



**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE (URPC) 2023**  
**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**  
**THEME: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE THROUGH SPATIAL PLANNING FOR**  
**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**

**Exhibition VENUE:** ADD

**Date:** Monday-Friday **23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** Oct. 2023

**Conference:** Virtual

**Date:** Tuesday-Wednesday **24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** Oct. 2023

**Time:** 08.30 am – 5.00pm

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Draft Program

<b>DAY 1 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>		
<b>SETTING THE STAGE</b>		
TIME	PRESENTATION	MODERATOR
0830 – 0900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival of Exhibition Participants</li> <li>• Online Participants to join the meeting by 0900 for the official inauguration of the conference.</li> </ul>	
<b>SESSION 1: CONFERENCE INAUGURATION</b>		
0900 – 0945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks by <b>Dr. Romanus Opiyo</b>, Chairman, URPC 2023 Conference Organizing Committee (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Remarks by <b>Dr. Arthur Munyua Mwaura</b>, Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Remarks by Planner. <b>Cyrus Mbisi</b>, Chairman, AAK-TPC (5 Minutes)</li> <li>• Remarks by Planner. <b>Fawcett Komollo</b>, Chairman, KIP (5 Minutes)</li> <li>• Remarks by Planner. <b>Evans Mairura</b>, Chairman, TCPAK (5 Minutes)</li> <li>• Remarks by <b>Prof. Lilac Osanjo</b>, Dean Faculty of Built Environment &amp; Design (10 minutes)</li> <li>• Keynote Address and Conference Opening by <b>The Associate Vice-Chancellor (RIE), Prof. Margaret Jesang Hutchinson</b> (10 minutes)</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Mbathi</b>
<b>SESSION 2: RESEARCH AND PLANNING POLICY AGENDA</b>		
0945 – 1100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Science Academies in Research and Development in Africa: Opportunities for strengthening Climate Resilience Research and Policy Agenda in Africa. (NASAC)- 15 Minutes <b>Dr. Evans Avedi</b></li> <li>• IGAD’S Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development Pathways Agenda: Sharing IGAD’s Specialized Institutions Experiences and Impacts in addressing Climate Risks and Vulnerabilities in the Region - 15 Minutes <b>Mr. Charles Obila</b></li> <li>• National Slum Upgrading and Prevention Strategy: Sharing opportunities for mainstreaming climate resilience in the strategy- <b>Pln. George Arwa (TBC)</b> (National Coordinator of the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Project- KISIP)- 15 Minutes</li> <li>• The Imperatives in Mainstreaming Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Transformation in Urban Management Practices- 15 Minutes <b>Dr. Maurice Oyugi</b></li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Wamuchiru</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urbanization and Environmental Implications: Opportunities for Africa Urban Landscapes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century- 15 Minutes <b>Dr. Kenneth K. Mbali.</b></li> <li><b>Questions and Discussions</b></li> </ul>	
<b>SESSION 3: STAKEHOLDERS ACTIVISM AND INDUSTRIES ROLE IN CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLANNING</b>		
1100 – 1300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of Youth Movements in Building Climate Resilience Actions in Africa: Opportunities for linking Research and Activism- <b>Mr Allen Ottaro</b>- CYNESA- 15 Minutes</li> <li>Panel Discussion- The Voice of Professional bodies and practitioners in embracing climate resilient planning in Kenya: (KIP, AAK-TPC, TCPAK, KOEI-Africa) to be moderated by <b>Arch. Planner CD Karisa</b>- 45 Minutes</li> <li><b>Questions and Discussions</b></li> </ul>	<b>Prof. P. Maringa</b>
<b>SESSION 4: CLIMATE ACTION AND INTERVENTIONS</b>		
0200-0330	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change Actions: Water and Sanitation Programs in Kenya Cities - <b>Myrko Webers&amp; Lawrence Kimaru</b>- <b>VEI-B.V.</b></li> <li>Flood Risk Management and Settlement Planning: Case Study of Seven Towns in Tana River County- <b>Dr. Silas Muketha&amp; Sharon Vintage W. Mwangi</b></li> <li>County Climate Actions and Opportunities for Urban Poor Communities- SDI-K Experiences in Kenya- <b>Mr. Kilion Nyambuga</b></li> <li>Leveraging Technology for Smart and Resilience Planning: Emerging use of Drones in Spatial Planning- <b>Mr. Moses Kioko</b>, Geoid Technologies</li> <li>Mitigation of Urban Flood Risks and Disasters Through GIS Mapping of Nairobi Rivers: Towards Ecological Resilience- <b>Dr. Silas Muketha&amp; Sharon Vintage W. Mwangi</b></li> <li><b>Questions and Discussions</b></li> </ul>	<b>Dr. A. Mwaura</b>
0330 -1700	<b>Visiting Exhibitions</b>	<b>Exhibitors</b>
<b>END OF DAY ONE</b>		
<b>DAY 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>		
0845-0900	Recap of previous day	<b>Dr. Mbathi</b>

<b>SESSION 5: INCLUSIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLANING LIVELIHOODS AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
0900 - 1100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Thinkers Initiative and Climate Action: Experience of AAK-TPC in Smart, Sustainable and Just Cities- <b>Pln. Cyrus Mbisi</b></li> <li>Revitalization of Rural Livelihoods through Land Use Planning in ASALs. Case Study of Ewuaso Oo’nkidongi Ward in Kajiado County- <b>Dr. Margaret Ngayu&amp; Dr. Philip Olale</b></li> <li>Transportation Infrastructure Planning and Development in Africa Cities: Opportunities for Smart and Climate Resilience Infrastructure in Africa- <b>Mr. Akifumu Watanabe &amp; Mr. Akbar Ahmed</b> of KOEI-Africa</li> <li>Urban Regeneration Strategies for Resilience and Sustainability: Challenges&amp; Opportunities for Buruburu, Nairobi Kenya- <b>Ms. Jane Muriuki</b></li> <li>Land Use and Institutional Reforms for Livelihood Security- Kirinyaga East - <b>Pln. Charles Osengo</b></li> <li><b>Questions and Discussions</b></li> </ul>	<b>Pln. Hellen Nzainga</b>
<b>SESSION 6: ACADEMIA, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE IN RESILIENCE PLANNING: ADEQUACY OF PLANNING CURRICULUM (HYBRID SESSION)</b>		
11:00 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel Discussion on the planning curriculum and research activities in addressing climate resilience- (University of Nairobi, Technical University of Kenya, Kenyatta University, JKUAT, Maseno and JOOUST, Practitioners in Resilience Planning- SDI-K, UN-HABITAT, Nominees FROM- AAK-TPC, TCPAK&amp;KIP)</li> <li><b>Questions and Discussions</b></li> </ul>	<b>Prof. Ngau</b>
<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>		
1400-1420	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing remarks by the Chair, DURP</li> <li>Closing remarks by AAK-TPC</li> <li>Closing remarks by KIP</li> <li>Closing remarks by TCPAK</li> <li>Closing remarks by Dean FBED</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Opiyo</b>
<b>End of Conference Presentations</b>		
<b>EXHIBITIONS 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023</b>		
0900 - 1600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planner Gichuki Firm</li> </ul>	<b>Exhibitors</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alliance Surveyors and Planners</li> <li>• KIP</li> <li>• TCPAK</li> <li>• AAK-TPC</li> <li>• SDI-K</li> <li>• Studios</li> <li>• Fourth Year Projects</li> <li>• ToD - Dr. Mwaura &amp; Prof. Ngau</li> </ul>	
<b>END OF EXHIBITIONS</b>		

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