



16th Annual Heads of Institutions Forum – December 4 – 6, 2024

Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa, Mombasa

Forum Theme: Enhancing institutional digital inclusion and digitalization

Forum Program

Day 1 – December 3, 2024

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

Day 2 – December 4, 2024 (Digital infrastructure)

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Speaker
8.00 AM – 8.30 AM	Forum Registration	KENET Secretariat
8.30 AM – 8.40 AM	Welcome Remarks by Chair of Board of Trustees and introductions of trustees and management board members	Prof. Isaac Kosgey, VC, Moi University and, Chairman, Board of Trustees, KENET
8.40 AM – 8.50 AM	Welcome remarks from representative of Coast region members	Prof. Laila Abubakar, VC, TUM and KENET Trustee
8.50 AM – 9.15 AM	Introductions of Heads of Institutions by membership categories	Prof. Stephen Kimani, Chair, KENET Management Board
9.15 AM – 9.30 AM	Structure of 2024 HoI Forum Program	Prof. Stephen Kimani, Chair, KENET Management Board
9.30 AM – 10.00 AM	<i>Why does Kenya (still) need a dedicated, resilient and high-speed national academic network (aka NREN) operated by and for members?</i>	Prof. Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
10.00 AM – 10.45 AM	Health Break	KENET Secretariat
10.45 AM – 11.45 AM	<i>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Margaret Ndungú, CS, MoICDE</i> <i>Title: TBA</i>	Prof Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
11.45 AM – 12.15 PM	<i>Update on ongoing KENET digital inclusion initiatives for tertiary colleges, universities, teaching hospitals, and research institutes.</i>	Mr. Cornelius Achiki, Senior Infrastructure engineer, KENET
12.15 PM – 12.45 PM	<i>Why do KENET Identity and Trust services matter for connected institutions?</i>	Mrs. Joy Oyim, senior systems administrator, educational technology and research services
12.45 PM – 2.00 PM	Group Photo and Lunch Break	KENET Secretariat

2.00 PM – 3.00 PM	<p>Plenary Panel discussion: <i>Impact of digital campus infrastructure projects</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Prof Meoli Kashorda, ED, KENET</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof Laban Ayiro, VC, Daystar University 2. Prof Elijah Songok, DG, KEMRI 3. Prof Waceke Wanjohi, VC, Kenyatta University 4. Mrs. Catherine Kelonye, Chief Principal, The Kisumu National Polytechnic 	CPA Catbrine Juma , KENET Management Board Member
3.00 PM – 3.45 PM	<p>Plenary Panel discussion: <i>Role of anchor member institutions in closing Internet Access Gaps in Rural Communities</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Joan Masai, Project Manager, Digital Inclusion Projects</i></p> <p>Panelists / speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Kibwana Matano, CEO, Kilifi teaching and referral hospital 2. Prof. James Kahindi, VC, Pwani University 3. Prof. Peter Mwita, VC, Friends Kaimosi University 4. Chief Librarian, Public Library, Garissa Town 5. Principal, Secondary School TBD 	
3.45 PM – 4.15 PM	Health Break	KENET Secretariat
4.15 PM – 5.15 PM	KENET members' engagement meeting – universities	Co-Chairs: TBD
4.15 PM – 5.15 PM	KENET members' engagement meeting - Tertiary Colleges	Co-Chairs: TBD
4.15 PM – 5.15 PM	KENET members' engagement meeting – research institutes	Chair: TBD
6.00 PM – 7.00 PM	Cocktail – informal meeting with KENET board members and management	KENET Secretariat

Day 3 – December 5, 2024 (Educational technology and research services)

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Speaker
Dx and technology shifts		
8.00 AM – 8.30 AM	Registration	KENET secretariat
8.30 AM – 9.00 AM	Readiness for adoption of UNCTAD frontier technologies by member institutions	Prof. Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
9.00 AM – 10.00 AM	<p>Plenary discussion – Kenya’s readiness for adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and research – what is the role of KENET? Chair: TBD</p> <p>Panelists / speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Ciira Maina, Director, DKUT Center for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence 2. Dr. Wanjiku Ng’ang’a, Director, UoN School of AI 3. Prof. George Amolo, Professor of Physics, TU-K 4. Kennedy Aseda, CTO, KENET 	TBD
10.00 AM – 10.30 AM	Health Break	KENET Secretariat
10.30 AM – 11.30 AM	<p>Breakout session Track 1 – <i>Teaching and learning - accessibility of blended learning content</i></p> <p>Chair: Prof Mike Kuria, CEO, CUE</p> <p>Panelists/ speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Priscilla Mutua, Principal Machakos TTI for Blind 2. Dr. Norman Kiogora, CEO, Kenya Institute for Special Education 3. Ms Zeinab Mzungu, Instructional Designer, KENET 4. Prof Mwenda Ntarangwi, VC, USIU-Africa 	TBD

10.30 AM – 12.30 PM	<p>Breakout session</p> <p>Track 2: <i>Research funding for graduate education and post-doctoral research</i></p> <p>Chair: Prof Robert Gateru, VC, Riara University</p> <p>Panelists/ speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Abdou Tenkouano, CEO, ICIPE 2. Prof. Dickson Andala, CEO, NRF 3. Dr. Vincent Ogutu, VC, Strathmore University 4. Prof Victoria Ngumi, VC, JKUAT 	Prof. Stephen Kimani, Chair, KENET Management Board
12.30 PM – 2.00 PM	Lunch Break	KENET Secretariat
2.15 PM – 3.45 PM	<p>Plenary session: Digital enterprise services</p> <p><i>Lightning Talks and discussions - ERPs deployment</i></p> <p>Panelists/speakers:</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Solomon Mburu, Chair, KENET ERP working group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Zahir Khan, CIO USIU-Africa and member ERP working group 2. Mr. Ian Moore, Member, ERP working group 3. Mr. Alfred Kipruto – ERP working group secretary 4. Dr. Chege Macharia, CEO, AIC Kijabe Hospital 	Mrs. Irene Nyakweba, University Librarian, Kisii University
3.45 PM – 4.15 PM	Health Break	
4.15 PM – 5.15 PM	KENET members' engagement meeting - CEOs of member institutions affiliated to research & education	Chair: Dr. Agnes Wahome, CEO, KUCCPS
4.15 PM – 5.15 PM	KENET members' engagement meeting - Universities with Schools of Medicine, medical colleges, and teaching hospitals	Chair: Prof James Kahindi, VC, Pwani University

Day 4 – December 6, 2024

Time	Activity	Facilitator/Speaker
8.00 AM – 8.30 AM	Registration	KENET secretariat
8.30 AM – 9.15 AM	<i>2022 Annual Core Data Key Results and Ranking of the 2024 Top 10 ICT Issues</i>	Prof. Meoli Kashorda, Executive Director, KENET
9.15 AM – 10.15 AM	<p><i>Panel Discussions – Panel Discussion – Dx journey – culture, workforce and technology shifts</i></p> <p><i>Track 1 – Dx journey in universities – culture, workforce and technology shifts for increased research productivity and innovations</i></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Mwenda Ntarangwi, VC, USIU-Africa</p> <p>Panelists/ speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. John Njenga Munene, VC, Zetech University 2. Dr. Jane Njuguna, CEO, KEFRI 3. Prof. Emily Achieng Akuno, VC, JOOUST 4. Prof. Isaac Kibwage, VC, Egerton University 5. Brigadier Hillary B. Kipkosgey, CEO Kenya Space Agency <p><i>Track 2 – Dx journey – Digitalization of tertiary colleges</i></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Kipkirui Langat, Director General, TVETA</p> <p>Panelists/ speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Mutembei Kigige, Chief Principal, Meru National Polytechnic 2. Prof. Kisilu Kitainge, CEO, TVET CDACC 3. Mr. Duncan Makunga Okwaro, Principal, Chesta TTC 	TBD

	<p>Track 3 – Dx journey – Cultural, workforce, and technology shifts for increased adoption of digital innovations in surgical training and education</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Chege Macharia, CEO, AIC Kijabe Hospital</p> <p>Panelists/ speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Paul Odula, President, Surgical Society of Kenya 2. Mr. Ahmed Dagane, CEO, KUTRRH 3. CPA Jamhuri Joel, CEO, PCEA Kikuyu Hospital 4. Dr. Samson Orondo, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Egerton University 5. Dr. Leah Moriasi, CEO, Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital 	
10.15 AM – 10.45 AM	Health Break	KENET Secretariat
10.45 AM – 11.15 AM	<i>Data governance and compliance with office of data protection - TBD</i>	Prof Stephen Kimani, Chair, Management Board, KENET
11.15 AM – 12.15 PM	<p>Plenary panel – Procurement of KENET services</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Agnes Wahome, CEO, KUCCPS</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Peter Muchiri, VC, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology 2. Mr. Tom Mulati, Principal, Kisii National Polytechnic 3. Prof. Isaiah Wakindiki, VC, KCA University 4. Prof. Elijah Sangok, CEO, KEMRI 	
12.15 AM – 12.50 PM	KENET community awards	Prof. Isaac Kosgey VC, Moi University and, Chairman, Board of Trustees, KENET / Prof. Meoli Kashorda Executive Director, KENET
12.50 PM – 1.00 PM	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Prof Victoria Ngumi, VC, JKUAT, KENET Trustee
1.00 PM – 2.00 PM	Lunch and Departure	KENET Secretariat