

Research and EdTech Engagement Forum – February 7, 2025
Forum Theme: Enhancing research engagement @ KENET for increased research productivity

Venue – Sarova Stanley, Nairobi

Forum Program

Day 1 – February 6, 2024

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Speaker
4.00 PM – 7.00 PM	Arrival at Hotel and Registration	KENET Secretariat
7.00 PM – 9.00 PM	Dinner and Networking	Open

Day 2 – February 7, 2025

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Speaker
7.00 AM – 8.00AM	Forum Registration	KENET Secretariat, KENET
8.00 AM – 8.30 AM	Introductions	Prof Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
8.30 AM – 8.45 AM	Welcome remarks from Chair, KENET management board and opening forum	Prof. Stephen Kimani, Chair, KENET Management Board
8.45 AM – 9.30 AM	Key objectives of research engagement forum and program	Prof Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
9.30 AM – 10.30 AM	<i>Reflections on research and Edtech community engagement @ KENET – 2018 – 2024</i> Panel discussion: Panelists: Research associates – CSIS, CMMS, Engineering Representative grantees - 2019 – 2024	Prof. Stephen Kimani, Chair, KENET Management Board
10.30 AM – 11.00 AM	Health Break	KENET Secretariat
11.00 AM – 11.45 AM	<i>Calls for Proposals for SIG CSIS, CMMS + EO, and Engineering - KENET expectations?</i> <i>Speakers – research associates</i>	Prof Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
11.45 AM – 12.15 PM	<i>KENET research and edtech services – GPU cluster, virtual lab and identity and trust services for enhanced research collaboration</i> Ms Joy Otuya Oyim and Mr. Kennedy Aseda	Alfred Kipruto, Enterprise ICT Solutions Lead, KENET
12.15 PM – 1.00 PM	<i>Improving CSIS and EE doctoral education in Kenyan Universities</i> Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Cüra Maina, Associate Professor, DeKUT • Prof. Turoop Losenge, Director, PAUSTI • Prof. Andrew Mwaura Kahonge, Head of CS Department, UoN, • Prof. Patrick Wamuyu, Head of Computing, USIU-A 	Prof Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET

1.00 PM – 2.00 PM	Group Photo and Lunch Break	KENET Secretariat
2.00 PM – 3.00 PM	<i>Breakout Groups per SIG – CSIS, CMMS, Engineering, EO - What are the 2025 research priorities for representative SIGs (results of online survey) and closing remarks</i>	KENET Research Services Team
3.00 PM – 3.45 PM	Panel discussion on impact of research engagement @KENET in period 2019 – 2023 Panelists – 2 past grantees, 3 selected heads of department/deans in SIG areas, 1 research associate	Prof Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
3.45 PM – 4.00 PM	Closing remarks and vote of thanks	Prof. Stephen Kimani, Chair, KENET Management Board
4.00 PM – 4.30 PM	Health Break and departure	KENET secretariat