



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT CALL FOR PAPERS

1st in series of High Level Expert Biodiversity and Climate Change Consultative Forum

Theme:

Building Climate Resilience to Enhance Adaptive Capacity for the Achievement of National Development Goals of Vision 2030 for Biodiversity Conservation, Water and Food Security in Kenya.

Venue: National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya, 17-19th July, 2013.

On behalf of the National Centre for Biodiversity at the National Museums of Kenya in Co-operation with German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Regional Office for Africa, Nairobi, Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA) and Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation-ICCA (University of Nairobi), we invite interested scientists, academicians, policy makers and enforcers and other participants to submit abstracts for the first in series of the High Level Expert Biodiversity and Climate Change Consultative Forum.

The goal

The main goal of the High Level Expert Biodiversity and Climate Change Consultative Forum is to identify the scope and prospects for adapting to climate change to achieve national development goals of biodiversity conservation, food security and water security in Kenya. This forum will focus on the question of securing biodiversity for enhanced water and food security given the current and evolving climate change conditions by advancing climate smart development and innovation systems.

Specific Objectives:

The specific objectives of the High Level Expert Biodiversity and Climate Change Consultative Forum are as follows:

1. To evaluate the major barriers to achieve national biodiversity heritage conservation goals with consideration to contemporary social, economic, political and technological developments and evolving climate change phenomena.
2. To identify the major barriers to achieve national food security systems and linking biodiversity losses to the food insecurity situations with consideration to current and evolving climate change.
3. To identify the major barriers to achieve national water security goals and linking biodiversity losses to the water scarcity and conflicts situations with consideration to climate change impacts.
4. To propose strategic interventions (i.e. policy issues regarding planning, programming, resource mobilization and allocation, delivery services as well as monitoring and evaluation) that could reduce these barriers and promote sustainable biodiversity conservation, water and food security as a basic pillars of national development goals for both national and devolved systems of governments.



5. To fill the knowledge gaps on the side of the experts (DAAD alumni) on how indigenous people (local-level experts) adapt and cope with vagaries of climate situation and are managed to achieve food security.

The High Level Expert Biodiversity and Climate Change Consultative Forum will include presentation of research papers, natural resources adaption policy and community-based best practices sharing on the following thematic areas.

1. **Climate change and sustainable development goals**
2. **Challenges of climate change to the ecosystems heritage**
3. **Climate change and agricultural biodiversity heritage**
4. **Biodiversity conservation, challenges and policies, intervention options**
5. **Climate change threats to water and food security governance issues under the devolved system**

Abstract

Abstract of not more than 300 words should be submitted by May 15th to the Secretariat of High Level Expert Forum. They should contain: title; full names of author, and co-author (s); full address of corresponding author with email, phone and fax numbers; background, methods, results, conclusions and recommendation(s) if any. Abstracts can be submitted in hardcopy form by post or by electronic mail as attachment (Ms word) to: abstract2013@museums.or.ke or to contact given below.

Language: All oral presentation will be in English.

Registration fees: local participants Kshs 5,000/= and International participants USD 100/= (This does not apply to DAAD Alumni who are also member of the KDSA).

Important Dates

Abstract submission Deadline:	15 th May 2013
Provisional Acceptance:	30 th May 2013
Submission of Full final paper:	15 th June 2013
Presenter Registration:	17 th July 2013

National Museums of Kenya, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Regional Office for Africa, Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA) and Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation-ICCA (University of Nairobi) invites sponsors to support this High Level Expert Biodiversity and Climate Change Consultative Forum for *Building Climate Resilience to Enhance Adaptive Capacity for the Achievement of National Development Goals of Vision 2030 for Biodiversity Conservation, Water and Food Security in Kenya*

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