congresses through The Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award, an initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). It is fitting that such an Award is given to one extraordinary individual for improving the world's forests and the lives of people who depend on them, following in her footsteps.



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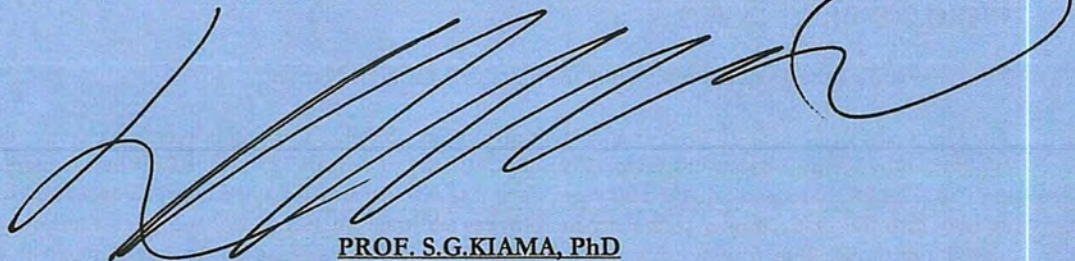
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The IUFRO World Congress is an important platform for dialogue about forestry development across the globe. We offer a large pool of professionals involved in several forest related research topics who would make presentations and facilitate some of the sessions during the Congress. In addition, our large pool of students in both social and natural resources would be available to assist as volunteers in hosting the Congress.

If Kenya is selected as the host country for the bid led by KEFRI, UON would offer meeting facilities located in Nairobi CBD to serve as Congress venues, if required, while the WMI campus that is found just outside the city could be used to host some of the special sessions. As an Institution, we therefore gladly welcome the global forestry fraternity to Nairobi and are ready to actively work as members of the Organizing Committee to ensure the technical tours and the global Congress would be successful.

It is therefore my great pleasure to support the application by KEFRI to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress 2029.

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Attn: Dr John Parrotta,

CCARDESA'S SUPPORT FOR KEFRI'S BID TO HOST THE 29th IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS

The Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) was created by SADC Member States to coordinate regional cooperation in agricultural and development programmes. The organisation draws its strong regional mandate from the 16 SADC member states. CCARDESA's research coordination mandate covers crops, livestock, forestry and fisheries.

Recently, CCARDESA working with various stakeholders outlined the forestry research agenda for the SADC region to address the observed research gaps. In line with this, welcomes and fully supports the bid by the Kenya Forestry Research Institute to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029.

CCARDESA commits to work with its constituent members to assist KFRI in its effort to mobilise resources towards hosting this important event in the African continent. The hosting will not only greatly benefit the African continent but contribute towards elevating the

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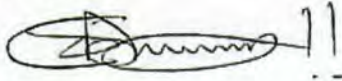
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Democratic République du Congo	Mozambique	South Africa	Zambia	Zimbabwe

importance of forestry research which CCARDESA has prioritised in our research and development agenda.

The hosting of this congress in Africa will enhance participation of African stakeholders. We hope, the KEFRI bid will be given your most favourable consideration given the strong voices that our regional body represents and our confidence in KEFRI to host such an event.

I end by confirming our strongest support for KEFRI's bid to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress 2029.

Sincerely,



Dr Cliff S. Dlamini

Executive Director, **CCARDESA**

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Dear Dr. Parrotta,

LETTER OF SUPPORT BY LVBC FOR THE BID BY KENYA TO HOST THE IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS 2029 IN NAIROBI, KENYA

Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) brings you greetings from Kisumu, Kenya. Lake Victoria is the second largest freshwater body in the world and is hydrologically delineated. It covers an area of approximately 183,000 square kilometers with the lake surface covering about 68,800 square kilometers. The Lake Victoria Basin is an area of 'high economic interest' and a 'regional economic growth zone,' designated to be developed jointly by the East African Community (EAC) Partner States.

The Commission is thus mandated to coordinate sustainable development and management of the Lake Victoria Basin in 5 EAC Partner States (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi). The LVBC Secretariat reports to the Sectoral Council of Ministers (SECOM) on Lake Victoria. Some of the functions SECOM performs are:

- Provide overall policy directions for the implementation of projects and programmes in the Lake Victoria Basin;
- Guide the implementation of development programmes in Lake Victoria Basin;
- Make regulations, issue directives, take decisions and make recommendations to the Council of Ministers for EAC;

The **Vision** of the Commission is “A prosperous population living in a healthy and sustainably managed environment providing equitable opportunities and benefits” while the **Mission** is “To promote, facilitate and coordinate activities of different actors towards sustainable development and poverty eradication of the Lake Victoria Basin”. Some of the relevant programmes of the LVBC include the Lake Victoria Environment Management Programme (LVEMP II) that was funded by the World Bank, Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation Programme Phase two (LVWATSAN II) that was supported by African Development Bank (AfDB), Population, Health and Environment (PHE) and Planning for

Vision: "prosperous population living in a healthy and sustainably managed environment providing equitable opportunities and benefits"

Resilience in East Africa through Policy, Adaptation, Research and Economic Development (PREPARED). The last two programmes are supported by USAID.

The Commission hereby acknowledges receipt of a request by Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) for support in a bid to host the IUFRO Congress under reference. LVBC in response congratulates Kenya for the initiative to bid to host a global forestry Congress in Nairobi in 2029.

LVBC will extend support by giving regional publicity to the 27th IUFRO World Congress as its organization by Kenya unfolds and join the effort for mobilizing necessary resources through the Local Organizing Committee, if the bid is successful.

Sincerely,



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AG. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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Subject: **Letter of support for the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029**

The Ethiopian Environment and Forest Research Institute (EEFRI) is an autonomous nationally mandated governmental research institute whose mission is to adapt relevant local and exotic technologies, conduct prudent research projects, and disseminate technologies, skills and policy briefs; and also coordinate research projects that are carried out by higher learning and other research institutions. EEFRI has seven research centres located in different regions of the country.

EEFRI is working in close collaboration with several regional and international forest related research and development organizations, like CIFOR, ICRAF, IUFRO, FORNESSA, African Forest Forum (AFF), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), FAO, Network for Natural Gums and Resins in Africa (NGARA), etc. As you well know, our colleague and senior researcher, Dr. Wubalem Tadesse is serving IUFRO as the current President's Nominee for Africa. This is also an opportunity that EEFRI and its researchers contribute to the regional and international forums.

As Kenya is a neighboring country, we are well aware of the institutional capacities in research and development of Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI). Therefore, it is our great pleasure to support the application by KEFRI to organize the IUFRO World Congress 2029. We proudly remember how KEFRI jointly hosted the First IUFRO-FORNESSA Regional Congress held on 25 – 30 June 2012 in Nairobi, Kenya with ICRAF and AFF. If the bid is successful, EEFRI will offer to coordinate regional tours for participants who wish to experience forestry and culture of Ethiopia in the post or pre-congress phases.

Yours sincerely,

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Re: Letter of support for the Kenya Forest Research Institute application to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029 in Nairobi, Kenya

The Forest Research Laboratory (called LRF) of the University of Lomé (Togo), hereby expresses its willingness to support the Kenya Forest Research Institute (KEFRI) application to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029 in Nairobi. The support of the LRF is justified by the intrinsic links between KEFRI and the African Forest Forum (AFF), of which we are members of the latter, but also with which we have carried out numerous continental-scale activities in the field of forestry research, and including the production of strategy and planning documents for the African Union Commission (the Sustainable Forest Management Framework for Africa 2020-203) and for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), among others.

The Forest Research Laboratory of the University of Lomé was created in 2018 to coordinate research and training on forests in Togo in order to allow the forestry sector to fully play its role in the sustainable development of the country. We are part of the Climate Change Research Center with headquarters in University of Lomé, in Togo (hereinafter called CRCC), legally represented by Prof. Kouami Kokou, its Executive Director. We work on forest and climate change issues, mainly the characterization of forest ecosystems and silvicultural management practices favorable to wood production and the preservation of forest biodiversity.

Apart from our relations with AFF, we have developed partnerships with several forest administrations in West African sub-region, private sector and forest-wood professionals and modern bioenergy, civil society (NGOs, associations, and professional organizations) and universities.

Our international partners are numerous, and include - UMR AMAP (botAnics and bioinformatics of Plant Architecture), Montpellier, France; Center for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development (CIRAD), France; Bern University of Applied Sciences, Department of Agricultural, Forestry and Food Sciences (BFH-HAFL) (Switzerland); Forest Technology Center of Catalonia (CTFC), Spain; University of Lleida (UdL), Spain; Research Institute for Development (IRD), France; UMR CNRS 7300 ESPACE Mediterranean Europole of Arbois, Aix-Marseille University, France; United Nations University, (UNU-EHS), Germany; University of Toulouse III Paul Sabatier, among others.

IUFRO World Congress 2029 in Africa is a very welcome opportunity for the continent. If KEFRI, and by extension, Kenya, is selected to host it, this will allow many African researchers to participate, and to also collaborate more effectively with each other and with actors from outside the continent.

The Forest Research Laboratory and its entire network looks forward to supporting the organizing committee with views on how to achieve the expected outcomes of the Congress.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Sir,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA'S BID TO HOST 27TH IUFRO CONGRESS IN 2029

The news that Kenya is bidding to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi in 2029 has been warmly received by Forestry Society of Kenya (FSK), a civil society organization that brings together professionals in the field of forestry in Kenya. Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), the proposed host organization, is a corporate member of FSK and has several active staff members in the society.

FSK strongly supports Kenya's bid and finds in it opportunities for advancing the cause of forestry research and development during the UN Decade of Forest Restoration (2020 - 2030) in the country. It is possible during the intermittent period to identify critical targets for members to pursue in Sustainable Development Goal No. 17 which is about preservation of life on land, SDG No. 13 whose targets are about life in water, SDG No. 3 on climate action and very importantly for Kenyan actors in the forest sector - global cooperation through partnerships under SDG No. 17.

FSK will engage its members through conferences and dialogues to provoke local, regional and global action on forests. The Society will conduct a sustained campaign creating awareness and publicity for the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi in 2029, should the bid be successful. FSK members and partners will be encouraged to attend the Congress in large numbers and bring their friends along, taking advantage of the fact that Kenya will host a congress of this nature for the first ever on the African continent.

Forestry Society of Kenya welcomes the global forestry fraternity to gather in Nairobi and extend the stay beyond or come prior to the Congress so as to enjoy Kenya's world famous tourist attractions. They include the wildlife that roam free in diverse forest landscapes (elephants, rhinos, lions, leopards, buffalos, etc.) and wide white sand beaches along the Indian Ocean coast which mangroves protect, not to mention the warm welcoming nature of Kenyans.

Karibuni Kenya!

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

Letter of Support for the Kenya Application to Host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029

The Green Belt Movement (GBM) is an environmental organization that empowers communities, particularly women, to conserve the environment and improve livelihoods. Founded in 1977 by the late Professor Wangari Maathai, Green Belt Movement's work has focused on conserving the environment by empowering rural African women through environmental education, supporting conservation activities, and livelihood creation. GBM encourages women to work together to grow seedlings and plant trees to bind the soil, store rainwater, provide food and firewood, and receive a small monetary token for their work. In the last 4 decades, over 4,900 community groups have planted an estimated 51 million trees on their farms, riparian reserves and forests across Kenya.

Green Belt Movement (GBM) has succeeded in mobilizing communities to plant trees in forests, private and public lands for environmental conservation. This has been done through a unique tree planting model, using a compensation token approach that encourages communities to take care of trees. GBM has continuously worked closely with government institutions like Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) in tree planting over the decades while advocating for forest protection. GBM also works closely with The Wangari Maathai Institute of Peace and Environmental Studies (WMI), a legacy institution established by the University of Nairobi to honor Prof. Maathai, one of the institution's most famous alumni and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. It is with great humility that GBM therefore acknowledges the honor that IUFRO World Congresses accord Prof. Maathai through The Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award, an initiative of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). The award to one extraordinary individual for improving our forests and the lives of people who depend on them greatly resonates with her life's work and mission. GBM would be pleased to be part in this historical moment when this award takes place in Nairobi in 2029.

GBM would share lessons learned from Kenya and also learn about forestry from other parts of the world during The IUFRO World Congress, an important platform for global dialogue on forests. GBM offers to organize field tours to showcase forest restoration across diverse forest landscapes. This will involve interacting with community groups to get firsthand accounts of efforts made in degraded forest restoration, work initiated by Nobel Laureate Prof Wangari Maathai and which continues to date.

If Kenya is selected as the host country for an IUFRO World Congress, GBM would be very happy to assist in every possible way to ensure that the Congress and associated tours would be a great success.

It is therefore my great pleasure to support the application by KEFRI, on behalf of Kenya, to host the 27th IUFRO world Congress 2029.

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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION BY KENYA TO HOST THE 27TH
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The National Research Fund (NRF) is established by the Science Technology and Technology Act of 2013 and is mandated to mobilize, allocate and manage financial resources to facilitate an effective national innovation system that can create the required knowledge and innovations in all fields of Science and Technology for the development of the economy.

One of the functions for NRF is to fund the co-operation and sharing of research information and knowledge, including supporting conferences, workshops, seminars, meetings and other symposia. Since its operation in 2015, the fund has supported several national and international workshops and symposia, the most recent one being the Next Einstein forum 2020.

NRF welcomes the application by Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029. NRF has worked closely with KEFRI in advancing Forestry Research in Kenya.

We are aware that the IUFRO World Congress is an important platform for dialogue about forestry development across the globe. As the National

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Research Funding agency, we offer a large pool of professionals involved in several forest related research topics who would make presentations and facilitate some of the sessions during the Congress. NRF would also offer financial support to enhance participation of local researcher's in the event.

We therefore welcome the global forestry fraternity to Nairobi and are ready to actively work as members of the Local Organizing Committee to ensure the global Congress would be successful.

It is therefore our pleasure at NRF to support the application by KEFRI to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress 2029.



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**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA'S BID TO HOST 27TH IUFRO
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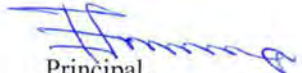
The Kenya Forestry College (KFC) is a tertiary level training institution in Kenya that is registered under the Technical Vocational Education Training Authority (TVETA). The Institution was created through section 17 of the Forest Conservation Management Act of 2016. It is also registered as a member of the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS). The college offers short courses in various aspects of forestry and related fields and has a paramilitary wing that trains Forest Rangers in Forestry Protection Duties.

The history of Kenya Forestry College dates to 1956 when it was established as a public Forestry Training School in Londiani. KFC has since trained over 3000 graduates at the Certificate and Diploma levels from a number of African countries including, among others: Rwanda, Somalia, Zambia, Ethiopia, Malawi, Burundi, Comoro Islands, Grenada, Botswana, Tanzania, Uganda, Namibia, Swaziland, Angola, Sudan and Southern Sudan. It has also trained students sponsored by Non-Governmental and Private Organizations. The College is located within 4152 hectares Masaita Forest Block, which was committed to KFC as a practical training facility in 1976.

Kenya Forestry College has learnt of KEFRI's bid to host the IUFRO World Congress in Kenya in 2029.. The College notes the unique attention that IUFRO pays to development of young professionals in forestry and related fields. Such a global

gathering of those actively involved in research in forests and forest products would be an excellent networking opportunity for the staff and students of the College
KFC supports this bid by Kenya and wherever called upon, will encourage relevant staff and students of the College to act as volunteers in Congress organization, in return creating and fostering mentoring opportunities for them.

Yours sincerely,



Principal,
Kenya Forestry College.





**KENYA EXPORT
PROMOTION & BRANDING
AGENCY**

Ref: KEPROBA/RMP/1 (61)

14th March 2022

Dr. John Parrotta, President

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Dear **Sir**,

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE KENYA FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO HOST
THE 27TH IUFRO CONGRESS IN 2029**

The Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency is a State Corporation in the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development mandated to promote exports and inspire global trade.

Kenya is the largest and most advanced economy in Eastern Africa, strategically located as a gateway to Africa, with strong growth prospects supported by an emerging, urban middle class and an increasing appetite for high-value goods and services.

It is home to renown Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, the Late Prof. Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of her sustainable development and afforestation efforts.

Kenya's competitiveness as East Africa's economic hub also lies in the following:

1. It is the largest and most advanced economy in East and Central Africa. Its GDP accounts for more than 50 per cent of the region's total and in terms of current market prices.

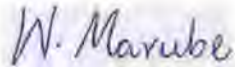
2. Kenya is the Home of Champions in Athletics, rugby, Volleyball among others sporting categories.
3. Home of unique tourist attractions with the Wildebeest Migration being one of the Seven New Wonders of the world.
4. Kenya is strategically located and a gateway to East and Central Africa with great regional and international connectivity.
5. Jomo Kenyatta International Airport functions as an effective Air hub between Africa, Europe, and Asia. KQ is the largest Airline in Africa.
6. Kenya has a wide market access because of her membership to regional economic blocs like the East African Community (EAC) with over 135 million people and COMESA that gives access to over 450 million people.
7. Kenya also has several trade preferential arrangements including The African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA) which allows for quota free and duty-free access to the USA market for over 6,000 items produced in Kenya Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) which gives duty free access to the EU among others.
8. Kenya has a well-established private sector and a strong mix of local and foreign investors in diverse industries.
9. Availability of labour with Kenya having a large, highly educated, and skilled talent pool (Kenya population comprises of 55% of people between 15-64).
10. Improved infrastructure with the following ongoing projects:
 - USD 5.5 billion Lamu Port Southern Sudan – Ethiopia Transport Corridor Construction of Lamu Port headquarters is in progress.
 - USD 3.6 billion Standard Gauge Railway links Kenya's Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa to the capital Nairobi.
 - USD 654 million Jomo Kenyatta International Airport expansion comprises of a 178,000m² facility due for completion in 2017, complemented by Nairobi Commuter Rail Service linking the city centre to the airport.
 - USD 366 million The Port of Mombasa harbour channel was deepened by 15 metres and widened to 500 metres to accommodate larger vessels.

- USD 360 million Construction of the eight-lane controlled-access 50km Nairobi– Thika superhighway was completed in 2012.

If Kenya is selected as the host country for the 27th International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) Congress 2029, Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency will be very happy as the Congress will help position Kenya globally and will serve as a major boost to encourage preservation efforts already in place.

We shall further mobilize all our stakeholders both in public and private sector to support KEPRI in successful hosting of the Congress.

Yours *Sincerely,*



Dr. Wilfred Marube
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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KICC/7/49/ Vol VII (227)

29th March 2022

Dr. John Parrotta, President
International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
c/o Dr. Alexander Buck, Executive Director, IUFRO Headquarters
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Dear Sir,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA'S BID TO HOST THE 27TH IUFRO CONGRESS
2029**

The Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) is a State Corporation reestablished through as a State Corporation under the Tourism Act 2011 with the primary mandate of promoting and marketing conference tourism both locally and internationally. In line with our mandate, we affirm our support for Kenya's bid to host 27th IUFRO congress in 2029.

Through the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, together with other stakeholders, we have hosted highly distinguished international conferences. This proves our efforts to ensure our international delegates receive only the best treatment while attending events within the centre.

The experience and dedication that the Kenyatta International Convention Centre has shown in bidding, winning and eventually hosting these conferences goes to show that the same commitment and attention will be given to 27th IUFRO congress in 2029.

We have a professional team with a wealth of experience in conferencing, modernized meeting facilities and state of the art audio-visual equipment. In this respect, we are writing to register our assurance in quality service and ability to host the aforementioned conference.

As has been the tradition, Kenya is making elaborate plans, through the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Kenya Tourist Board and all the Tourism bodies in the country, to ensure that delegates experience magnificent sightseeing to ultimately have a memorable pre and post-conference experience while in Kenya.



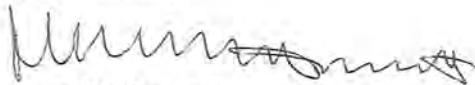
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In conclusion, I reiterate that Nairobi invites you to the **27th IUFRO congress in 2029** and feel free to seek clarification on any aspect of our preparedness to ensure a successful conference.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nana W. Gecaga', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nana W. Gecaga
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ref: KNCB/BID/VOL.I/(01)

7th February, 2022

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Dear Sir/Madam,

SUPPORT FOR KENYA FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND LOCAL IUFRO MEMBERS BID TO HOST THE 27TH INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FOREST RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS (IUFRO) WORLD CONGRESS

The Kenya National Convention Bureau (KNCB) is delighted to support the bid by Kenya Forestry Research Institute and local IUFRO members to host the 27th International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress in Kenya.

KNCB is the leading organisation and 'one-stop solution' for the business tourism sector in Kenya. We provide independent, impartial free advice, guidance and support to meeting planners through every stage of planning, hosting and organizing your event.

The Bureau will offer support with venue, accommodation and attractions information, expert local destination advice, assistance with site inspections, liaison with suppliers, promotional support, marketing assistance and much more! We will complement the efforts of KEFRI and local IUFRO members in ensuring delivery of an unsurpassed experience for your delegates in Kenya.

Warm and welcoming, Kenya is the place where the phrase 'Hakuna matata' (no worries) embodies the national attitude; and a smile is the most valuable currency. We hope Kenya becomes the host destination for the 27th International Union of Forest Research Organizations World Congress and that Africa, finally, gets its moment to host the World Congress.

We look forward to welcoming you and your delegates to Kenya, and to partnering with you to ensure your meeting delivers an exceptional experience for all.

Yours sincerely

Jacinta Nzioka
CEO / National Coordinator

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Saaba, le 11 AVR 2022

Le Président

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Dr. John Parrotta,
President
International Union of Forest Research
Organizations
c/o Alexander Buck, Executive Director
IUFRO Headquarters

**Objet : Lettre de soutien au Kenya Forest
Research Institute pour arbitrer le Congrès Mondial
de l'IUFRO de 2029**

L'Université Thomas SANKARA (anciennement Université Ouaga II) est l'une des prestigieuses universités publiques du Burkina Faso (Afrique de l'Ouest) dont les questions environnementales sont au cœur de ses actions. Jeune université avec pour slogan "oser inventer l'avenir", elle est établie sur un éco-campus de plus de 1500 ha. Sa communauté est formée de plus de 170 enseignant-chercheurs, 180 agents administratifs et techniques et plus de 30 000 étudiants.

Convaincue que le développement harmonieux de l'Homme passe par l'implication de tous les acteurs de par le monde entier, les questions de foresterie restent des préoccupations communes à tous les peuples. Aussi, dans la stratégie de recherche de solutions, il est important que toutes les parties du monde se sentent concernées à travers une implication de toutes les couches. C'est en droite ligne à cette vision que le Burkina Faso à travers certaines universités comme la nôtre, est engagé aux côtés de l'African Forest Forum depuis une décennie en vue de sensibiliser et de former les différents acteurs en faveur de la conservation des forêts en Afrique.

Aussi, l'Afrique se réjouirait et se verrait considérée si elle venait à accueillir le congrès Mondial de l'IUFRO de 2029.

Au regard de tout ce qui précède, l'Université Thomas SANKARA soutient sans réserve la candidature de KEFRI pour abriter l'évènement et se montre disponible à contribuer à tous les niveaux pour le succès éclatant de ce congrès mondial.

Veuillez recevoir nos salutations cordiales.

Pr Adjima THIOMBIANO
Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques
Chevalier de l'OIPA du CAMES



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March 18, 2022

Dr. John A. Parrotta,
President,
International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
C/O Alexander Buck, Executive Director
IUFRO Headquarters
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Dear Sir,

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

The National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND) is a Kenya Government agency under the Ministry of Environment and Forestry and established by the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA 1999, rev. 2015). The organization is mandated to facilitate research intended to further the requirements of environmental management, capacity building, environmental awards, environmental publications, scholarships and grants.

NETFUND recognises the IUFRO World Congress as a crucial platform for decision makers to conduct a global dialogue about lessons learned and the future development of the forest sector in the different regions. In this respect, we support Kenya's bid to host the IUFRO World congress 2029 under the coordination of the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI). We are already partnering with KEFRI to mobilise resources and various stakeholders towards this event.

If Kenya is selected to host the IUFRO World Congress 2029, we shall work with KEFRI to organise the event to give participants the best experience. Additionally, we shall also look into the possibility of NETFUND becoming a member of IUFRO.

We look forward to a positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Samson Toniok,

Chief Executive Officer.

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28th March 2022

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Dear Sir,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA'S BID TO HOST 27TH IUFRO CONGRESS IN 2029

The National Forestry Resources Research Institute (NaFORRI) is the organization that is mandated to undertake research in all aspects of forestry in Uganda. Research in NaFORRI aims at increasing the benefits derived from trees and forests through conservation and sustainable management of the forest and tree resources. The Headquarters of NaFORRI is located at Kifu, 12 km on Mukono – Kayunga Road.

Vision:

To be the Centre of excellence spearheading forestry research for improving livelihoods, economic growth and natural resource conservation.

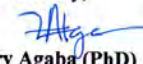
Mission:

To generate and disseminate appropriate technologies on forests and tree resources for increased productivity, conservation of biodiversity and enhanced environment.

This letter supports the bid by Kenya Forestry Research Institute as an IUFRO member from Eastern Africa to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. The history of partnership between Kenya and Uganda is long and illustrious. Both countries contributed to research in Agriculture and Forestry in the region during the colonial era of the 1900s when they were both under the East Africa High Commission of Britain. Strong ties persisted after political independence in 1960s under the East African Community which today is more cohesive than ever before and working towards scientific, economic, political and cultural integration. NaFORRI opens its doors wide to receive congress delegates who would wish to extend their experience of forestry by visiting areas of Uganda where the Institute has ongoing programmes with the support of partners. Uganda, with a claim on Lake Victoria as the source of the Nile, has many additional cultural attractions which guests are invited to immerse themselves in.

NaFORRI looks forward to the news of Kenya's successful selection to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029. The Congress will be publicized widely and as many Ugandan scientists as possible encouraged to participate fully. Continuing support will be channeled to the Local Organizing Committee in kind using a phased approach.

Yours sincerely,


Hillary Agaba (PhD)
Director of Research,
NaFORRI, Uganda.



OBJECTIVE: TO ENHANCE SCIENTIFIC INNOVATIONS, SKILLS, INFORMATION AND POLICY ADVICE FOR INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF FOREST AND TREE RESOURCES.



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Date: 29 March, 2022

Dr. John Parrotta, President
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Austria.

Dear Sir,

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA'S BID TO HOST
27TH IUFRO CONGRSS IN 2029**

Kindly refer to the above mentioned heading.

2. TAFORI Established by Act No. 5 in 1980, Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) took over research in forestry in Tanzania that dates back to 1893. That was when German settlers established a 2.5 ha tree nursery near Dar es Salaam. The nursery tested over 270 species for tropical plantations, ornamental and other trees. Thereafter, a Biological Agricultural Research Station was established at Amani in 1902 to undertake systematic tests of indigenous (Juniper and Podo) and exotic (Cypress, Eucalypts, Teak and Black Wattle) trees. These tree species are currently major plantation trees in Tanzania.


3. By 1928, the Biological Agricultural Research Station in Amani was renamed the East African Agricultural Research Station and was subsequently shifted from Amani to Muguga in 1948 to form the East African Agricultural and Forestry Research Organization (EAAFRO). In the early 1950s the then Tanganyika Government established Silvicultural and Utilisation Research Stations at Lushoto and Moshi respectively to cater for research problems specific to the country while EAAFRO concentrated on regional research needs.

4. TAFORI has maintained strong regional ties with the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI). In bidding to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya in 2029, KEFRI as an IUFRO member from Eastern Africa has opened the door for both countries and Institutes to showcase their work. TAFORI welcomes Congress delegates wishing to experience the full spectrum of forests and forestry research in the Eastern Africa region to visit Tanzania.

5. If the bid is successful, TAFORI will give the Congress widest possible publicity not only in the Southern African Development Community region but also in the East African Community since Tanzania is a member of both regional economic blocks. This will mobilize many local and regional scientists to participate fully. Continuing direct support will be channeled to the Local Congress Organizing Committee in kind using a phased approach.

Yours sincerely,

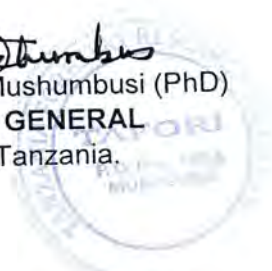
TANZANIA FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Revocatus Petro Mushumbusi (PhD)

DIRECTOR GENERAL

TAFORI, Tanzania.



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8th February, 2022

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Dear Sir,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KEFRI'S BID TO HOST 27TH IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS 2029

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) is interested in leading Kenya's bid to host the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress in 2029. This would be the first time in the 130-year history of IUFRO to have the event take place on the African continent. Kenya has diverse forest types - Montane Forests, Dry Forests (tropical deciduous forests), Tropical Rainforests, e.t.c. A notable example is Kakamega Rainforest, which is the easternmost relic of the once expansive African tropical rainforest, and is currently a global biodiversity hotspot. The country has different climatic conditions; diverse geographic landscapes; and moderate climate that would be favourable to the Congress participants from diverse climatic zones.

Forests and trees play significant role in providing environmental, economic, social and cultural benefits to Kenya and there is an active forest community demonstrated by presence of a Ministry of Environment and Forestry, a forest research organization (i.e. KEFRI - IUFRO member number 0091.00.00) and forest scientific community that includes educational institutions such as the University of Eldoret (UoE) and professional bodies such as Forestry Society of Kenya (FSK) - in the country. In addition, there is sufficient infrastructure for communication (i.e. Internet) and transportation (e.g. by international airports, and both KEFRI and UoE can meet technical requirements for digital communication and webcasting as demonstrated by KEFRI's successful hosting of Physical and Virtual Kenya Commercial Forestry Conference & Expo on 23rd - 26th November 2021, and UoE conducting International Virtual Conference on Wetlands and Water on 12th - 14th May 2021, among others.

Therefore, on behalf of the University of Eldoret, I am pleased to express our support for KEFRI's interest in leading Kenya's bid for hosting 27th IUFRO World Congress in 2029.

Yours Sincerely,


Prof. Teresa A. O. Akenga; MRSC, MBA, MBS
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**Forestry Research
Network of Sub-Saharan
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Letter of Support

Forestry Research Network of Sub-Saharan Africa (FORNESSA) is a forum for enhancing forestry research in Sub-Saharan Africa. It was formally established in July 2000 as the Africa Chapter of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO).

Similar to IUFRO, FORNESSA is open to forestry and forest-related organizations and individuals to spearhead: (i) information exchange amongst scientists and forestry research institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa; (ii) strengthen linkages and collaboration amongst African research institutions and global forestry research and (iii) to articulate the views of African Forestry Research Institutions in global policy processes. The broad goal of FORNESSA is to support and strengthen forestry research to contribute to the conservation, sustainable management, and utilization of forest resources in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In its long history spanning 130 years, it is only on the African Continent that IUFRO has yet to hold a World Congress, usually convened every five years. As such, Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) is confident of the goodwill of the African Union, the Governments of Kenya and Ghana, KEFRI Board of Management and key actors in the Africa regional forest sector to collaborate in jointly bringing the World of Forestry Research to Africa in 2029.

If Kenya is selected as the host country, FORNESSA pledges the support of its membership from about 15 African countries to assist in organizing a side event and to ensure the successful hosting of the event.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Daniel A. Ofori, PhD

(PRESIDENT)

FORNESSA is a non-profit, non-governmental scientific organisation open to forestry and forest-related organisations and individuals in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Dear Dr. Parrotta

**RE: LETTER OF SUBMISSION OF UPDATED BID BY KENYA TO
HOST THE 27TH IUFRO CONGRESS IN 2029**

I am pleased to submit the attached updated bid by Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) that proposes to host the 27th IUFRO World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya from 5th- 11th August 2029.

The sections that have been updated in the main body include:

- i). Cover page (New date);
- ii). Table of Contents (updated list of letters of support);
- iii). Host country;
- iv). Congress venues;
- v). Financial plan; and
- vi). In congress tours.

In the Addenda, changes have been made in:

- i). Addendum 1. Letters of Support, added 2 scanned letters of support (City County of Nairobi and National Treasury)
- ii). Addendum 2. Detailed information Venue Facilities and Accommodation (updated hotel list)
- iii). Addendum 3. Detailed In-congress tours,

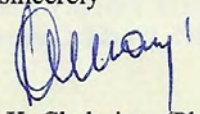
All communications should be addressed to the Director

- iv). Addendum 4. Pre & Post Congress Tour details (Table 4B Kenya), Table (4B (i) 2 regional tours of Uganda, Table (4B (ii) 3 regional tours of Tanzania
- v). Addendum 5. No changes
- vi). Addendum 6. Congress Organizational Plan
 - a. Congress Secretariat Staff Plan
 - b. Added Congress Secretariat staff member profiles
- vii). Date of submission of updated bid: 28 Feb 2023

KEFRI acknowledges the support of key partners and individuals from Kenyatta International Convention Centre, The University of Nairobi, KEFRI Senior Deputy Directors and Executive Committee KEFRI (Select Committee) in updating the bid. Additional letters of support received since the original bid was submitted are from The National Treasury and The Deputy Governor of City of Nairobi. They are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Ref: NCC/DGOV/ADM/11

28th November, 2022

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Dear IUFRO President,

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA'S BID TO HOST THE 27TH IUFRO CONGRESS IN 2029

The County of Nairobi is one of the 47 Counties recognized in the devolved government structure of the Republic of Kenya in the 2010 Constitution. This County hosts the City of Nairobi, Kenya's capital which is also the seat of the National Government and all the foreign missions and Embassies. In addition to its urban core, the city boasts of green spaces and a friendly populace. The Nairobi National Park, the only one in the world in the City is located within a few kilometers of the CBD and known for breeding endangered black rhinos besides the big five and other wild animals. Next to it is a well-regarded elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. You have my assurance that Nairobi is a safe destination for all.

Among the city's architectural landmarks are the iconic Kenyatta International Conference Centre, the Governments squares which hosts the historic Parliament Buildings and City Hall, the Supreme Court, most of the Government Ministries the Roman Catholic Holy Family Basilica and the Jamia Mosque. There is also a well-planned commercial Centre – Central Business District with many entertainment spots within its environs, home to many hotel chains where the delegates can enjoy a secure City's night life.

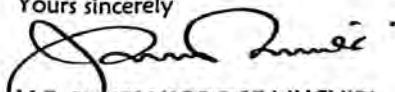
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The City is well served by roads and railways with Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), 9 miles (15 km) to the southwest of the city and the recently completed Nairobi Express way from the airport to the Central Business District which takes just about ten minutes. JKIA is one of the transit hubs in Africa and other world destinations. Road, rail and air transport networks, connect Nairobi to Mombasa and Malindi, famous for their white sand beaches along the Kenyan Coast. To the northwest, one can travel by road via the highlands to reach Lake Victoria and Uganda or take direct flights for convenience. The capital cities of Tanzania and Ethiopia are also only an hour's flight.

The 27th IUFRO World Congress bid by Kenya to have identified Nairobi City as the host for this prestigious event in 2029 is a great honor. I therefore support by endorsing the shortlisting of Kenya to continue to the final stage of the bid.

Therefore, Nairobi now welcomes the IUFRO delegates while on a site inspection visit on 20 December 2022 to confirm suitability as a venue for the Congress. Upon final selection, I look forward to welcoming the Global forestry fraternity in 2029 to experience Kenya's hospitality in Nairobi and invite delegates and their companions to extend their visit to visit other regions of interest in Kenya.

Yours sincerely



H.E. JAMES NJOROGE MUCHIRI
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REQUEST FOR THE NATIONAL TREASURY TO SUPPORT KENYA' BID
TO HOST THE 27TH INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FOREST RESEARCH
ORGANIZATIONS (IUFRO) WORLD CONGRESS IN 2029

Reference is made to letter from the National Treasury and Planning on your request to host the IUFRO World Congress in 2029 (copy attached)

This is to inform you that the National Treasury and Planning has no objection for you to apply to host the 27th IUFRO in 2029.

Alfred Gichu
FOR: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



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Dear *Waziri*

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RE: REQUEST FOR THE NATIONAL TREASURY TO SUPPORT KENYA'S BID TO
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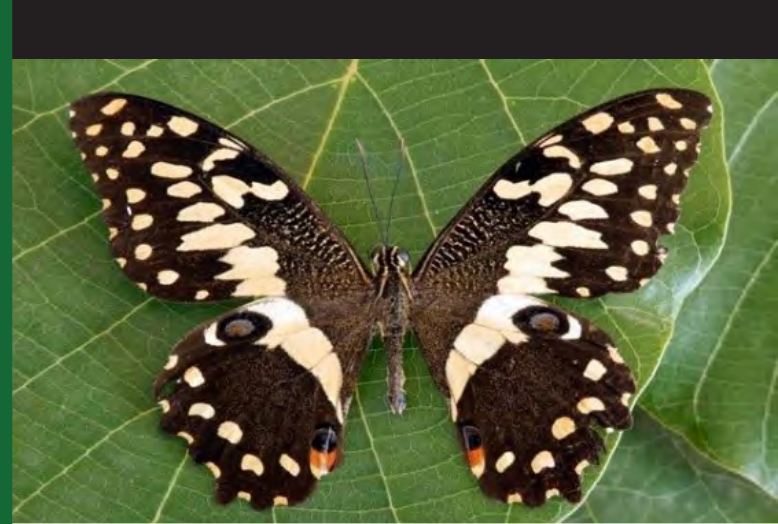
This is in reference to your letter Ref. No. ME/P/26 dated 21st April 2022 seeking National Treasury's support for the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) to bid for the hosting of the 27th International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress in 2029.

Hosting the 27th IUFRO aims to bring the World Forestry Research to Africa and will have scientific benefits and raise Kenya's profile in the global arena during the current UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration. It will also lead to socio-economic benefits through consumption expenditures by the delegates. We note that the conference hosting cost is estimated at Kshs 150 million to be catered for by the Government of the Republic of Kenya.

The National Treasury has no objection for KEFRI to apply to host the 27th IUFRO in 2029 and reaffirms our commitment to invest in research to ecosystem restoration and climate change mitigation through the conference financing arrangements as proposed.

Yours *Sincerely,*

Hon. (Amb.) Kar. K. Yalani, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY, THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND PLANNING



ADDENDUM 2: DETAILED INFORMATION ON FACILITIES AT CONGRESS VENUE(S) AND ACCOMMODATION

Security & Safety of Venues

The selected venues have in place firm measures to ensure the safety of delegates and visitors. The KICC and University of Nairobi are centrally and strategically located in the Central Business District. KICC is surrounded by highly secured institutions like the Kenya Police Headquarters, High Court of Kenya, The Office of the President, among others. KICC also prides itself in having one of the latest ultra-modern electronic security systems that covers all meeting rooms, main entrance gates and all the walking paths in the building. University of Nairobi Main Campus is adjacent the the Central Police Station while UN Office at Nairobi is a well secured venue with vibrant security system securing both local and international employees. Delegates need not worry about their safety in the event of a fire as fire drills are regularly conducted at all venues as a precautionary measure, fire escape routes checked and inspected on a day to day basis.

ICRAF

Venue 2a.

World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF)

This venue is located next door to United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) with a private gate entrance allowing movement on foot between them. With 8 meeting rooms that can simultaneously host 286 delegates, ICRAF compliments UNON facilities and the two of them can work well together to offer a combined, secure, alternative congress venue with enough room for all types of meetings. ICRAF is within a road circuit route with other complimentary venues.

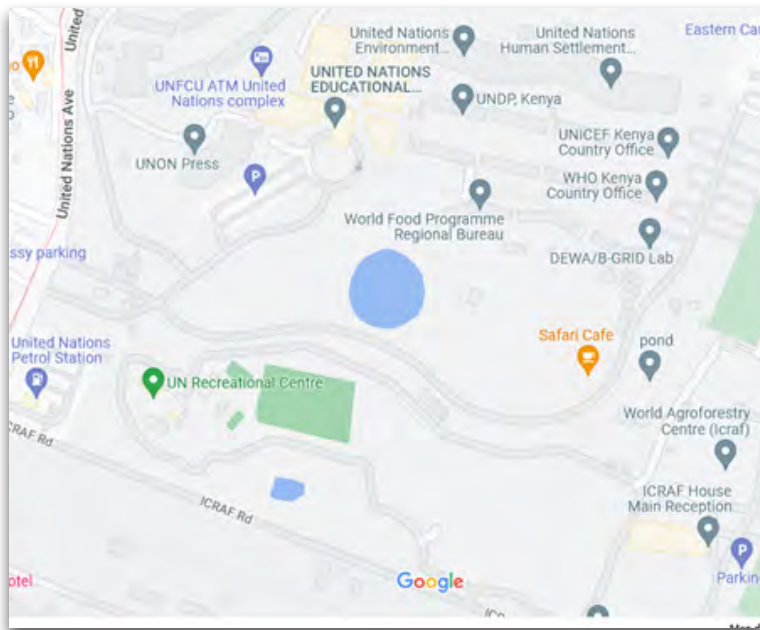
Name of ICRAF conference room	Area (m ²)	Capacity
Boardroom	101	64 Pax
Sesbania	33	16 Pax
Gliricidia	33	16 Pax
Inga	23	12 Pax
Lundgren Auditorium	142	128 Pax
Mango	18	10 Pax
Cocoa Boardroom	89	30 Pax
Marula	23	10 Pax

Venue 2a:

UN Office at Nairobi (UNON) Complex

The UNON complex (<https://dcs.unon.org/unon-complex>) ensures a unique conference experience, offering UN standard facilities within the serenity of leafy landscapes. You will find it an assemblage of many worlds: a nexus of cultures, nationalities and languages within a well-kept 140-acre garden. Think modern conveniences, accessibility and first-rate security set against a unique backdrop of varied trees and vegetation.

A prime facility housing 14 conference rooms within a vast garden complex and offering a full suite of in-house services, the Division of Conference Services offers this perfect set up for international meetings.



The proximity of UNON to ICRAF

Meeting Rooms in UNON

CONFERENCE ROOM NO.	SEATING CAPACITY	EXTRA SEATING	LANGUAGES
Conference Room 1	436 seats 109 Desks	No reconfiguration	8
Conference Room 2	528 seats 138 Desks	50 extra seats	8
Conference Room 2b	616 seats 180 Desks	50 extra seats	8
Conference Room 2-3-4	992 seats 260 Desks	200 extra seats Reconfiguration yes	8
Conference Room 3	146 seats 47 Desks	No reconfiguration	4
Conference Room 4	146 seats 47 Desks	No reconfiguration	4
Conference Room 5	24 seats 3 Desks	No reconfiguration	0
Conference Room 6	28 seats 14 Desks	No reconfiguration	2
Conference Room 7	28 seats 14 Desks	No reconfiguration	2
Conference Room 8	24 seats 12 Desks	No reconfiguration	2
Conference Room 9	90-120 seats 45 seats Roundtable set-up	Reconfiguration yes	2
Conference Room 10	90-120 seats 45 seats Roundtable set-up	Reconfiguration yes	2
Conference Room 11	60-80 seats 45 seats Roundtable set-up	Reconfiguration yes	2
Conference Room 13	80-100 seats 40 seats Roundtable set-up	Reconfiguration yes	2
Conference Room 14	80-100 seats 40 seats Roundtable set-up	Reconfiguration yes	2


2. Location of Kenya



Meet Kenya

Kenya lies astride the equator on the eastern coast of Africa, a medium-sized country by continental standards, covering an area of about 586,600km sq.

In a single trip to Kenya, you can visit tropical forests, beautiful beaches, and deserts, climb snow capped mountains and explore the rich diversity of wildlife. You will find that, no two experiences are ever the same in Kenya.



KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER (KICC) DETAILED VENUE INFORMATION

1. An Overview

The Kenyatta International Convention Center – KICC has been and still is an icon and landmark for Kenya since its completion in 1973. This has distinguished it as a premier meeting venue throughout the region.

2. Room accessibility

All the above rooms have ramp access and can easily be accessed by disabled people with wheelchairs. KICC team at the reception always facilitates the disabled delegates whenever they notice them.

3. Registration

The Centre offers expansive grounds that can be used for registration. In addition, previous large conferences have held their registration in Nairobi County hall which is next to the centre.

4. Conference equipment

The Centre offers conference equipment for all events that happen depending on the needs. This includes;

- LED screens, trussing and lighting especially for the opening ceremonies
- Projection screens and TV screens on the meeting rooms
- PA system and microphones as per need
- Simultaneous Interpretation Equipment with inbuilt interpretation booths in the rooms
- Cameras - are provided especially for opening and closing ceremonies or as per need
- Digital signage booths. These are used for signages and interactive displays in the programme.

6. Food and beverages

The Centre has partnered with four-star and five-star hotels to provide catering services during functions. Tin Tin restaurant and Conference caterers are also based on the ground floor and offer a wide variety of meals on a day to day basis

7. Delegates experience – Pre and Post Congress Tours

The Centre always brings on board tour operators during key functions that do packages for delegates while attending conferences. In addition, there is an in-house travel agent through which delegates can book or change flights while attending conferences at the Centre.

8. Media Centre and press room

The Centre has been in the past turned the space near Tin Tin restaurant into a media centre where different media houses access a live feed from different rooms. The room is usually equipped with workstations, high-speed internet and screens projecting what is ongoing in different rooms. In addition, one of the rooms especially Shimba if need be can be turned into a press code.

9. Translation and editing

The venue will provide translation and editing services for official communications with stakeholders

10. High-speed internet

The Centre has internet infrastructure and termination points for key internet service providers in Kenya. The bandwidth can be busted to support streaming and can be apportioned to be dedicated specifically to the secretariat, delegates and maybe media.

11. Hybrid events

The Centre hosted hybrid events, especially during the COVID 19 pandemic. This was supported by strong internet enabling delegates to join the meeting virtually and contributed appropriately.

12. Environmental sustainability considerations

- The Centre integrates use of solar power in its energy consumption
- The Centre uses digital signage booths for directions and display programmes, not paper.
- Plastic bottles are usually collected for recycling and reuse in order to minimize waste
- There are several hotels within walking distance where delegates do not need taxis.
- The Centre encourages delegates to use pooled transport to minimize carbon footprints.

13. Forex services

All commercial and financial needs of our visitors are well taken care of at the KICC Business Centre. Clients can conduct money transfers as well as other banking and related transactions within the conference centre.

14. Medical emergencies & In-house clinic

The Centre usually partners with the Ministry of Health during large conferences of this magnitude to set up clinics within the Centre. During the 27th IUFRO World Congress, KICC will make the necessary arrangements with qualified medical personnel of Ministry of Health to provide emergency medical services and manage two fully equipped ambulances on standby. Kenya's health care system is structured in a step-wise manner so that complicated cases are referred to a higher level. Gaps in the system are filled by private and church run units. Major hospitals are found in Nairobi.

Accessible and affordable accommodation

With 7,000+ hotel rooms, in the 3 to 5-star graded categories in Nairobi's central Business District and Kenya's secondary cities, finding and choosing a venue and accommodation to suit all planning requirements is effortless. A list of hotels in Nairobi is provided below;

BED CAPACITY OF KENYA ASSOCIATION OF HOTELKEEPERS AND CATERERS (KAHC) NAIROBI MEMBERS SUGGESTED HOTELS			
No.	Name of Hotel	STAR	Qty Rooms
1	City Lodge By Two Rivers		103
2	Clarion Hotel		31
3	Eka Hotel	4*	110
4	Eka Hotel Eldoret	4*	59
5	Elephant Pepper Camp		9
6	Fair View Hotel	4*	84
7	Four Points by Sheraton		86
8	Golden Tulips Hotel	4*	47
9	Hemingways Nairobi		45
10	Hill Park Hotel		30

11	Hotel Boulevard		64
12	Ibis Styles Nairobi Westlands		282
13	Jacaranda Hotel		121
14	Karen Blixen Camp		15
15	Karen Blixen Coffee Garden		15
16	Muthaiga Country Club		40
17	Nairobi Serena Hotel	4*	183
18	New Blue Post Hotel		32
19	Ole Sereni Hotel	4*	134
20	Emaara, Ole Sereni	5*	221
21	Panari Hotel		83
22	Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence (Nairobi Arboretum)	4*	119
23	Rezidor Park Inn Hotel		140
24	Safari Park Hotel		203
25	Sarova Panafric Hotel	4*	162
26	Somerset Westview Nairobi		81
27	Sovereign Suites	4*	14
28	The Sarova Stanley	5*	212
29	The Tribe Hotel	5*	137
30	Trade Mark Hotel	5*	108
31	Utalii Hotel		57
32	Best Western Nairobi Upper Hill	2*	66
33	Villa Rosa Kempinski Hotel	5*	200
34	Hilton Garden Inn	4*	170
TOTAL CAPACITY FOR KAHC			3463

NON KAHC HOTELS			
35	Ngong Hills	3*	110
36	The Boma Inn	3*	58
37	Weston Hotel	4*	120
38	Nairobi Safari Club	4*	146
39	Cloud Hotel and Suites	4*	86
40	Holiday Inn	4*	137
41	Crowne Plaza Nairobi	5*	162
42	Windsor Golf Hotel and Spa	5*	130
43	Fair Mont the Norfolk	5*	170
44	Hotel Sankara	5*	158
TOTAL CAPACITY FOR NON-KAHC			1277
TOTAL CAPACITY			4740
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI HOSTELS			4000



- **IN-Congress Tours**



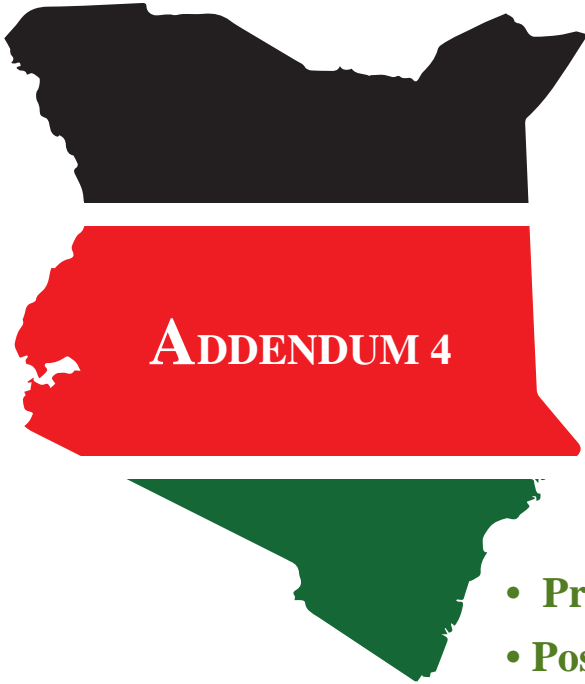
ADDENDUM 3: IN-CONGRESS TOUR DETAILS

TOUR	TOUR	FOCUS AREA	DESCRIPTION	RELEVANCE TO IUFRO DIVISIONS
01.	Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRDI) Headquarters, Muguga, Kiambu County	Forestry Research and Development thematic areas	<p>This is a public center of excellence in forestry research and development in Kenya and beyond.</p> <p>Stop 1.</p> <p>a) Explore partnerships with thematic program Leaders of;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forest productivity and Improvement, 2. Forest Biodiversity, Climate Change and Environmental Management, 3. Social Economics, Policy and Governance 4. Forest Products Development 5. Forest Research Support Services <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) Tours of Bioscience laboratories and Insect Quarantine facility, Insect Reference Collection,</p>	ALL Divisions
Kenya Forestry Seed Centre and Central Highlands Eco-region Research Programme, Muguga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest seed production, processing and storage • BioScience Laboratories 	<p>Stop 2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tour of Kenya Tree Seed Center and research tree nursery b) Tour the original estate of the colonial-era East African Agricultural and Forestry Research Organization (EAAFRO) 	<p>Division 7</p>	<p>Division 1 & 2</p> <p>Division 7, 8 & 9</p>
Kereita Forest HOST- Kenya Forest Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community Eco-tourism site within a public natural forest • A model of Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative 	<p>Stop 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy a picnic and the thrill of taking a zip line over a natural forest OR • Nature trail, horse riding 	<p>All Divisions but especially Divisions 4, 6 & 9</p>	<p>All Divisions but especially Divisions 4, 6 & 9</p>

	TOUR	FOCUS AREA	DESCRIPTION	RELEVANCE TO IUFRO DIVISIONS
02.	Visit Ngong Hills, Kajiado HOST- Kenya Forest Service	Multiple uses of forest landscapes • Recreation and renewable wind power generation	Enjoy a picnic, take a long hike and catch breathtaking views of Nairobi City from a vantage point	All Divisions
03.	Kenya Forest Service (KFS) Headquarters and KEFRI National Forest Products Research Programme Both located in Karura. Nairobi County - Choose one or more among the stops	Forest Conservation and Management Production of quality planting material Green products Urban Forestry: Natural Forest restoration and conservation	<p>Stop 1. Get to know more about KFS as Lead Organization in forest conservation and management in Kenya by meeting its programme leaders</p> <p>Stop 2. Visit to Karura Tree Biotechnology Programme Trust Experience operations in production and delivery of quality seedlings and hybrid tree clones for small scale forestry across the country</p> <p>Stop 3. KEFRI National Forest Products Research Programme will showcase KEFRI's contribution to sustainable forest management through the development of Wood and Non-Wood Forest Products. Interact with scientists and stakeholders in Open Day set up.</p> <p>Stop 4. Walk in Karura Forest and enjoy the scenery in an indigenous forest, experience benefits of forest restoration and protection from urban expansion and its contribution to local community livelihood improvement. Enjoy a picnic Wangari Maathai</p>	All Divisions but especially Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5 All Divisions but especially Division 3 Division 5 All Divisions

	TOUR	FOCUS AREA	DESCRIPTION	RELEVANCE TO IUFRO DIVISIONS
04.	Visit CIFOR-ICRAF, AFF & Wangari Maathai Corner of Karura Forest	Science and development for people and the environment Urban Forestry: Natural Forest restoration and conservation	Stop 1. Visit AFF & CIFOR-ICRAF and get to know how CGIAR - centers in Africa address local challenges and create opportunities that offer viable solutions for forests, landscapes, people and the planet. Interact with CGIAR staff and explore collaboration Stop 2. Walk in Karura Forest and enjoy the scenery in an indigenous forest, experience benefits of forest restoration and protection from urban expansion and its contribution to local community livelihood improvement. Enjoy a picnic Wangari Maathai corner	All Divisions but especially Division 1, 4, 8, 9 Division 6
05.	Visit National Museums of Kenya Gallery and gardens, John Michuki Memorial and City Parks	Cultural heritage and natural history museum Land reclamation, Green City Spaces	Stop 1. Visit National Museums of Kenya Gallery and gardens - a heritage of Kenya's diverse cultures and natural endowments in a flash Stop 2. Visit John Michuki Memorial and City Parks to enjoy a picnic and benefits of land reclamation from a former dumpsite to an ecologically sound environment with increased biodiversity	Division 9 Division 9

	TOUR	FOCUS AREA	DESCRIPTION	RELEVANCE TO IUFRO DIVISIONS
06.	Early afternoon visit to the Nairobi Arboretum, and evening ceremonies at Wangari Maathai Institute of Peace and Environmental Studies. Nairobi City County	Urban green spaces of historical importance Forest Conservation and Advocacy	<p>Stop 1. Visit Nairobi Arboretum - a historical forest listed in the “Gardens of the World” by Botanical Garden Conservation International Enjoy picnic lunch</p> <p>Stop 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Wangari Maathai Institute and learn about the late Prof. Maathai’s vision and global legacy for environmental conservation, human conflict resolution and advocacy for taking necessary action on climate change, follow a nature trail & explore collaboration. • Take part in the Congress tree planting ceremony. • Enjoy peace-themed celebratory performances in open amphitheater <p>Stop 3: Wangari Maathai Forest Champion Award All tours will lead to this ceremony</p>	All Divisions but especially Division 1 & 2 All Divisions but especially Division 6 Delegates from all in-congress tours who sign up



- **Pre Congress Professional Tours**
- **Post Congress Professional Tours**



ADDENDUM 4A: TABLE OF PRE- & POST - CONGRESS PROFESSIONAL TOURS IN KENYA

REGION	AREAS TO VISIT	DESCRIPTION
<p>Option 1. Drylands Eco-Region Research Programme (DERP)</p> <p>Day 1</p>	<p>1. Visit to Kakuzi Company Ltd. Murang'a County.</p> <p>2. Visit to Kitui, KEFRI Drylands Eco-region Research Programme (DERP)</p> <p>Overnight Kitui Town</p>	<p>Exotic Commercial forestry (Eucalyptus) and fruit development (Mango, Avocado, Macadamia) in ASALs of Kenya</p> <p>Commercial plantation of indigenous trees</p> <p>Tree breeding of indigenous Melia and Acacia trees species for adaptation to climate change and livelihood improvement in ASALs. Meet famers.</p>
<p>Day 2</p>	<p>3. Visit Makindu, Makueni County</p> <p>4. Makueni County Government Offices</p>	<p>Landscape restoration by communities through agroforestry (silvi-pastoral systems) for restoration of degraded farmlands</p> <p>CIFOR collaborative activities with County Government</p>
<p>Day 3</p>	<p>5. KEFRI Kibwezi Station</p> <p>Overnight Voi Town</p> <p>6. Visit to Wildlife Works, Kasigau</p> <p>7. Visit to the Eastern Arc Mountains, Taita Taveta County</p> <p>Overnight Voi Town</p>	<p>Tree breeding of two indigenous species for adaptation to climate change and livelihood improvement in ASAL and famers</p> <p>Community forest conservation and REDD+ Schemes</p> <p>The mountains cut across Kenya and Tanzania and is considered a tentative world heritage site and rich in fauna and flora biodiversity</p>

REGION	AREAS TO VISIT	DESCRIPTION
<p>Option 2: Coast Eco-Region Research Programme (North Coast)</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>Day 2</p> <p>Day 3</p>	<p><u>Early departure by bus for Malindi</u></p> <p><i>Overnight Malindi town</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit to the Mida Greek, Malindi 2. Visit to Arabuko Sokoke Forest. Malindi County (Kipepeo Project) 3. Visit to Kaya Kinondo (A World Heritage Site) <p><i>Overnight Mombasa</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Visit to Bamburi (Lafarge) Nature Trail 5. Tour Mombasa old Town/Fort Jesus 6. Enjoy Indian Ocean tropical beaches <p><i>Overnight Mombasa</i></p> <p><u>Departure from Mombasa to Nairobi by road</u></p>	<p>Mangrove conservation and restoration for climate mitigation at the Kenya Coast Conservation and management of Coastal Forest for ecosystems services and bio-enterprise development</p> <p>Community conservation of Kaya traditional forest</p> <p>Rehabilitation of mining sites for restoration of ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation</p>
<p>Option 3: Rift Valley Eco Region Research Programme</p> <p>Day 1</p>	<p>1. Depart for Nakuru National Park. <i>Lunch Stop-over in Nakuru Town</i></p>	<p>Natural vegetation unique and lakes in Rift Valley</p>

REGION	AREAS TO VISIT	DESCRIPTION
<p>Day 2</p>	<p>2. Kenya Forestry College - Londiani</p> <p><i>Overnight Nakuru</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit Menengai Crater view point 2. Visit to Lake Baringo Ecosystem <p><u>Scenic drive through Rift Valley escarpments</u></p> <p><i>Overnight Eldoret</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Wood Industry <p><u>Return to Nairobi by road</u></p>	<p>Training forestry professionals at Certificate and Diploma level and provision of short term courses</p> <p>KFS Commercial exotic plantation co-managed with Raiply Company Ltd.</p> <p>Natural vegetation unique geographical formations</p> <p>Management, control and restoration of invasive alien plant species in ASAL landscapes (<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>)</p> <p>Visit Raiply Limited wood processing factory</p>
<p>Day 3:</p> <p><i>Option 4:</i> Rift Valley Eco-Region Research Programme Restoration and management of key water tower for provision of ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation</p>	<p><i>Day 1:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drive to Narok via Mai Mahiu Escarpment, view African pencil cedar plantations in Kijabe forest. Arrive Maasai Mara Game Reserve <p><i>Overnight stay in tented camp</i></p> <p><i>Day 2:</i> Track wildlife, overnight stay in tented camp</p> <p><u>Return to Nairobi by road</u></p>	<p>Conservation of Maasai Mara ecosystem with Wildebeest Migration as the main attraction</p>

REGION	AREAS TO VISIT	DESCRIPTION
<p>Option 5: Central Highlands Eco-Regions Forestry Research Programme</p> <p>Day 1: Visit to Aberdare Forest Ecosystem</p> <p>Day 2: Mount Kenya Forest Ecosystem</p> <p>Day 3: Payment for Ecosystem Services</p>	<p><u>The Mountain tour</u></p> <p>1. Aberdare Forest and National Park</p> <p>Overnight Nyeri town</p> <p>2. World Heritage site</p> <p>Overnight Nanyuki Town</p> <p>3. Visit Ndakaini Dam enroute to Nairobi</p> <p><u>Return to Nairobi by road</u></p>	<p>Exotic and Indigenous Forest Blocks Restoration and management of key water towers and parks</p> <p>Montane vegetation and wildlife (Bongo)</p> <p>Aberdare forest is an important source of water for Nairobi City</p>
<p>Option 6: Lake Victoria Eco-Region Research Programme</p> <p>Day 1: Arrival</p> <p>Day 2: Bondo/Siaya Counties</p> <p>Day 3: Return</p>	<p><u>Visit Lake Victoria Ecosystem</u></p> <p>Depart Nairobi Stop over for lunch in Kericho</p> <p>Pass through Kericho commercial tea plantations and Muhoroni sugarcane production belt.</p> <p>Overnight Kisumu</p> <p>Visit Kit Mikayi and Bondo University project - insects as food.</p> <p>Overnight Siaya</p> <p>Visit President Barack Obama ancestral homestead.</p> <p><u>Return to Nairobi by road</u></p>	<p>Unilever Ltd. commercial fuelwood production & natural forest conservation (Arboretum). Arresting land degradation in surrounding farms.</p> <p>Got Ramogi Forest (cultural sites).</p>

REGION	AREAS TO VISIT	DESCRIPTION
<p>Option 7: Kakamega Forest Ecosystem</p> <p>Day 1: Arrival Kisumu</p> <p>Day 2: Arrival in Kakamega forest via Shinyalu</p> <p>Day 3: Return to Nairobi</p>	<p>Depart Nairobi Stop over for lunch in Kericho</p> <p>Alien invasive species in Kenyan Lakes</p> <p>Overnight Kisumu</p> <p>Community Based Organization hosts tour of forest and environs.</p> <p>Overnight in bandas. Cultural Bull fight experience</p> <p><u>Return to Nairobi by road</u></p> <p>En route cultural attraction - “the Crying stone</p>	<p>Management of Lake Victoria siltation and water hyacinth invasion</p> <p>Conservation and management of remnant Afro-Congolian Rainforest</p>

ADDENDUM 4B: COSTED PRE - & POST-CONGRESS FIELD TRIP/TECHNICAL TOURS OF KENYA WITH ITINERARIES

1. Mombasa Haller Park and Forest Trail - a self-sustaining reclaimed ecosystem



Focus: Reclamation of a coral quarry for cement production from wasteland to paradise - ecotourism in action.

Description: The trip comprises a tour by bus or by way of Standard Gauge Railway traversing the wooded grasslands and plains through Tsavo East and West National Parks to the coastal and tourist destination of Mombasa. Stops will allow one to appreciate particular aspects of the rich natural woodlands and attractive landscapes.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit: Introduction to protection, rehabilitation and sustainable use of coral mining quarries and reserve lands, Dynamics of rehabilitation, introduction of plant and animal biodiversity, ecotourism and excellence in action at the sea level

Where: Mombasa is the coastal City, which is

located at about 525 km South East of Kenya.

Duration: 4-day field trip

Day 1: Trip from Nairobi to Mombasa by bus or railroad or flight (Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Moi International Airport, Mombasa) visit to Mombasa Cement's Haller Park and Forest Trails as self-sustaining ecosystems

Day 2: Visit to historical significant Fort Jesus, UNESCO site Old Town Mombasa, and Mama Ngina WaterFront

Day 3: Visit tourist attraction and recreation ventures within reach of Mombasa (South and North Coast)

Day 4: Return to Nairobi

Additional details: Overnight in local hotels with meals and entrance fee

Cost: US\$ 650 (all inclusive)

Host: Lafarge Ecosystems/Haller Park

2. Selected detailed Field trip/Technical tour of Arabuko Sokoke Forest (ASF) in Kilifi County

Focus: Biodiversity conservation and Piloting. Participatory Forest Management in Arabuko Sokoke Forest for improved livelihood sustainable development through a culturally significant system of governance.

Description: Arabuko Sokoke Forest (ASF) is a UNESCO biosphere along Kenya's coastline. It is the largest and most intact coastal forest in East Africa of unique tourist attractions. ASF richness in biodiversity comprises 20% of

Kenya's bird species, 30% butterfly species and at least 24 rare and endemic bird, mammal, amphibians and butterfly species. Plant diversity comprises different forest types, six species of mangrove trees stretching less than 1 km from the entrance to ASF. The attractions are enhanced by the amazing Mida Creek boardwalk, a network of well-marked walking trails, over 30 km of driving tracks traversing the different forest types, beautiful seasonal

pools hidden amongst the Miombo woodlands, two tree platforms for a birds-eye-view of the forest, and Nyari viewpoint, an elevated area of the forest with a panoramic view of the forest canopy looking out the coast beyond. The Creek is a major wintering site for migrant birds.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit: Introduction to Arabuko Sokoke Forest, Piloting the participatory forest management (PFM) as a sustainable forest management tool, PFM driver, PFM achievements, challenges and opportunities, Community involvement in PFM and livelihood issues.

Where: It is located 70 km North of Mombasa City.

Duration: 3-day trip

Day 1: Trip from Nairobi to Mombasa by bus or

railroad or flight (Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Moi International Airport, Mombasa); visit to Fort Jesus, UNESCO site Old Town Mombasa, and Mama Ngina WaterFront

Day 2: Visit to KEFRI Coast Eco-region Research Programme in Gede, Introduction to Arabuko Sokoke Forest, Visit Dida PFM and interaction with ASF adjacent communities, tour of the zoned PFM forest area. Mida Creek boardwalk and mangrove conservation

Day 3: Return to Nairobi

Additional details: Overnight in local hotels with meals and entrance fee

Cost: US\$ 600 (all inclusive)

Host: KEFRI/KFS/Nature Kenya/ Forest Adjacent Communities

Host: Lafarge Ecosystems/Haller Park

3. Selected Field trip/Technical tour to Kaya Kinondo Sacred Forest at Diani in Kwale County

Focus:

Biodiversity conservation and sustainable development through a culturally significant system of governance.

Description:

Kaya Kinondo is a 30 ha National forest Monument located in Diani Beach, South of Mombasa City. A cultural and historic home to the coastal Kenya Digo community.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit:

Introduction to the Kaya, Gazettement as a National Monument, Richness in species diversity of which only two (2) of the 187 tree species found here are of exotic origin, experience rich local culture and religion as viable conservation strategies, ecotourism, the Do's and Don'ts, and sustainable extraction as a source of medicinal plants.

Where: It is located 45 km South of Mombasa City across the Likoni Ferry.

Duration: 3-day trip

Day 1: Trip from Nairobi to Mombasa by bus or railroad or flight (Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Moi International Airport, Mombasa); visit to Visit to Fort Jesus, UNESCO site Old Town Mombasa, and Mama Ngina Water Front

Day 2: Visit tourist attraction and recreation ventures within reach of Mombasa (South coast – Kaya Kinondo Sacred Forest located 45 km from Mombasa and North Coast; the Columbus and Colobridges - monkey bridges of Diani Forest)

Day 3: Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels with meals and entrance fee

Cost: US\$ 500 (all inclusive)

Host: National Museums of Kenya, Coastal Forest Conservation Unit – CFCU, Community

4. Selected Field trip/Technical tour to the Mau Forest Ecosystem

Focus: Biodiversity, water conservation, adaptation to climate change and livelihood improvement

Description: Mau Forest is often referred to as Mau forest complex and is located in the Rift Valley of Kenya. It is the largest indigenous montane forest in East Africa covering an area of 273,300 ha. The Mau forest complex spans four counties - Bomet, Kericho, Nakuru and Narok in Kenya. It is considered as one for the five water towers in Kenya since these forests form the catchment of the main rivers that provide water to the western part of the country. These include the Sondu Miriu, Yala, Nzoia, Nyando and the trans-boundary Mara River, all of which flow into Lake Victoria. The Mau Complex is also the source of water for the Ewaso Nyiro and Kerio Rivers, which drain into lakes in the Rift Valley lakes such as Natron and Nakuru. Mara River arises from the South-Western Mau Forest, flowing through the Maasai Mara National Game Reserve in Kenya and the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. The Maasai Mara Reserve boasts of the 8th wonder of the world, which is the great wildebeest migration corridor that happens annually from August to September. Within the complex are rich agricultural landscapes.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit: Introduction to Mau Forest Complex, Permanent sample plots

Where: It is located in the Rift Valley, 250km West of the City of Nairobi.



<https://www.nathab.com/blog/six-facts-about-the-wildebeest-migration/>

Imagine enormous herds of wildebeest and zebra traversing the East African plains while predators follow in stealthy pursuit. It's something you've almost certainly seen on film, and now you can witness this dramatic event in person during the Great Migration. Here are some interesting facts you might not know about this amazing natural event and its star-the wildebeest.

1. No two years are ever the same. Each year, nearly 2 million wildebeest, zebra and gazelle make a circular tour between the Serengeti in Tanzania and the Maasai Mara in Kenya in search of greener pastures. They make their annual trek north toward the Maasai Mara between July and October, but their exact movements and timing vary from year to year.

2. Water crossings are one of the most dangerous obstacles for wildebeest. Hippos and Nile crocodiles lay in wait at many river crossings. In addition to predators that take advantage of the water, hundreds of wildebeest may drown if they choose a time or spot to cross where the water is too high or fast.



Duration: 3-day trip

Day 1: Trip from Nairobi to Maasai Mara

Day 2: Visit tourist attraction and recreation ventures of Maasai Mara

Day 3: Return to Nairobi

Additional details: Overnight in local hotels with meals and entrance fee

Cost: US\$ 500 (all inclusive)

Host: KEFRI, KFS, Narok County Government

5. Field trip / Technical tour to KEFRI Dryland Eco-region Programme (DERP) in Kitui

Focus:

Biodiversity: Breeding, propagating and growing indigenous *Melia volkensii* for drought tolerance, resilience to climate change and potential dryland plantation tree species.

Description:

Kitui County is located in Eastern Kenya's arid and semi-arid region. The challenges faced include, degradation and low crop production due to: low and unreliable rainfall of about 500 mm per year; high temperatures of between 18°C - 32°C; poor sandy and acidic soils; rapid conversion of woodlands into farms; and over-exploitation of natural populations of *Melia volkensii*. These challenges lead to food insecurity, low income, and malnutrition for many smallholder farm families within the County. The following aspects will be covered by the visit: Introduction to breeding of drought tolerant *Melia volkensii*, Selection of Plus and Elite Melia trees, Establishment of clonal seed orchards, Progeny trials and their implications

on improvement of *Melia volkensii*, Status of seed production in *Melia volkensii* clonal orchards, Physiological studies, Seedling production, Distribution system of improved Melia seeds and Capacity building.

Where: Kitui DERP Center is located 180 km from the City of Nairobi while Kwa Vonza Tiva Station is located 24 km from Kitui town

Duration: 2-day field trip

Day 1:

Trip from Nairobi to Kitui (KEFRI DERP Center) by bus; Introduction to *Melia volkensii* and visit to the Tiva Station at Kwa Vonza

Day 2: - Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels or KEFRI Kitui Center

Cost: US\$ 250

Host: : KEFRI

6. Field trip/Technical tour to Kibwezi in Makueni County

Focus:

Forests for people: Growing *Melia volkensii* On-farm in the dryland areas of Kenya for improved livelihood and environmental conservation

Description:

Makueni County is dry, exhibiting semi-arid to arid conditions. The average annual rainfall range is 600 to 750 mm, while average temperature is about 23-35°C. Rainfall is bimodal with long rains occurring from March to May and short rains from November to December. The short rains are more reliable than long rains with about 60% of the annual rainfall being received during the short rains. The soils are sandy and low in organic matter. The County is characterized by a

rapidly growing population, water scarcity, Declining food production, over-harvesting of *Melia*, conversion of woodlands into farms, and low resilience to climate change. The challenges have led to food and nutritional insecurity, as well as low income for many smallholder farm families. Economic empowerment for farmers lies in diversification and investment in low risk ventures such as growing of high value trees. *Melia volkensii* is a fast growing indigenous tree species of drylands of Eastern Africa. The tree is deciduous, attaining a height of 20 m and 40 cm diameter in 10-18 years, drought tolerant and produces high quality termite resistant

timber. Other products from the species include; poles, posts, fodder, bee forage, medicine, and firewood.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit:

Collecting and processing of Melia seeds, Raising Melia seedlings, Managing Melia pest and disease in the nursery, Management of Melia plantations, Cost benefit analysis of growing Melia and Melia related on-farm enterprises for adaptation to climate change, capacity building and improved livelihood.

Where: Kibwezi is located about 200 km South East of Nairobi, along Nairobi - Mombasa Highway

Duration: 2-day field trip

Day 1:

Trip from Nairobi to Kibwezi by bus; visit to KEFRI's Melia orchard and Melia farm in Nyayo village

Day 2: - Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels or KEFRI Kitui Center

Cost: US\$ 300

Host: : KEFRI / Farmer

7. Field trip/Technical tour to Makindu in Makueni County

Focus:

Growing improved natural pasture grasses in wooded drylands of Makindu in Kibwezi Country for environmental resilience, viable livestock enterprise and improved livelihood.

Description:

The trip to Makindu will comprise a tour by bus traversing the Kapiti plains and the Konza Techno City, which are located in the semi-arid and arid region of Eastern Africa. Stops will allow one to observe particular aspects of the rich natural landscapes.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit:

Introduction to improved natural pasture grasses, establishment, management, harvesting for seeds and hay, integrating high value trees, community involvement, soil and water conservation, adaptation to climate change, capacity building, marketing seeds, standing and bailed hay as well as related on-farm enterprises.

Where: Makindu which is located about 180 km from the City of Nairobi along Nairobi-Mombasa Highway

Duration: 2-day field trip

Day 1:

Trip from Nairobi to Makindu by bus. Introduction to improved natural pasture grasses, pasture seed production, growing and managing improved natural pasture grass fields and other high value tree species and marketing (including processing, and packaging).

Day 2: - Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels with meals

Cost: US\$ 250 including meals

Host: : KEFRI / Farmer

8. Field trip/Technical tour to KEFRI Baringo Sub-Centre in Marigat

Focus:

Management of the invasive *Prosopis juliflora* through utilization and community involvement

Description:

Marigat lies at an altitudinal range of between 900 and 1,200 m above sea level. The region is hot and dry throughout the year. Rainfall variability is very high with an annual average rainfall of about 650 mm. Most of the rain falls within one season from April to August, followed by a prolonged dry season. The rainfall pattern is influenced by local topography. Temperatures range from 30° to 35°C but can rise to 37°C in some months. The hottest period is between January and March. Soils are of clay loam and alluvial deposits. Land tenure system in the area is communal, comprising farmers and pastoral groups undertaking various activities to control *Prosopis* invasion.

The trip will be by bus descending the Great Rift Valley, viewing Longonot Crater, landscapes and characteristic woodland shrubs and trees species, sisal estate, the only donkey slaughter house in the country, off-season irrigated horticultural crops and scenic view of Lakes Baringo and Bogoria. The latter is endowed with hot springs and flamingos. The banks are heavily invaded by *Prosopis juliflora*.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit:

Phytogeography and wooded vegetation related to the drylands; Spread of *Prosopis juliflora*, suppression of other fodder species by *Prosopis*, The *Prosopis* challenge, Reclamation of land degraded by *Prosopis* invasion, and Management by utilization initiatives

Where: Marigat is located about 270 km from the City of Nairobi

Duration: 3-day field trip

Day 1:

Trip from Nairobi to Marigat by bus or 4WD vehicles; visit to KEFRI's Baringo Center
Introduction to *Prosopis juliflora*

Day 2:

Visit to *Prosopis* sites with management by utilization activities (poles, charcoal, human food, animal feed and bio-energy production)

Day 3: - Return to Nairobi

Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels with meals

Cost: US\$ 400

Host: : KEFRI/Farmer group

9. Field trip/Technical tour to Mukaa, in Machakos County

Focus:

Growing *Moringa oleifera* **on-farm as an enterprise**. Improving farmers income through an out grower scheme and adaptation to climate change through a private initiative and community involvement.

Description:

Machakos County experiences low rainfall leading to low crop production, hence the need for alternative investment such as tree farming, which requires little water for growth. *Moringa oleifera* was selected as a species that can do well in dryland Machakos due to its ability to do well in hot weather and low rainfall. The species also has many nutritional and medicinal benefits derived from the various plant parts. The leaves are a good source of protein, vitamins A, B and C, and minerals such as calcium and iron; the pods, green peas and seeds can also be eaten, while the flowers can be either eaten or used to make tea. Products such as Moringa powder, tea, and massage oil from the leaves and seeds can be made from the plant. Moringa powder can be used as a food supplement to treat ailments such as diabetes, high blood pressure, skin disorders, indigestion, anemia and aids in faster healing of wounds. *Moringa oleifera* plantation development is now adopted as good practice in the Mukaa area of Machakos County, a fast growing exotic drought tolerant tree species, which is adopted to the dryland conditions of Eastern Kenya region.

The following aspects will be covered by the visit:

Introduction to growing *Moringa oleifera*, seed and seedlings production, establishment and management and integration of other high value plant species, extension services, harvesting flowers, seeds, foliage and marketing (including processing, and packaging).

Where: Mukaa which is located about 120 km from the City of Nairobi along Nairobi-Mombasa Highway

Duration: 1-day field trip

Day 1:

AM Trip from Nairobi to Mukaa by bus. Introduction to growing and On-farm visits

Day 1 PM: Return to Nairobi

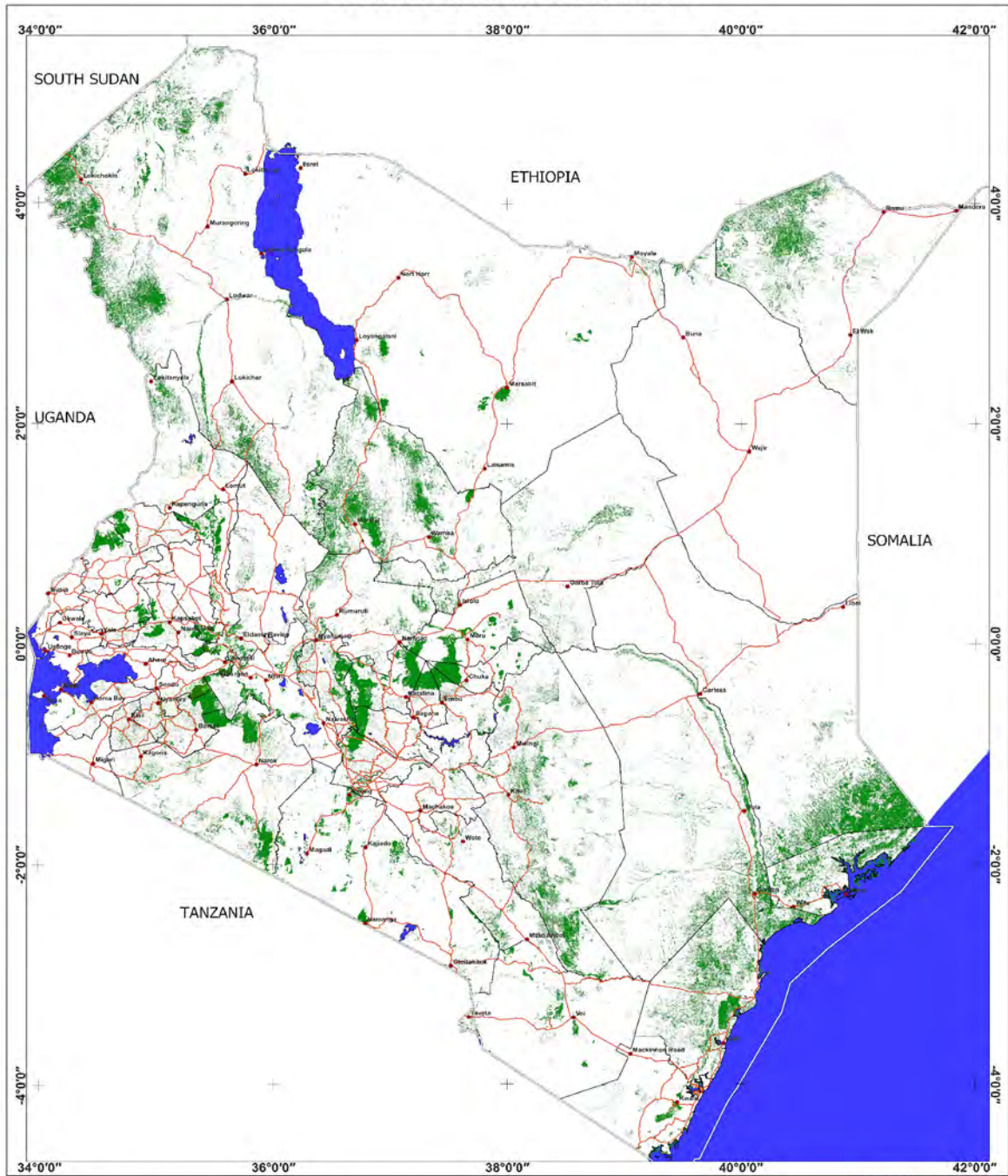
Additional details:

Overnight in local hotels with meals

Cost: US\$ 250 including meals

Host: : KEFRI/ Entrepreneur/ Farmer group

KENYA FOREST COVER 2021



- Major Towns
- Roads
- National Boundary
- County Boundary
- Forest



Symbol	Description
•	Major Towns
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ADDENDUM 4C: PROPOSED IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS REGIONAL TOURS

Table 4C (i) Selected Pre- or Post-Congress tour Options for Uganda

Regions	Areas to visit	Description
<p>Option 1:</p> <p><i>Agroforestry in Uganda</i></p> <p>Estimated costs: Air tickets (USD 500) 5 days @ USD 300 for Accommodation B/B Park fees, transport and Meals <u>Total : USD 2000</u></p>	<p>Day 1: Travel to Kampala from Nairobi by air. Overnight stay in Kampala. Free evening in the city.</p> <p>Day 2: <u>Visit the National Forestry Resources Research Institute</u> by road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to Mbale by road – with a stopover at the source of the Nile in Jinja. • Overnight stay in Mbale <p>Day 3: <u>Visit Mbale Rural Resource Centre</u>, meet nursery operators who have formed an association running 40 tree nurseries and visit 2 farmers embracing agroforestry in Butta. Overnight stay in Mbale</p> <p>Day 4: <u>Mt. Elgon National Park</u>, hiking, bird watching – 3 hiking route options – 2km, 5km and 7km, a stopover at Sipi falls. Overnight stay in Kapchorwa</p> <p>Day 5: Travel to Entebbe, catch flight to Nairobi or home destination</p>	<p><u>Courtesy call on NaFORRI.</u> Introduction to historical and current forestry research and management in Uganda.</p> <p>Visit the source of the Nile and other tourist attractions and activities in Jinja.</p> <p>Exposure and showcasing the impact of the Rural Resource Centre concept bringing out business aspects (tree nurseries) and farm productivity (through provision of seedlings and trainings)</p> <p>Visit Mt. Elgon National Park; Hiking and bird watching; Visit Sipi falls Travel back to Nairobi/depart for home</p>
<p>Option 2:</p> <p><i>Natural and Large scale private forestry in Uganda</i></p> <p>Estimated costs: Air tickets (USD 500) 6 days @ USD 300 for Accommodation B/B Park fees, transport and Meals <u>Total : USD 2300</u></p>	<p>Day 1: Travel to Kampala from Nairobi by air.</p> <p>Day 2: <u>Visit the National Forestry Resources Research Institute.</u> Overnight stay in Kampala</p> <p>Travel to Hoima and Masindi by road – with a stopover at Global Woods Forests Company and Core Woods Forest plantations, Visit the Bunyoro Royal Tombs. Overnight stay in Masindi</p> <p>Day 3: Budongo forest – Royal Mile, Sonso Research Station and N15 Strict Nature Reserve, Nyabyeya Forestry College & World War 2 Heritage. Overnight stay in Masindi</p>	<p><u>Courtesy call on NaFORRI.</u> Introduction to historical and current forestry research and management in Uganda.</p> <p>Exposure to large-scale private forestry plantations in Uganda. Overview of resin tapping from pine plantations. Visit Bunyoro Royal Tombs.</p> <p>Visit Nyabyeya Forestry College, exposure to World War 2 heritage to forestry in Uganda; Take a walk at the historic Royal Mile and visit Sonso Research Station; Go forest walking – N15 Strict Nature Reserve; Tracking Uganda’s habituated chimpanzees at Sonso.</p>

	<p>Day 4: Murchison Falls National Park, Game drive and Waterfall sail. Overnight stay Masindi</p> <p>Day 5: Travel to Kampala by road, free evening in the city/Day 6: Return to Nairobi by air or depart from Entebbe for home destination</p>	<p>Visit Murchison Falls National Park; Go on a game drive - Paraa, and Boat drive to view the scenic Murchison Falls. Travel back to Nairobi/depart for home</p>
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ADDENDUM 4C: PROPOSED IUFRO WORLD CONGRESS REGIONAL TOURS

Table 4C (ii) Selected Pre- or Post-Congress tour Options for Tanzania

Zone	Region	Areas to Visit	Description
Option 1 Northern zone Estimate cost \$2000	Arusha		
	Day 1	1. Meru /USA Forest Plantation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial plantation forest with exotic tree species idominated by Pinus patula, Cupresus lusitanica, Eucalyptus maidenii, Grevellia robusta, Acacia melanoxylone and natural upper montane forest Beautiful waterfalls, rivers, plains and ridges in Themí, Nading´oro and Sakila
		<i>Overnight in Arusha City</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maasai Boma, Artifacts, Local food and beverages, Cultural Clothes, Music & dance among others may be observed around Meru /USA
	Day 2	2. Lake Duluti Forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duluti crater lake with a depth of 700m surrounded by a thick ground water forest Natural rocky caves used for worshipping and retreat A floating island in the lake which rarely moves at a very short distance
		<i>Overnight in Arusha City</i>	
	Day 3	3. Essmingor Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It’s well known for its diverse flora and fauna. There are about 47 most abundant tree species and 60 tree species richness. Large animals and fauna are found in this forest. It has been revealed to be a potential breeding site for buffalo and is habitat for several species of these big wild animals.
		<i>Night in Arusha</i>	
	Manyara		
	Day 4	4. Mount Hanang Nature Forest Reserve	The mountain is the third highest mountain in Tanzania after Kilimanjaro and Meru with an elevation of 3,676m above sea level. It’s an important worshipping area for Barbaig and Iraqw tribes. Minjingu phosphate industry and Makuyuni trade centre along the Arusha to Babati road are among the spectacular sites seen from the top of the summit. Also Mount Hanang Forest Nature Reserve is nestled right close to the great rift valley which is a major big game viewing and photographic tourism destination
		<i>Night in Arusha</i>	

	Kilimanjaro Day 5	5. West Kilimanjaro forest plantation <i>Overnight in Moshi town</i> Day 5: Depart Moshi by road/ Arusha Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The destination of leading mountain forest bike trails with the scenic beauty of Mikingamo crater cave and the snow view tower of Mount Kilimanjaro • Kilimanjaro Mountain hike • The destination offers diverse choices of activities at all levels from soft recreation activities to adventures and research activities <p>Destination Nairobi or home country</p>
Option 2 Research and Biodiversity hotspots Estimate cost \$1500	Tanga https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Arusha/Amani-Tanga-Tanzania	<p>Depart in the morning for Kilimanjaro Airport, Arusha</p> <p>Day 1: Visit Amani Nature Reserve. <i>Overnight Tanga</i></p> <p>Day 2: Nilo Nature Reserve <i>Overnight Tanga</i></p> <p>Day 3: Magamba Nature Reserve <i>Overnight Lushoto</i></p> <p>Day 4: Departure</p>	<p>The Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania including the West and East Usambara Mountains The mountains are among the most important areas for the conservation of biological diversity in the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first nature reserve in the country with the Old Botanical garden in East Africa. • It's enlisted by UNESCO as a MAN and BIOSPHERE reserve • Its important Bird watching area <p>The area is one of the biodiversity hotspot of the World. Its a dense montane rain forest with unique natural features and a home of several endemic, rare, endangered, vulnerable and threatened flora and fauna species</p> <p>Inside Magamba Nature Forest Reserve there are both historical, cultural and natural sites and features potential for Natural and Socio-cultural tourism including viewpoints, German caves, Oldest skyline in East Africa, Jiwe la Mungu, TAFORI Lushoto silvicultural centre</p> <p>Depart for Nairobi or home destination from Kilimanjaro International Airport</p>

<i>Option 3</i> Lake Zone Estimate cost \$2000	Kagera	Day 1: Travel by air/road Overnight local town Day 2: Rubare Forest Plantation Minziro Nature Reserve <i>Overnight in Bukoba Town</i>	Enter Tanzania through Uganda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plantation forest planted with different exotic tree species • Impressive scenery of steam emanating from Kyamunene A&B waterfalls • Kagera war caves • Guinea-Congo tropical forest with unique & international significance • The area with large number of bird species in the country, 250 species of birds with 56 species being endemic, 600 species of butterflies have been recorded • Important wetland that cleans water in Kagera river • Kagera war caves
	Mwanza	Day 3: Rubya Forest Plantation <i>Overnight Mwanza</i> Day 4: Kome Forest Reserve <i>Overnight in Mwanza</i> Day 5: Depart by air/road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A forest plantation in Ukerewe island in Lake Victoria • Has a pristine white beaches with clean and unpolluted water • The peace monument tower with 19.8m used to get view of the area • A tropical forest isolated from the mainland in Kome Island in Lake Victoria • White sand beaches • Combining cultural, traditional fishing and interaction with locals in addition to relaxation along the white sandy beach gives a restful experience <p>Onward journeys home or back to Nairobi through Kenya from Kisumu by Air</p>

ADDENDUM 5: DETAILS OF SELECTED NON PROFESSIONAL EXCURSIONS

NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK



The world's wildlife capital, Nairobi National Park is a principal attraction for visitors to Nairobi and the world's oldest protected wildlife area within the boundaries of a capital city. The park is home to Zebra, Buffalo, Giraffe, Lions and the endangered Black Rhino in their natural habitat. The park is also home to over 500 bird species.

Tour Highlights: Wildlife viewing, Camping, Picnics, Wildlife Photography

Duration: Half day

Price: USD\$50-100

www.kws.go.ke

SHELDRIK ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE



The Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage is a rehabilitation center for Elephant calves rescued from all over Kenya. They receive extremely specialized treatment here, and literally receive personal care 24 hours a day from highly dedicated staff who become surrogate mothers to the calves. Eventually the calves are carefully

reintroduced into the wild.

Tour Highlights: Wildlife viewing, Conservation talks

Duration: 1hr

Price: USD\$10

www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org

NAIROBI NATIONAL MUSEUM



The Nairobi National Museum offers an enlightening introduction to Kenya's rich natural and cultural heritage. Within the museum, you will find prized collections, contemporary art and craft galleries, shopping and dining facilities. Amongst the famous exhibits at the museum is the Turkana boy, dating back to 1.6 million years ago, considered the only almost complete skeleton of a human related fossil ever found in the world. Also within the grounds are the famous Snake Park, Botanical Gardens and Nature Trail.

Tour Highlights: Permanent and Temporary Exhibitions, Botanical Gardens and Nature Trail

Duration: Half day

Price: USD\$20

www.museums.or.ke

KARURA FOREST



The Karura Forest is an urban upland forest on the outskirts of Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. This remarkable geographical location and natural resource is one of the largest gazetted forests in the world fully within a city limits. Karura Forest is open to all visitors who share a love for nature and common respect for Kenya's unspoilt natural beauty.

Tour Highlights: Cave exploration, Walking, Running and Biking trails, Birding

Duration: Half day

Price: USD\$20

www.friendsofkarura.org

GIRAFFE CENTER

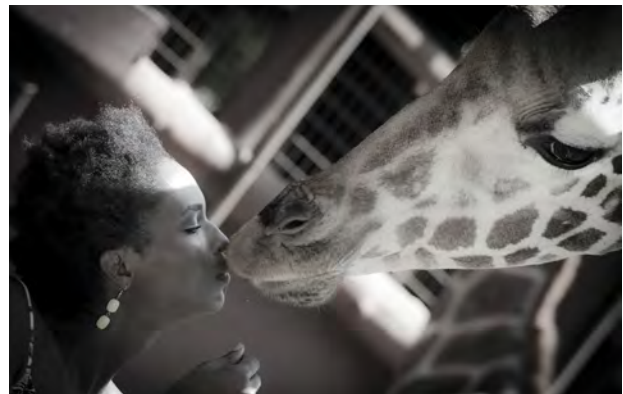
The Giraffe Center has become world-famous as a Nature Education Center offering information about giraffes and in particular the endangered Rothschild giraffe, a subspecies of the giraffe found only in the grasslands of East Africa. The center has an elevated feeding platform where visitors meet the resident giraffes face to face. Hand feeding giraffes is an education in itself. You will see, close at hand, how they use their long, prehensile tongues to remove leaves from prickly acacia branches.

Tour Highlights: Wildlife viewing, Conservation talks, Kiss a Giraffe

Duration: 2hrs

Price: USD\$30

www.giraffecenter.org



NAIROBI 360 VIEW – KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER

The Kenyatta International Convention Centre is a modern conference and exhibition venue in Nairobi's central business district and one of Kenya's iconic landmarks. The 28 storey building has a rooftop helipad that delivers the best 360 views of Nairobi city. Perfect place to catch the sunset over Nairobi.

Tour Highlights: Photography, City tour, 360 views of Nairobi

Duration: 1hr

Price: USD\$20

<http://www.kicc.co.ke>



NAIROBI GALLERY



The Nairobi gallery is located right in the heart of Nairobi City. Built in 1913, the Nairobi Gallery building was fondly referred to as ‘Hatches, Matches and Dispatches’ because of the births, marriages and deaths that were recorded here. Today, the museum holds temporary exhibitions all year round giving visitors something new to look forward to.

Tour Highlights: Exhibitions, Nairobi City walking tour

Duration: Half day

Price: USD\$30

www.museums.or.ke

NAIROBI'S MAASAI MARKET



This open market place offers a wide range of local arts and crafts from all parts of the country in one single spot where you can look around and bargain at will. These colorful markets are interesting to visit and a good place to find assorted indigenous gift items. From traditional crafts to beautiful fabrics, Kenya's rich culture

and artisanship transpires through this market. It's worthwhile to note that the market has a schedule and runs in different locations within Nairobi Tuesday to Sunday.

Tour Highlights: Shopping, City Tour

Duration: Half day

Price: Free

THE CARNIVORE EXPERIENCE



As the name suggests, Carnivore is a true meat lover's paradise. Boasting a spectacular “all the meat you can eat” menu, the entire restaurant is centered around a large open fire pit, on which massive meat skewers (locally known as Nyama Choma) are roasted over charcoal and carved at your table, a genuine Kenyan speciality. The feeding frenzy doesn't stop until defeat is declared by signaling that enough is enough by lowering a white paper flag. While at it, try the well-known house cocktail called ‘Dawa’.

Tour Highlights: Dining experience

Duration: Half day

Price: USD\$40+

ENJOY A COLD (HOT) TUSKER OR TASTE THE FINEST COFFEE

Going out in Nairobi can be described as simply vibrant. There are plenty of entertainment options in some of the city's stylish and exciting restaurants, bars and nightclubs where you could

dance the night away as you enjoy a cold Tusker and “Nyama Choma” with friends. Alternatively you can enjoy Kenya’s Coffee or Tea at one of the many chic coffee shops in Nairobi

Tour Highlights: Networking, Dining, Fun

Duration: Half day

Price: from USD\$10

More Nightlife: Westlands Nightclub District, Central Business District Clubs

KAREN BLIXEN MUSEUM, NAIROBI

Built in 1912, Karen Blixen Museum was home to Danish Author, poet and Artist- Karen Blixen. Made famous by the Oscar Award winning film ‘Out of Africa’, based on Karen’s autobiography by the same title, the then farmhouse was

established as a museum in 1986 by the National Museums of Kenya. The museum continues to captivate visitors inspired by Karen’s life story.

Tour Highlights: Exhibitions, Nature trails

Duration: Half day

Price: USD\$30

www.museums.or.ke



ENJOY A ROUND OF GOLF

Nairobi’s golf courses personify the charm of golfing in Kenya. Most courses in Nairobi are just a short hop from the city Center. All of Nairobi’s courses enjoy wonderful natural surroundings and a tremendous variety of landscapes, from the subtropical forests of Windsor to the higher plantations and temperate woodlands of Limuru and Sigona Golf clubs.

Tour Highlights: Round of Golf, Dinning, Walking

Duration: Full day

Price: USD\$45 - 100

www.kenyagolfunion.org



KARUNGURU COFFEE TOUR



Approx. 38km from Nairobi

Karunguru farm has taken over eighty years to perfect the art and increase proficiency in farming, picking, drying, roasting, grinding, and packaging of single origin coffee. Branding, roasted coffee production and coffee education through coffee tasting tours are now the farms main priorities and visitors to the farm can take the journey that coffee has to go through before getting to your cup!

Tour Highlights: Farm Tour, Coffee Tasting, Nature trails

Duration: Full day

Price: USD\$50

www.karungurucoffee.com

More Farm Tours near Nairobi

- Brown's Cheese Tasting Room, approx. 35km from Nairobi
- Kiambethu Tea Farm Tour, approx. 40km from Nairobi

LAKE NAIVASHA BOAT TOURS

Approx. 110km from Nairobi

Lake Naivasha is an ideal place for boating, with wide open waters, fantastic surrounding scenery and plenty of channels to explore. Boats can be hired from many of Naivasha lakeside lodges and camps, an excellent way to see plenty of birdlife and hippos up close. Combine the boat tour with a visit to the Crescent Island game sanctuary where you can walk among herds of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, gazelle and other plains game for a memorable day trip out of Nairobi.

Tour Highlights: Boat Tour, Wildlife viewing, Photography, Hiking, Birding

Duration: Day trip

Price: USD\$20-100

www.kws.go.ke



HELLS GATE NATIONAL PARK

Approx. 125km from Nairobi

Hells Gate National Park is situated in the environs of Lake Naivasha and is characterized by diverse topography and geological scenery. The park has high cliffs with several possible hiking routes, and plenty of opportunity for climbs and abseiling. Hells Gate National park is the only National park in Kenya where visitors are completely free to walk and bike anywhere in the Park all year round.

Tour Highlights: Wildlife viewing, Hiking, Biking, Rock Climbing, GeoThermal Pools

Duration: Day trip

Price: USD\$25-100

www.kws.go.ke



Cycling paths

BEYOND THE CITY - DAY TRIPS OUT OF NAIROBI

Fresh air, pristine beauty, and incredible wildlife; there's so much to love about Kenya. Kenya's sprawling landscape offers an excellent variety of environments to explore. From the misty highlands to the endless savannahs, nature-lovers will rejoice at the bounty of experiences to be had. If you're looking for day trips near Nairobi, here are a few tips.

PARADISE LOST - NATURE TOUR

Approx. 21km from Nairobi CBD

Paradise Lost, an oasis in the middle of a coffee farm, is a serene attraction located in Kiambu County. The main attraction at Paradise Lost is the caves with the entrance screened by an impressive cascading waterfall. A family friendly getaway for fun and relaxation.

Tour Highlights: Cave exploration, Picnics,
Nature trails, Birding

Duration: Half day

Price: From USD\$20

THE FOREST - ANSWER THE CALL OF THE WILD!

Approx. 60km from Nairobi

Situated in the heart of the Aberdare Ranges, in the Kereita Forest, The Forest provides an affordable wide range of activities that will cater to your spirit of adventure. From zip lining to archery, horse riding to mountain biking; here you will find a wide scope of action and adventure activities for those seeking an experience in a natural environment.

Tour Highlights: Zip lining, Paintball, Biking,
Hiking, Foot Golf, Camping,
Horse Riding

www.theforest.co.ke/

MOUNT LONGONOT NATIONAL PARK

Approx. 85km from Nairobi

When an entire park is created around an extinct volcano, you know it is pretty special. The name Longonot is derived from the Maasai word Oloonongiot meaning mountains of many spurs or steep ridges. Rising to 2,776 meters above sea level, Mount Longonot offers remarkable views of the Great Rift Valley and Lake Naivasha. Due to the nature of the terrain Mount Longonot is ideal for hikes to the top and rim of the crater.

Tour Highlights: Photography, Hiking
www.kws.go.ke

Other Hiking destinations near Nairobi

- Ngong Hills Nature Reserve, approx. 30km from Nairobi
- Ol Donyo Sabuk National Park, approx. 75km from Nairobi

SAGANA - WHITE WATER RAFTING

Approx. 110km from Nairobi

The Tana River has some excellent rapids for white water rafting. A trip to Sagana offers a combination of 16 kms of white water (up to Class V in season) and 12 kms of clear river ideal for calm drifts through spectacular scenery, an excellent taster for Kenya's other white water adventures. The drifts offer a good opportunity for bird watching along the riverbanks. If you are looking for an adventurous and adrenaline filled day trip out of Nairobi, this is the perfect option.

Tour Highlights: Rafting, Kayaking, Birding



• **Congress Organizational Plan**



ADDENDUM 6: CONGRESS ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) as the lead host organization coordinated the development of the bid application in close consultation with other partners in Kenya, including Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, National Treasury, Office of the President, Kenya Forest Service, World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF), African Forest Forum, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), National Environment Trust Fund, University of Nairobi, Kenyatta International Convention Center, Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency, Green Belt Movement, Forestry Society of Kenya and Kenya Tourism Federation. KEFRI worked

closely with Embrapa (Brazil) and the Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU) as mentor Institutions.

The KEFRI Bid Development Coordination Secretariat developed the Bid in 2021- 23 under the Director, KEFRI. Should the bid be successful, the core team will carry on and expand with time. It is proposed to work in 3 strategic phases: 1 x 3yr plan 2021-2023 as pre and post-bid period, 1 x 4yr plan: 2024 -2027, 1x4yr plan Congress & Post-Congress 2028-2031. Assuming KEFRI Staff remain in service until retirement, most appointments will have been made at least one (1) year before the Congress is held.

Acknowledgements by Director, KEFRI

KEFRI acknowledges the support of several partners as listed above and in the letters of support in the bid Addendum 1. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr. Sammy Letema, former Chairman, KEFRI Board of Directors and Dr. Jane Njuguna, KEFRI Senior Deputy Director (Research and Development) for giving the bid the necessary attention and support as it underwent different stages of Board approval.

Last but not least, I thank the nominees of the different Institutions who worked tirelessly with the KEFRI IUFRO Bid Development Secretariat to compile and revise the bid document, as follows:

Kenya Forest Service (KFS) - Dr. Clement Ng'oriareng', Ms Diana Kishiki, Mr. George Tarus,
Mr. Sylvester Okal

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National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND) - Mr. Michael Okok, Ms Cynthia Muriithi

Kenya National Convention Bureau - Mr. Davis Wambua, Mr. Muriuki Muriithi

Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency - Ms Joanne Wanjala, Ms Esther Maina

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry - Mr. Shadrack Maweu,
Ms Beatrice Atemo

Kenya Tourism Federation – Ms Susan Ongalo, Mr. Stephen Otieno

Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs (DICE) – Mr. Julius Bargorett, Ms Pauline Opemo

Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Office of the President

Directorate of Immigration – Mr. John Kamiri

National Police Service – Mr. Dominic Kisavi

Kenyatta International Convention Centre – Mr. Elijah Korir, Mr. James Mbevi

Kenya Airports Authority - Ms. Elizabeth Ntitoatoye

ICRAF - Prof. Catherine Muthuri

CIFOR - Ms Salina Abraham in Nairobi, GLF support teams in Bonn, Germany & Bogor, Indonesia

KEFRI Secretariat members - Dr. Mercy Gichora (Coordinator), Dr. Kamiri Ndufa, Dr. Michael Mukolwe, Mr. Paul Tuwei, Ms. Evelyn Ongaria, Ms Betty Njoki, Ms Norah Koima, Mr. Ngeny Tingos, Ms Jacinta Nyamai, Mr. Evans Abuje (Graphic Designer), Dr. Jackson Mulatya, Dr. Joram Kagombe, Ms Elizabeth Mukoma and Ms Nellie Oduor

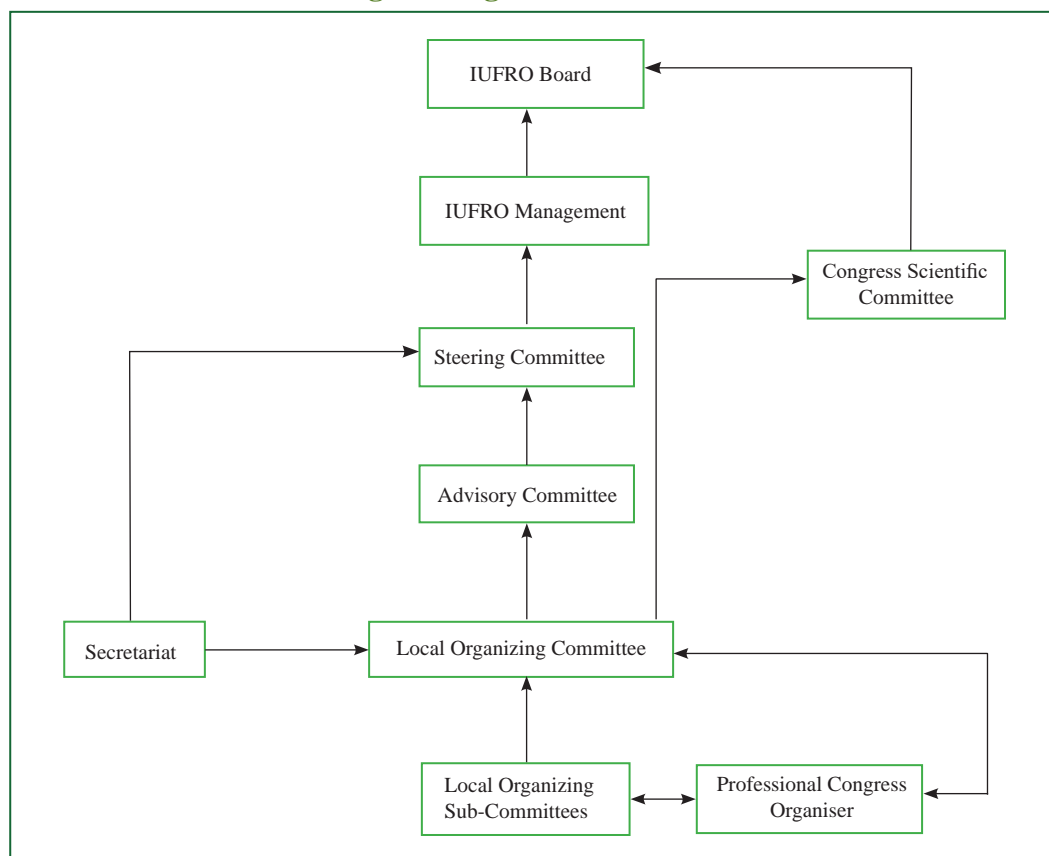
KEFRI Director's Office - Ms Anne Wairimu, Ms Zaituni Chelangat

KEFRI Drylands Eco-Regional Research Programme - Dr. Albert Luvanda, Regional Director and staff of KEFRI Kitui Regional Centre for their hospitality during bid development

Nairobi City County- Daniel Otieno, Margret Gathogo, Joyce Kinyanjui

Local Organizing Subcommittee members: All persons representing other Bid Development Partners in hospitality, logistics and transport

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Note:

If bid is successful, the Principal Secretary of Ministry responsible for Forestry will chair the 27th IUFRO Congress Steering Committee comprising of 3 IUFRO Member Organization CEOs, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF-KFS) and Chairperson of the Advisory Committee. The Steering Committee will nominate and appoint members of other Committees operating below it.

KEFRI Secretariat staff member profiles

	AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Dr. Joshua Cheboiwo	Chief Research Scientist (Forest Socio-economics, Policy and Governance). IUFRO International Council Representative for Kenya. Corporate governance with wide experience in institutional management. Attended 25 th IUFRO World Congress in 2019.	The Chief Executive Officer, KEFRI & Chairman, 27 th IUFRO World Congress Local Organizing Committee
Dr. Mercy Gichora	Chief Research Scientist (Forest Entomology). IUFRO Alternate Representative for Kenya 2010-2019. Current FORNESSA Vice-President. Previously worked in the Corporate Services and Quality Assurance department in KEFRI Headquarters. Experienced in IUFRO Congress and KEFRI Conference organization. Secretary of COC/CSC of the First IUFRO Regional Congress for Africa 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress organization. • Bid Secretariat Coordinator • Communicates with IUFRO on behalf of Director KEFRI, when required; • Key contact person managing Secretariat linkages with internal & external partners
MEMBERS		
Dr. Jane Njuguna	Chief Research Scientist (Plant Pathology). Represents KEFRI in the Kenya Forest Service Board of Directors and leads in forest health research in KEFRI. Wide experience in corporate governance and institutional management. Attended 6 th International Casuarina Workshop held in Thailand in 2019 and organized by IUFRO Working Party 2.08.02, Improvement and Culture of Nitrogen-Fixing Trees, IUFRO Taskforce Forest Biomass Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Deputy Director Research and Development); • Will report progress and budget for the research and development aspects of the Congress in KEFRI Executive, Consultative and Board of Directors Committee meetings
CPA George Otieno	Certified Public Accountant specializes in Financial Management and Audit. Member of The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya and The Institute of Internal Auditors Kenya. Wide experience in corporate governance and institutional management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Deputy Director (Corporate Services), KEFRI • Head of Finance, Supplies Chain Management, Administration and Human Resource Management, KEFRI; • To lead in IUFRO Congress administration and financial management in KEFRI; • To coordinate submission of related KEFRI Congress Management reports to IUFRO

Dr. Jackson Mulatya	Chief Research Scientist. (Ecophysiology/Agroforestry). Member of FORNESSA Theme 5 on Forests and Climate Change, Lead Auditor and Management Representative in charge of ISO Environmental and Quality Management systems, KEFRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs and Quality Assurance, KEFRI; Member of Secretariat, Head of PR and Communication in KEFRI; • Leading in development and implementation of Congress Public Relations and Communication strategy in consultation with IUFRO
Dr. Mbuvi, MTE	Chief Research Scientist (Forest Socio-economics, Policy and Governance), Participatory forest management and environmental science specialist. Key competencies: Policy, legislation, regulation and guideline development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Director and Head of Forest Research Support Services and ICT in KEFRI. <p>Lead in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment and maintenance of IUFRO World Congress Website, • Editing of the Congress Information Package and the Congress Registration Package in cooperation with IUFRO HQ • Publication and digital distribution of the Congress Proceedings including the abstracts, selected presentations and a list of participants • Raise appropriate technical equipment specifications in consultation with COC Members and PCO
Dr. Kamiri Ndufa	Chief Research Scientist (Soil scientist). Heads Climate Change Research in KEFRI, coordinates Dryland Research Programme, in charge of Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (World Bank) and Dryland Tree Breeding Programme (JICA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Director, Forest Environment and Biodiversity Management Theme. To lead in the development of Congress technical tour content & justification of PROPOSED itineraries, coordinate tour service providers (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Dr. James Kimondo	Chief Research Scientist (Soil scientist). Heads Climate Change, Forest Biodiversity and Kopre Landscape Restoration Research in KEFRI, coordinates Dryland Research Programme, in charge of Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (World Bank), Dryland Tree Breeding Programme (JICA), and GEF-FAO Restoration in ASALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Director, Forest Environment and Biodiversity Management Theme. To lead in the development of Congress technical tour content & justification of PROPOSED itineraries, coordinate tour service providers (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)

Dr. George Muthike	Chief Research Scientist (Timber processing and engineering). Head of timber assessment multi-agency in Kenya, leader in the development of standards in timber quality, optimization for micro-processing systems for wood products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Director, Forest Products Development Theme; To lead the forest products technical aspects of in-congress tours To head logistics and venue coordination in the event organization
Dr. Joram Kagombe	Chief Research Scientist (Forest Socio-economics, Policy and Governance). Specializes in Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES), has headed Commercial forestry and investment research and development initiatives. Has attended an IUFRO World Congress (2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DD-HR, to lead KEFRI succession planning for bid Secretariat Staff so as to anticipate and fill any emanating gaps in timely fashion during the congress period; to lead recruitment of Student Volunteers
Ms Evelyn Oroni	Certified Human Resource Professional (CHRP); MBA-HR, Bsc Agricultural Economics. Experience is drawn from public and private international and national sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader of Resource Mobilization and Finance Subcommittee of the Local Organization Lead in Government Budget; processes in support of the Congress
Ms Rose Osoro	FCPA. Certified Accountant and Public Secretary. Specialises in Public Financial management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget formulation for the Congress and will support implementation (financial reporting).
Ms Elizabeth Mukoma	Senior Accounts Assistant. BA (Business Management – Accounting Option), Certified Public Accountant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Director, Central Highlands Ecoregional Research Programme; Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Dr. Eston Mutitu	Chief Research Scientist (Entomology). Specialist in forest health. Exotic tree pest integrated management specialist,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Director, Coast Ecoregional Research Programme; Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Dr. Linus Wekesa	Principal Research Scientist (Agricultural Economics). Analyst of market value chains in forest products. Headed World Bank Kenya Coastal Development Project (KCDP)	

Dr. John Otuoma	Principal Research Scientist. (Ecology). Invasive species management, phytoremediation expert. Landscape restoration and carbon MVR research specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Director, Lake Victoria Basin Eco-regional Research Programme; Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Dr. Leila Ndalilo	Natural Resource Management specialist, MSc in Environmental Studies and Community Development, Senior Research Scientist, with experience in Participatory Forest Management and community development. Attended IUFRO 125 th Anniversary Congress & 26 th World Congress 2019, Deputy Thematic Leader, FORNESSA Forests and People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Regional Director, Lake Victoria Basin Eco-regional Research Programme (Kakamega). Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Ms Nellie Oduor	Principal Research Scientist (Wood Science). Deputy Coordinator of IUFRO Div 5.07.04. Coordinator, INBAR Dutch-Sino East Africa Bamboo Development Programme (Kenya). Attended 24 th & 25 th IUFRO World Congresses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director, Forest Products Research Programme and will host KEFRI Karura exhibition in the In-Congress tour, ready to lead in the recruitment of more IUFRO members in Kenya; Member of Congress Tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Dr. Josephine Musyoki	Principal Research Scientist (Forest Socio-economics, Policy and Governance). Specialist in participatory Forest Management and extension services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Regional Director, Drylands Eco-region Programme; Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Dr. Chemuku Wekesa	Senior Research Scientist (Forest Ecology). Landscape ecologist, environmental scientist and climate change specialist. Attended Asian Regional Congress in China, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)
Dr. Michael Mukolwe	Chief Research Scientist (Natural resource management and capacity building). Lead trainer in Social Forestry and Manager of Japan-Kenya Training Collaboration in East, South and Central Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO)

Mr. Paul Tuwei	Principal Research Scientist (Agroforestry). Knowledge management specialist. Member of KEFRI Budget Committee, experienced in organizing national, international and regional conferences and IUFRO Congresses-key competencies: editing of publications, dissemination of research findings and production of extension and training materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Resource Mobilization and Finance Subcommittee of the Local Organization Committee. • To participate in the establishment and maintenance of abstract submission and review tools • To contribute in the production of final report of proceedings of the Congress
Dr. Jesse Owino	Senior Research Scientist. Bio-geo-chemist (Ecophysicologist). A representative for Biodiversity Informatics and ecosystem function specialist in Africa (JRS Biodiversity Foundation), Member of IUFRO Sustainable Forestry Task Force; Bilingual (French/English). Attended All IUFRO Division Conference in 2022 and the 26 th IUFRO World Congress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Congress tours Organization team (in partnership with COC Members and PCO); • Leading Franco-phone tour interpretation technical content; • To lead the recruitment of African students and Coordinate IFSA participation in programme
Ms Betty Prissy Njoki	Bachelor of Science, (Food Science and Technology). Assistant Director and Principal Resource Mobilization in KEFRI. National evaluator of GCF and GEF, Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Resource Mobilization and Finance Subcommittee of the Local Organization Committee; Coordinate other members drawn from development partners and Government Ministries
Ms Norah Koima	Bachelor of Science (Computer Science), Master of Science (Information Technology - System Security & Audit).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will coordinate the integration of different
Mr. Paul Nyathore	MBA in SCM, Certified Project Manager, Full Member CIPS (UK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advise on the development and implementation of the Congress procurement plan with PCO; • Supporting the Private Sector Sponsorship Drive Plan by PCO
Mr. Tingos Ngeny	Principal Supply Chain Management Officer: Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, (BBM - Purchasing and Supplies Option): Level 6 Professional Diploma (Procurement & Supply), MCIPS-UK, MKISM, MKIM. 25 years' experience in public service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting KEFRI Head of Supplies Chain • Management in the development and implementation of the Congress procurement plan; • Supporting the Private Sector Sponsorship Drive Plan by PCO

Ms Jacinta Nyamai	Office Administration - Graduate Diploma in Public Relations, Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the Congress organization through communications and custody of correspondence, key communication contact person assisting Bid Secretariat Coordinator in managing linkages with external partners
Ms Zaituni Chelangat	Office Administration, Masters Degree (HRM), - Principal Office Administrator in The Office of The Director KEFRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the Congress organization through communications and custody of correspondence, contact person for Government Ministries
Ms Ann Wairimu	Office Administration, Bachelor of Business and Office Management Degree, Senior Office Administrator in The Office of The Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the Congress organization through communications and custody of correspondence, contact person for Government Ministries
Mr. Evans Abuje	Graphic Designer. Diploma in Graphic Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative and type setting input in transforming Microsoft Word documents into In Design and PDF presentations for visual appeal
Ms Esther Manyeki	ICT Officer. MBA (Information Systems). Experienced in developing and managing ICT Systems and Websites. Involved in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) as an expert in database management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting virtual meetings and presentations as well as website development; member of the Hospitality Subcommittee where she provides technical backstopping in ICT matters regarding capacity of venues to deliver a hybrid congress concept

Profiles of Congress Steering Committee members



JOSHUA CHEBOIWO

Director, KEFRI

1985-1989

- Founder of Socioeconomics and Policy Research Programme, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KALRO)

1991-1997

- Project Manager Kenya Japan Social Forestry Training Project, Kitui, Coordinator, Tiva dryland forestry technology development and species and provenance trials and Lower level training courses on nursery and forestry for eastern drylands in Kenya

1997-1999

- Regional Director, Dryland Eco-Region Research Programme, Kitui. Coordinator, Research problem identification, planning, implementation, monitoring evaluation and co-ordination of dryland forestry research and development in the country.

2003-2014

- Regional Director, Rift Valley Eco-Regional Research Programme. Coordinator, research problem identification, planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and co-ordination of montane natural forests, plantation and Dryland Research in Rift Valley.

2014-2018

- Deputy Director, Socioeconomic, Policy and Governance Research Theme, KEFRI Headquarters

2018-2019

- Acting Senior Deputy Director, KEFRI Headquarters

2019- present

- Director, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Forestry Research Institute, Coordinator: Research planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Resource mobilization, disbursement and prioritization research projects in accordance to KEFRI Strategic Plan 2013-2018

2019 - present

- IUFRO International Council Representative for Kenya



JULIUS KAMAU, EBS

- **Chief Conservator of Forests,**
- **Chief Executive Officer / Kenya Forest Service**

is a career Forester and Conservationist with over 19 years of experience in taking actions, negotiating and influencing decision that supports sustainable management and protection of environment and natural resources in the region. His passion, dedication, commitment and conservation leadership is premised on his conviction that development and environmental needs of the present generations must be addressed without compromising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs

Kamau holds a Masters of Art Degree in Environmental Planning and Management (University of Nairobi), B.SC Degree (1st class honours) in Forestry (Moi University), Diploma in International Environmental Law-making and Diplomacy(University of Eastern Finland), postgraduate certificate in Development Impact, Green Economy and is a registered EIA lead Expert with NEMA among other academic qualifications.

He is also a lead author to a scientific paper ‘Climate Change Adaptation and EIA Studies in Kenya’ in the International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management

As a conservation leader he has been instrumental in steering, negotiating, advocating and influencing decisions for sustainable management of forest resources.

Kamau has a great wealth of experience in policy dialogue and influence, design and management of environmental programmes in private, public and international development cooperation sectors. He has worked with Sotik Tea Company

as the Forest and Environmental Coordinator; Embassy of Finland as a Forest Specialist; Embassy of Sweden as a Regional Programme Manager; INTASAVE Africa as the Regional Director, the East African Wild Life Society as the Executive Director; the Deputy Executive Director for Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust and currently the Chief Executive Officer/Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya Forest Service.

Mr. Kamau also served as the National Vice Secretary for the Forest Society of Kenya for 6 years between 2011 and 2016. In 2018, Kamau was appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry as a member to the Forestry Task Force and further to the Task Team mandated to develop task force report implementation matrix and make a presentation of the same to the Office of the President.

At the helm of Kenya Forest Service, Kamau has spearheaded transformational sectoral and institutional reforms that has improved the image of Kenya Forest Service as well as opened space for partners and stakeholders in forest conservation and management.

Kamau was recently awarded the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS) by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya conferred on 12th December 2021 for an exemplary performance in forest conservation management and protection.

Kamau is also an Honorary Warden of the Kenya Wildlife Service appointed by the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife.



TONY SIMONS

- **Executive Director, CIFOR-ICRAF**
- **Director General, ICRAF**

Tony Simons has worked for 30 years on issues at the tropical forestry/agriculture interface in more than 40 developing countries. His work has spanned the private sector (Shell Forestry), academia (University of Oxford), official development assistance (FCDO) and research (CIFOR-ICRAF). He holds a bachelor's degree from Massey University, NZ, and doctoral degree from Cambridge University, UK. In 2009, Tony was made an Honorary Professor in Tropical Forestry at the University of Copenhagen.

He has published over 150 research papers and has mentored dozens of young scientists in developing countries. Tony is passionate about the transformative change that private sector can bring to development based on partnerships with CEMOI, MARS Inc, Danone and Unilever. He sits on various Boards and Investment Committees including TEEB, Global Restoration Council, ACTS, Livelihoods Fund, and Tropical Landscape Finance Facility. In 2020, Tony was made a life-time Fellow of Swedish Royal Academy of Agriculture



ROBERT NASI

- **Managing Director, CIFOR-ICRAF**
- **Director General, CIFOR**

For almost four decades, Robert Nasi has lived and travelled in numerous locations across Africa, Asia and the Pacific undertaking research in the fields of ecology and tropical forest management. He holds a bachelor's degree in forest engineering from the French National School of Forestry and a PhD in ecology from the University of Paris Sud – Orsay.

Robert joined CIFOR in 1999 and held several research and management positions in the organization, before becoming Deputy Director General for Research in 2014, and Director General in 2017. He has authored or co-authored more than 300 scientific publications.

Robert's research interests include the sustainable use of forest products and multiple-use management of tropical forests. His scientific work aims to integrate social and biological sciences for better management of tropical forests, more sustainable livelihoods and better designed forest policies. His main disciplines are ecology, botany, biometrics, tropical forest management, and silviculture.



GODWIN KOWERO

- **Executive Secretary, African Forest Forum**

Godwin Kowero is a Tanzanian professor of forest economics and policy analysis. He has considerable teaching experience in several universities in Tanzania, Kenya and Mozambique; and also in international research in forestry, mainly with the Center for International Forestry Research where he served for 10 years. He guided the establishment of AFF in 2007, and has since been its Executive Secretary-CEO. The AFF is a pan-African institution based in Nairobi, Kenya, and is also the apex forestry institution in Africa. He holds a Ph.D. in forest economic and policy analysis, as well as an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. He is a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences, and also of the Tanzania Academy of Sciences. He has over 80 peer reviewed publications, including chapters in books, and several books.

MERCY GICHORA

- **Coordinator, 27th IUFRO World Congress Bid Secretariat, Kenya**



With former IUFRO President Niels Koch. Nairobi. 2012

Kenyan forestry research scientist with specialization in Forest Entomology

- Secretary, IUFRO 2015 - 2019 Strategy Review Panel which undertook the assignment in 2017
- 2020-present: Deputy President, FORNESSA

[IUFRO International Council](#) - Alternate Representative for Kenya 2010-2019

[IUFRO Task Force member](#) - Forest Foresight for Forest Sector Planning, **Coordinator: Jerry Vanclay**

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