

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

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: Welcome Remarks:

- Dr Evelyn Nguku, Head of Capacity Building and Institutional Development, *icipe*
- Prof Tom Ogada, Director, African Centre for Technology Studies

Opening Remarks:

- Mr James Muchiri, PASET EB representative

9:30hrs–
10:30hrs: **Keynote presentation:**
Transforming Higher Education for a Knowledge-Based Economy:
Aligning Policy, Research, and Innovation in Kenya

Speaker:

- Dr David Muthaka, Deputy Commission Secretary for Planning, Research and Innovation Commission for University Education (CUE)

10:30hrs–
11:00hrs **Health Break (incl. group photo)**

11:00hrs–
11:45hrs: **Pathways to Strengthen PhD Training and Postgraduate Impact**

- Dr Agnes Lutomiah, Head of Programme, Science Technology and Innovation Knowledge in Society, African Centre for Technology Studies

11:45hrs–
12:45hrs: **Panel Discussion:** Strengthening Institutional and National Policy Synergies to Maximize the Development Impact of Doctoral Training

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. Mwende Mbilo, Lecturer, Pwani University and Rsif Alumna

12:45hrs–

Way forward and next steps:

12:55hrs:

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

12:55hrs–

Closing Remarks:

13:00hrs:

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

13:00hrs

Lunch