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**Call for Conference Papers for**  
**7<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference 2024**  
**The Future of Industrialization in Kenya: Pathways to Industrialization in the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**  
**June 2024**

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

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The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) invites researchers, academia, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to submit conference papers to be presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference in June 2024. The theme of the conference is **“The Future of Industrialization in Kenya: Pathways to Industrialization in the context of Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)”**.

Industrial development is a priority in the development agenda. Kenya Vision 2030 aims to transform the country into an industrialized middle-income country offering a high quality of life to all citizens. The slow rate of industrialization has seen large trade deficits in industrial products and hampered sustainable economic growth and quality jobs. Through the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), the government has committed to re-engineer the industrialization process. Manufacturing is important for industrialization. Thus the country needs to deepen industrialization through the manufacturing sector to exploit growth prospects, reap economies of scale, engage in technological progress and learning, strengthen the value chains and provide opportunities for job creation.

The 7<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference scheduled for June 2024 will, therefore, explore the future pathways to industrialization in the context of the BETA. It will harvest relevant policy recommendations that exploit fully the opportunities for industrialization as envisioned in the Kenya Vision 2030 and BETA. In this context, KIPPRA invites policy research papers on the following themes critical for industrial development.

Sub-Themes	Research Areas
<b>1. Policy, legislative and institutional framework accelerating industrialization in Kenya</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Positioning MSEs as a bedrock for industrialization;</li><li>• Future role of Second-hand economy.</li></ul>
<b>2. Capabilities for industrialization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future technology for industrialization including artificial intelligence, big data, block chain; internet of things and the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution;</li><li>• Innovating to enhance industrialization;</li><li>• Developing skills for industrialization.</li></ul>
<b>3. Financing industrial activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The future of financial system in mobilising resources for industrialization;</li><li>• Sustainable innovative financial products for financing industrial activities.</li></ul>

<b>4. Value chain development, industrial crops, natural resources, and emerging sectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production and use of appropriate technology;</li> <li>• Exploiting value addition opportunities in livestock and industrial crops, natural resources and emerging sectors;</li> <li>• Diversification to high value products including motor vehicles, digital and mobile devices and pharmaceuticals;</li> <li>• Exploiting the AFCTA, UK, EU, and EAC markets.</li> </ul>
<b>5. The nexus between demographic characteristics and industrialization process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth and employment opportunities with industrialization;</li> <li>• Mainstreaming disabilities in the industrialization process;</li> <li>• Gender sensitive industrialization process.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Compliance of quality and standards of products</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future of quality and standards for competitive industrial products</li> <li>• Industrialisation and export growth</li> </ul>
<b>7. Opportunities of green industrial initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-waste and circular economy for sustainable industrial development;</li> <li>• Carbon markets opportunities in industrialisation;</li> <li>• Green buildings and factories;</li> <li>• Affordable, appropriate, and reliable environmental industrial goods.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Industrial development enablers at national and county level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable energy for sustainable industrial development;</li> <li>• E-mobility of efficient transportation;</li> <li>• Smart applications for infrastructure services.</li> </ul>
<b>9. The reliability and opportunities in industrial data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future for basic data for constructing statistical indicators of industrial development;</li> <li>• Data sourcing for industrial statistics such as big data.</li> </ul>

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Interested authors should submit a concept written in English to KIPPRA.
2. The concept should be aligned to any of the conference thematic areas.
3. Each concept will consist of 500 -750 words maximum, including the title.
4. Provide a brief personal biography of 150 words.

#### **SUBMISSION OF PAPERS AND CRITICAL DATES:**

The concept should be submitted via email to: [cfp2024@kippra.or.ke](mailto:cfp2024@kippra.or.ke) by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**.  
Email caption: 7<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference 2024.

Other important dates are:

1. Notification of concept acceptance with an invitation to prepare the full paper will be announced via email by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**.
2. Submission of draft papers by **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.
3. The full research papers completed by authors and submitted to KIPPRA should be received by **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**.
4. The authors who will have completed their papers will be invited to present during the 7<sup>th</sup> KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference scheduled for **June 2024**.

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