



YOUTH WORKSHOP

ON PROMOTING INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY AND LIVELIHOODS

16-18 NOVEMBER 2022, NAIROBI KENYA

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

DAY / TIME	ACTIVITY / SESSION	RESPONSIBILITY
WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2022		
08:00 – 08: 30	Registration of participants	Barbara Owuor
OPENING SESSION CHAIR: MS. DAPHINE GITONGA		
08:30am - 08:40am	Welcome remarks by Executive Secretary, African Forest Forum (AFF)	Godwin Kowero
08:40am - 08:50am	Remarks from the representative, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)	Anders Roos
08:50am - 09:00am	Opening speech by Director of the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI)	Joshua Cheboiwo
09:00am - 09:15am	Workshop objectives, programme and introduction of participants	Daphine Gitonga
09:15am - 09:45am	Expectations from participants	Youth facilitator
09:45am - 10:15am	Coffee break and official photo	Daphine Gitonga
SESSION I: PERSPECTIVES OF YOUTH IN RELATION TO FOREST RESOURCES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES CHAIR: PROF. GODWIN KOWERO		
10:15am - 10:35am	Overview of Africa's forests: richness, importance and management challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Examples of youth initiatives across Africa</i> • <i>The case of Kenya: forestry and youth</i> 	Doris Mutta
10:35am - 10:55am	State of forest ecosystems, goods and services in Kenya today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National importance of forests in Kenya</i> • <i>Socio-economic importance of forests in Kenya (businesses around forests and employment opportunities.</i> 	Joshua Cheboiwo
10:55am - 11:45am	Open discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are forests and trees important to you? • What are the critical issues affecting the forests in your areas? • Are you working to preserve the forests and address the issues affecting them in your respective areas? • What contribution by forests do you expect to see in your life and livelihood? 	Youth facilitator

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11:45am - 12:25pm	Sustainable forest management: the key to preserving forests for future generations	Anders Roos Doris Mutta Chemuku Wekesa
12:25pm- 12:45pm	Success stories from youth-led forestry/conservation-based organizations	Chemuku Wekesa
12:45pm - 14:00pm	Lunch break	All
14:00pm - 15:00pm	Group discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you gained/benefited in any way from forestry related activities? If so, how? • How can forests be used without destroying them for future generations? • What youth led success stories or successful experiences/programs/initiatives exist? • Which emerging issues, initiatives, or concepts are of particular interest to youth with regard to forests? 	Youth facilitator
15:00pm - 15:30pm	Coffee break	All
15:30pm - 16:00pm	Feedback from group chairs and rapporteurs	Participants
16:00pm - 17.00pm	Discussion	All
THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022		
SESSION II: CURRENT AND POTENTIAL ROLES OF YOUTH IN FOREST WORK AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNANCE		
CHAIR: ANDERS ROOS		
08:30am -09:00am	Recap of the previous day	Rapporteur
09:00am - 09:15am	Unlocking forest/nature-based entrepreneurship opportunities for youth	Chemuku Wekesa
09:15am - 10.30am	Interactive activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are youth interested in forest activities/career/business opportunities? Why? Why not? • Are there barriers to youth involvement in forestry related activities? What are they? • Can forestry and forest related activities offer opportunities to youth in the community? What are these opportunities? • What innovative / creative ideas do you have to unlock the potential role of forests? 	Youth facilitator
10:30am-11:00am	Coffee break	All
11:00am - 11:30am	Feedback from group chairs and rapporteurs	Participants
11:30am - 12:30pm	Discussion	All
12:30pm - 12:45pm	Introduction to field study	KFS Representative
12:45pm - 14:00pm	Lunch	All

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14:00pm - 17:00pm	Field visit, Karura forest, Nairobi. Activities could include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encouraging conservation through eco-tourism ○ Exploring the forest nature trail ○ Showcasing the different uses of forests of interest to the youth (e.g. availability of grounds to host events, nature-based product development) 	All
FRIDAY 18, NOVEMBER 2022		
ROLE OF YOUTH IN SHAPING THE FUTURE GOVERNANCE OF THE CONTINENT'S FORESTS		
CHAIR: DORIS MUTTA		
08:30am - 09:00am	Recap and feedback from field trip	All
09:00am - 09:30am	Role of youth in advancing the forestry sector to a sustainable future	Anders Roos
09:30am - 10.30am	Open discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the young people's concerns for the forests in the future? • What is the niche of young people in future forestry? • How can young people contribute to good governance of our forests? • How can the youth contribute to sustainable use of forests? 	Youth facilitator
10:30am-11:00am	Coffee break	All
10:30am - 12:30pm	Group discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a draft statement on your vision, goals, ideas and niche in shaping the future governance of Kenya's forests 	Participants
12:45pm - 14:00pm	Lunch break	All
14:00pm - 15:00pm	Presentation of draft statement by youth	Participants
	Way forward	Godwin Kowero
	Official closing of workshop	KFS Representative
End of workshop		