

## Requirements:

Interested researchers are required to submit an Abstract of no more than 250 words under any of the four conference sub-themes. The abstract should include title of presentation, name(s) and address (es) of author(s) and corresponding author for multiple authorship, background, study problem, objectives, methods, results and conclusion. It should be typed in times new roman font 12 with double spacing. The Abstract should reach the Organizing Committee **by 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013**. Full papers should be received by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 following acceptance and communication from the Committee. Abstracts must be submitted by email to **conference@museums.or.ke**. Participants must also specify on submission which category you wish to be considered for i.e. oral or poster (poster format will be communicated later).

## Registration Fees:

The registration fee for conference participants is **US\$ 80 (Ksh. 6,800)** per person payable to "National Museums of Kenya" to cater for conference teas and lunches. Registration rate for students will be **US\$ 60 (Ksh. 5,000)** per person. Participants are advised to obtain official receipts for all payments made.

## Anticipated Outputs:

- Enhanced network of researchers in heritage research and climate change with national/global agenda
- Conference proceedings of the National Museums of Kenya

**NOTE!!** Only participants who submit full papers shall be invited for the conference.



Samburu herdsboy on a drought prone landscape



Some national and cultural heritage — key ingredients of economic prosperity

## CONTACTS:

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# NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2013, NAIROBI

**THEME:**

**"MUSEUM RESEARCH & CLIMATE  
CHANGE"**

**DATES:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

**VENUE:** Nairobi, Kenya (Location to be confirmed)

**FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR  
ABSTRACTS (ORAL & POSTER  
PRESENTATIONS )**

## Introduction

Climate change is increasingly a major threat to both natural and cultural resources of the earth, thus affecting socio-economic foundation of institutions, communities and enterprises. Indeed, climatic variability and associated vagaries are expected to negatively impact on general biodiversity as well as ecosystem and human health. It is believed that the whole range of ecosystems; lakes, rivers, forests, savannah, seas, among others will have their productivity curtailed with significant alteration on their ability to provide goods and services such as, forage production, pollination and wildlife movements/migrations. Similarly, the danger of population decline or complete extinctions of species with limited dispersal capabilities and/or narrow climatic tolerance ranges is real. Inadequate climate related knowledge, weak scientific case studies and lack of climate-smart proofing technologies remain a stumbling block to the search for innovative solutions to this imminent threat.

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) has a unique and longstanding experience in monitoring of a significant part of Kenya's heritage. Its mandate, spanning research, conservation, education and management of natural and cultural heritage gives the institution leverage to contribute to climate change knowledge generation, analysis and dissemination through scientific dialogue, partnership building and enhanced local actions. Most importantly, the wealth of cultural and natural reference collections accumulated over the last ten decades gives NMK a strategic entry point in the search for measures of adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts.

**Objectives: The 4th NMK Science Conference will focus on the following objectives:-**

- To enhance the conservation and management of Kenya's national and cultural heritage as a vital ingredient of economic prosperity
- To provide a platform for dialogue on issues affecting sustainable utilization of key heritage resources amid climate change scenarios.
- To make recommendations on strategies and mechanisms for conservation and management of heritage resources at national and devolved systems of governance in Kenya



*The effects climate change as manifested in impoverished livelihoods and human suffering.*



A dry Awam river bed due to drought in Laikipia county

**Sub-Themes:-Interested participants are invited to submit abstracts under the following Sub-themes:**

- Climate change vulnerability assessment on species and associated resources
- Collections as a basis for understanding the future from the past
- Climate change, key ecosystems and Heritage Sites
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation mechanisms/strategies

**Participants/Target Audience :**

- All NMK researchers
- NMK affiliate researchers
- Other National/International researchers/ NGOs
- Academic institutions
- Student category (all institutions of higher learning)
- Other interested researchers

**Important Deadlines/Timelines:**

- Deadline for submission of Abstracts (Review of abstracts begin) - **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013**
- Notification of acceptance to participants - **17<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**
- Call for submission of full papers **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**
- Deadline for submission of full papers (Compilation of conference schedule begin): **31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013**

## Did you know?

Over the past two years, 700 natural disasters were registered worldwide affecting more than 450 million people, more than 98% in developing countries? This was as a result of the rising number of people in areas more exposed to natural disasters, and climate change ...