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THEME: RESEARCH ECOSYSTEMS IN AFRICA: GOVERNANCE, OUTPUTS AND SOCIAL IMPACT

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Time: 09:00 AM – 17:30 PM
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TIME	EVENT		FACILITATOR
	OPENING CEREMONY – Conference Hall		
09:00-10:30	Registration (In-person & Virtual)		Secretariat
	Welcome by Director, Research and Management Consultancy		Dr. Henry Waruhiu
	Remarks by Deputy Director General		Dr. David Kalaba
	Opening Remarks by Director General		Dr. Peter Kiuluku
	Keynote Address by Guest Speaker		**Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala**
	Group Photo		Secretariat
10:30-11:00	**HEALTH BREAK**		DFHRA
11:00-11:30	Presentation by Prof. Marjolein Zweekhorst on **Community Engagement and Citizen Science**		Prof. Christopher Ngacho
	BREAK OUT SESSIONS		
	Theme: Digital Transformation & Artificial Intelligence – Chair: Dr. Frederick Kitoogo		**Moderator/ Rapporteur**
11:35-11:55	Rose Muganga	Role of ICT in Enhancing Financial Performance among Private Health Facilities in Central Division in Kampala, Uganda	Dr. Jaffer Oburu
11:55-12:15	Emmanuel Shivina Khisa	Bridging the Data Governance Gap: Enabling Practical AI Adoption in Africa's Public Sector	
12:15:12:35	Serge Messomo Elle	Financial Technology and the Performance of Commercial Banks: Evidence from the CEMAC Zone	
12:35-12:55	Ngartori Stéphane	Information and Communication Technology and Participation in Global Value Chains in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Sectoral Analysis	Dr. John Mlyahilu
13:00-14:15		**LUNCH BREAK**	
14:15-14:35	Beru Lilako	Harnessing the AfCFTA for Digital Transformation: Opportunities and Challenges in Establishing an African E-Marketplace	
14:35-14:55	MacLean Charles Mwamlangala	Empowering Communities: Exploring the Impact of Citizen Engagement on Public Finance Management in Africa" Experience from Tanzania and South Africa; an Empirical Review	

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	Theme: Governance, Leadership & Organizational Performance - Chair: Prof. Emmanuel Awuor		**Moderator/ Rapporteur**
15:00-15:20	Costa Hofisi	Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Revenue Generation in the South African Local Government Sphere	Dr. David Kalaba
15:20-15:40	Joseph Mumba	Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Disclosure in Africa: Current State of Play	
15:40-16:00	Melvin Diedericks	Environmental, Social and Governance Imperatives for Post-mining Towns: Hydrogeological Perspectives in Khuma and Stilfontein Towns, South Africa	
16:00-16:30		**HEALTH BREAK**	DFHRA
16:30-17:30	**Public Lecture by Fmr. CHE Chris Lowery: Collaborative Research in the US: The Partnership Pentagon for Economic and Social Impact**		***Moderator: Dr. Henry Waruhiu***
18:30-21:00	**Dinner Hosted by ESAMI**		DFHRA

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	Theme: Competitive Strategy and Business Innovation – Chair: Dr. Miguel M. Torres		
11:35-11:55	Caiphas Chekwoti	Grease Needed to Actualise Trading Under the AfCFTA Services Market: Case of United Republic of Tanzania	Dr. Sidney Kawimbe
11:55-12:15	Godfrey Mahofa	Value Chain Analysis and Enterprise Profitability of Informal Traders at Glen View 8 Furniture Complex	
12:15:12:35	Chrispen Chiome	Unlocking Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)' Competitiveness in an Interconnected Global Market: Exposition of Stumbling Blocks Encountered in Using Online Platforms	
12:35-12:55	Amechi Endurance Igharo	Renewable Energy, Green Finance and Sustainable Development: The Role of Industrialization and Technological Innovation	Dr Chengetai Magunje
13:00-14:15		**LUNCH BREAK**	
14:15-14:35	Faith Mercy Muthigah	Cross-Cultural Marketing Communications: A Literature Review on Effective Strategies for Leveraging Cultural Insights to Build Stronger Global Brand Connections	
14:35-14:55	Innocent Nuwagaba	Managing Challenges of Academic Freedom in Higher Education Institutions During and Post COVID 19 Pandemics	
	Theme: Social Impact and Inclusive Development – Chair: Dr. Henry Hunga		**Moderator/ Rapporteur**
15:00-15:20	Mwaitete Cairo	The Effect of Storage Procedures on the Magnitude of Post-harvest Losses in Silo Complexes. Evidence from the Tanzania National Food Reserve Agency	Dr. Irene Lugalla
15:20-15:40	Joe Assoua	Household Bargaining Power and Valuation of (Bio) Fortified Food: Choice Experiment Among Pregnant and Lactating Women in Rwanda	
15:40-16:00	Justine Ayuk	Intra-Household Gender Dynamics and Dietary Diversity: A Qualitative Study of Informal Food-Retailing Households in Rwanda	
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TIME	EVENT		FACILITATOR
	Theme: Trade, Finance, and Regional Integration – Chair: Dr. Caiphas Chekwoti		**Moderator/ Rapporteur**
09:00-09:20	Evans Eghonghon Edebor	Navigating the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies: Issues, Challenges and Potential Implications on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)	Dr. George Choongwa
09:20-09:40	Ngartori Stéphane	Can Institutional Quality Mitigate the Geography Penalty on Export Sophistication? Evidence from Landlocked African Countries	
09:40-10:00	Koriko Moubarak	ICT Trade, Productive Capacities, and GVC Integration in Sub-saharan Africa	
10:00-10:20	Youssifou Aguorigoh	Resilience of the AfCFTA Potential to Security, Food and Environmental Shocks: A Case Study of ECOWAS Countries.	Dr. Joe Assoua
10:20-10:40	Galadima Traoré Firdaws	Export Diversification, Regional Integration and Stable Economic Growth in Sub-saharan Africa	
10:40-11:10	**HEALTH BREAK**		DFHRA
	Theme: Social Impact and Inclusive Development – Chair: Dr. Henry Hunga		**Moderator/ Rapporteur**
11:10-11:30	Emmanuel Awuor	The Nexus Between Value-Chain Management and Post-Harvest Performance of Small-Scale Agribusiness	Dr. Shem Sikombe
11:30-11:50	Joe Assoua	Intrahousehold Power Dynamics and Preference for Nutrient-Enhanced Foods: A Gendered Experimental Evidence from Rwanda	
11:50-12:10	Ebai Francis	Contract Farming and Children's Education: Evidence and Implications for Sustainable Development	
12:10-13:00	**Thematic Group Meetings**		Dr. Henry Waruhiu/ Dr. Caiphas Chekwoki
13:00-14:15	**LUNCH BREAK**		DFHRA

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	Theme: Sustainable Development and Climate Action I - Chair: Dr. Howard Chitengi		**Moderator/ Rapporteur**
			Dr. Felix Kamau
09:00-09:20	Samuel O. Binuomote	Impact of Green Technology and Renewable Energy on Green Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for Environmental Sustainability.	
09:20-09:40	Howard S Chitengi	Making Public Private Partnerships Work for Climate Action: The Case of Local Authorities in Zambia	
09:40-10:00	Mutabazi Sam Stewart	Advancing Sustainable Transport Systems in Africa: Strategies for Climate Action and Urban Resilience	
10:00-10:20	Isidore Murhi Mihigo	Shadows and Lights of the Energy Transition: Child Exploitation and Deforestation in the Artisanal Mines of Haut-Katanga and Lualaba in the Democratic Republic of Congo	Dr. Nasibu Mramba
10:20-10:40	Solomon Okunade	Climate Change and Land Degradation in Africa: Regional Analysis and Empirical Insight into AfCFTA Implementation	
10:40-11:10	**HEALTH BREAK**		DFHRA
	Theme: Sustainable Development and Climate Action II - Chair: Dr. Howard Chitengi		**Moderator/ Rapporteur**
11:10-11:30	Ekene ThankGod Emeka	Climate Change and Agricultural Value Added: Estimating Technological Innovation Threshold for Sustainable Adaptation in Africa	Dr. Mutapa Mpafya
11:30-11:50	Solomon Okunade	Climate Justice, Urbanisation and Sustainable Land Use in Sub-Saharan Africa	
	Theme: Governance, Leadership & Organizational Performance Chair: Prof. Emmanuel Awuor		
11:50-12:10	Felix Mudumbi	Institutional Governance and Economic Growth in the Great Lakes Region: Navigating Shocks and Political Crises	
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Room 3: Class 2A, Room 4: Class 1B, Day 3

TIME		EVENT		FACILITATOR
Room 1	09:00-11:00	Research Directors Meeting		Dr. Henry Waruhiu
Room 2	**Time**	**PhD/DBA Theses Writing Workshop**		
	09:00-09:25	Anne Kariuki	Bridging the Gender Leadership Gap: Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Kenyan Higher Education	Prof. Senia Nhamo
	09:25-09:50	Alfdaniels Mabingo	Institutional Systems, Processes, and Commercialization of University Research Innovations: A Case of Makerere University Technology and Innovation Center	Prof. Mercy Munjuri
	09:50-10:15	Theresia Mtewele	The Challenges Faced by Small-Scale Gold Miners in Operational and Value Addition Performance: The Case Study of Geita Region, Tanzania.	Prof. Chahir Zaki
	10:15-10:40	Oluwasegun Adekoya	Digital Financial Inclusion, Women's Empowerment, and Poverty Reduction in Nigeria: An SDG Perspective	
	10:40-11:00	Grace Okedele	Digital Readiness and Institutional Contributions to Innovative Technology Adoption: Inferential Implications for 3D Printing Adoption in Western Africa	
Room 3	**Time**	**Research & Publication Workshop**		
	09:00-10:00	Part 1: Writing, Publishing and Communicating Research Findings for Global Visibility		Prof. Simplice Asongu
	10:00-11:00	Part 2: Research Collaboration, Knowledge Partnerships and Social Impact		Prof. Evans Stephen Osabuohien
Room 4	09:00-11:00	Panel of Judges Meeting		
	09:00-11:00	Colloquium Delegates Networking		
11:00-11:30		**HEALTH BREAK**		DFHRA

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11:30-12:30	Remarks by Representative, Panel of Judges Remarks by Representative from Partner Institutions Highlights by DRMC Remarks by DDG Issuance of Awards and Certificates • Best Colloquium Paper • Best Emerging Scholar • Eminent Institution in Research Ecosystem Governance • Best Research-Based Social Impact • Best Institution in Commercializing Research Outputs • Certificates to Panelists • Certificates to Theme Chairs • Certificates to Session Moderators/Rappoteurs Closing Remarks by the Director General – Dr. Peter Kiuluku • Launch of ESAMI Global Research Thematic Area Communities of Practice (EGRETA-CP) • Launch of Continental-Wide Research Networks • Launch of ESAMI Global Consulting Academy (EGCA) Vote of Thanks	**Secretariat/Colloquium Organising Committee**