

Partnership for Skills in Applied Sciences Engineering and Technology (PASET) Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (Rsif)

Kenya Policy Dialogue on Higher Education and Skills Development

PROGRAM

Date: 12th June 2025

Venue: Great Rift Valley Lodge

Event Moderator: Mr. Bonface Nyagah, Capacity Building Officer, Rsif *icipe*

08:30hrs– 09:00hrs	Arrival and registration
9:00hrs– 9:30hrs:	<p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Everlyn Nguku, Head of Capacity Building and Institutional Development, <i>icipe</i> • Prof Tom Ogada, Director, African Centre for Technology Studies <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr James Muchiri, PASET EB representative
9:30hrs– 10:30hrs:	<p>Keynote presentation:</p> <p>Transforming Higher Education for a Knowledge-Based Economy: Aligning Policy, Research, and Innovation in Kenya</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Mike Kuria, CEO, Commission for University Education (CUE)
10:30hrs– 11:00hrs	Health Break (incl. group photo)
11:00hrs– 11:45hrs:	<p>Pathways to Strengthen PhD Training and Postgraduate Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Agnes Lutomiah, Head of Programme, Science Technology and Innovation Knowledge in Society, African Centre for Technology Studies
11:45hrs– 12:45hrs:	<p>Panel Discussion: Strengthening Institutional and National Policy Synergies to Maximize the Development Impact of Doctoral Training</p>

Moderator: Prof George Owuor, Director Research & Extension, Egerton University.

Panel Discussants:

- Prof Ogada, Director, African Centre for Technology Studies
- Ms Charity Musembi, National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation
- Prof. Benard Muthiani Kivunge, Registrar Academics, Kenyatta University
- Prof. Eunice Kamara, Department of Philosophy, Religion & Theology, Moi University
- Dr. Richard Koech, Lecturer, Moi University and Rsif Alumnus
- Ruth Murunde, Manager, Research & Development, BioBest

12:45hrs–
12:55hrs:

Way forward and next steps:

Dr. Salome Wawire, Senior Programme Officer, Science for Africa Foundation (SAF)

12:55hrs–
13:00hrs:

Closing Remarks:

Dr Everlyn Nguku, Head of Capacity Building and Institutional Development, *icipe*

13:00hrs

Lunch