

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### 6<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference 2023

**Accelerating Economic Growth and Development for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) in Kenya**

**June 2023**

*A conference organized by the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA)*

The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), invites researchers, policy makers, academia, practitioners, and other stakeholders to submit papers to be presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference in June 2023.

The Kenya Vision 2030 aims to transform the Country into “a globally competitive and prosperous nation with a high quality of life by 2030”. The Vision is anchored on economic, social and political pillars, and various economic enablers. Acceleration of economic growth and development for the ASALs is therefore fundamental for the Country’s sustained growth and development; including in addressing inequalities; and in localizing attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. Relevant interventions would include improving livelihoods; elimination of inequalities; and ensuring climate change mitigation and adaptation.

In this regard, KIPPRA is making a call for conference papers. The **research areas** should focus on the following prioritized **10 sub-themes** in unlocking the potential for economic transformation in Kenya’s ASALs.

Sub-Themes	Research Areas
<b>1. Pastoralism</b>	Nomadic pastoralism, ranching, agro- pastoralism
<b>2. Infrastructure Services and Urban Development</b>	Infrastructural services; Energy and Energy transition; Digital Economy; Smart cities; Urbanization in ASALs, Effects of Rural-Urban Migration.
<b>3. Human Capital Development</b>	Population dynamics, Youth, Gender, Poverty Dynamics, Education and Training, Labour and employment; Health, nutrition, child protection and social protection.
<b>4. Cultural and Creative Industry</b>	Creative Economy, Sports, Culture and Heritage; and Indigenous knowledge and customary institutions.
<b>5. Natural Resource Management</b>	Natural resource management in dry lands; Climate change characteristics, mitigation and adaptation, Loss and damage, impacts of climate change; Extractives: Oil and Minerals; Water and Irrigation; Land Tenure and Land Reforms; Tourism; wildlife management, smart tourism, Resort Cities, Desert Tourism.
<b>6. Agriculture sector</b>	Crop production; livestock production; apiculture and fisheries; dryland agriculture; soil management.
<b>7. Trade and Industry</b>	Entrepreneurship; industrial development; trade, market development; logistics; opportunities in Regional Trade; East African Community (EAC), African Continental Free Trade Areas (AfCFTA) Protocols.
<b>8. Governance structures</b>	Historical perspectives of development in ASALs; policy and institutional framework; political inclusion; marginalization and inequalities; Devolution in ASALs, Role of Institution and Coordination; the role of non-state actors including Private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community based organizations (CBOs), faith based organizations (FBOs).

<b>9. Peace and Security</b>	Peacebuilding; conflict management; Security infrastructure; refugees.
<b>10. Financial Inclusion</b>	Financial institutions and markets; financial innovations; financial transactions; financial architecture.

The emphasis is on high-quality research papers on the above motivated research areas, with a clear balance between theory and practice, forward-looking and policy relevance of the research findings. The focus of all research papers must be the ASALs. KIPPRA is looking forward to submission of papers from policymakers, researchers; Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), County Governments and academia among other stakeholders.

## Requirements

- Interested authors should submit a concept written in English to KIPPRA. All concepts should be strongly aligned to the conference theme.
- Each concept should not be more than 2,500 words and should include:
  - Title
  - Thematic Area
  - Abstract (250 words maximum)
  - A brief biography of the author(s) including qualifications and research experience (should not be more than 150 words)
  - A strong motivation of the paper and clear objectives (500 words maximum)
  - A brief literature review (800 words maximum)
  - A well-articulated methodology and data (700 words maximum)
  - A summary on the key contribution of the work (200 words maximum)
- The research can focus on any one of the themes above or bring out multi-linkages within themes.
- Authors who meet the requirements will be invited to present during the KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference in June 2023.

## SUBMISSION OF PAPERS AND KEY DATES

- Concepts should be submitted via e-mail to [conference@kippra.or.ke](mailto:conference@kippra.or.ke).  
Email Caption: 6<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference 2023, to be received no later than **30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.
- Decision to accept the concept papers with an invitation to prepare the full paper will be announced via e-mail by **15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.
- The full research papers completed by authors and submitted to KIPPRA should be received by **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**.
- Those who complete the papers will be invited to present during the 6<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference scheduled for **June 2023**.