

CALL FOR ESSAYS

4TH KIPPRA ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2021

THEME: Science, Technology, and Innovation in Enhancing Delivery of the Big Four Agenda

The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), is organizing its 4th Annual Regional Conference themed: “Science, Technology, and Innovation in Enhancing Delivery of the Big Four Agenda” to be conducted from **23rd – 25th June 2021** in **Nairobi**. The conference provides a platform for policy dialogue on pertinent public policy issues. It brings together stakeholders to engage in policy discourse. As part of the conference activity, the Institute has organized a youth side event themed: “*Harnessing the Contribution of Youth in ST&I*”.

As such, the Institute wishes to provide an opportunity for students to engage in essay writing competition towards the conference. This is part of the activities conducted by KIPPRA under the KIPPRA Mentorship Programme for Universities (KMPUs). KMPUS is a capacity building programme that brings together university students and faculty members. The programme seeks to mentor the university community in understanding the public policy making process, mechanisms and design.

This is therefore a call for students from all invited universities to submit essays **on the youth side event**, themed: “*Harnessing the Contribution of the Youth in ST&I*”, for consideration. The authors of **the top 4 essays will receive awards during the conference**.

The essays should meet the following criteria:

- i. Include your **full name, school/department, registration number, email, and mobile phone number**.
- ii. The essay should be sent in **word format only** and should **NOT** exceed **1000 words**.
- iii. A Student will submit one essay **only**.
- iv. **Ensure that the following areas are discussed.**
 - What is your understanding of Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I)?
 - How are youth engaging in Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I)?
 - What factors hinder the youth from participating in ST&I?
 - What needs to be done to support the youth in ST&I?
 - What potential areas of technological innovation exist and how can the youth exploit this potential?

The deadline for submission of essays is 17th June 2021, after which they will undergo a review process and **successful applicants will be notified of the acceptance of their essays and their participation in the conference**. Successful essays shall be published on the KIPPRA website and certificates of participation shall be awarded.

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