



Draft Programme

High-level Launch of the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA)
and UNCTAD Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Kenya

Crowne Plaza Hotel (*Mercure*), Upper Hill

(Nairobi, Kenya, 16-17 May 2023)



DAY 1: Tuesday, 16 May 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 10:00 Session I: Opening Session

Policy Implications of Kenya's National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA): Challenges, opportunities, and prospects for structural economic transformation

This session provides the policy context and the background on Kenya's National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) and its implications for fostering productive capacities in Kenya for structural economic transformation, sustained economic growth and development therein. The session provides opportunities to elaborate on the conceptual foundation and the policy context of the NPCGA and highlight the objectives, expected outcomes and policy implications of the high-level launch of the country's NPCGA and the holistic programme of interventions. The session will also outline the Government's strategy to mobilise all productive resources and to establish a development partnership for socioeconomic resilience-building, inclusive growth, and sustainable development in the context of the medium- to long-term vision of the country.

09:00 - 09:10 Welcoming remarks: **Mr. Kenneth Mwige, Director-General, Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat**

09:10 - 09:20 Opening Statement: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD**

09:20 - 09:30 Statement: **Mr. Stephen Jackson, UN Resident Coordinator**

09:30 - 10:00 Keynote address: **GoK High-Level Representatives**

10:00 - 10:30 Group Photo, followed by Coffee & Tea Break

10:30 - 13:00 Session II: Kenya's performance on the multidimensional Productive Capacities Index: policy options and strategies

Moderator: Mr. Kenneth Mwige, Director-General, Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat

This session explores conceptual and analytical frameworks for the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) as key for fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation in Kenya. The session deliberates on the role of evidence-based and data-driven assessment of the state of Kenya's productive capacities based on the multidimensional Productive Capacities Index (PCI). It provides comparative perspectives of



Kenya's performance in the PCI vis-à-vis selected developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. It elaborates the policy implications of Kenya's PCI scores for the country's transformation and overall development endeavours.

10:30 - 11:00 Conceptual framework of productive capacities and structural transformation: Why do they matter for Kenya's inclusive growth and sustainable development?

Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Acting Head, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

11:00 - 11:30 The State of Productive Capacities in Kenya: Binding Constraints, Opportunities, Policy implications and the way forward.

Dr. Augustus Sammy Muluvi, UNCTAD Consultant

11:30 - 12:00 Structural Transformation in Kenya in a Comparative Perspective

Mr. Andrzej Bolesta, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

12:00 - 13:00 Interactive discussion, questions, and answers (Q&A)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 17:00 Session III: Productive capacities and structural economic transformation: measuring and benchmarking performances by using UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI) for evidence-based policy formulation and implementation in Kenya

Moderator: Mr. Nasser Xusein, Former Director, United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON)

This session is intended to relate the concepts of Productive Capacities, structural economic transformation, and industrialisation to Kenya's development endeavours. It will discuss the role of economic diversification and the policy implications of multidimensional Productive Capacities Index for evidence-based and data-driven policymaking in Kenya. The session will also identify some of the policy and institutional arrangements for boosting industrialisation in Kenya, which is key for competitiveness and domestic supply chain development, for fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation.

14:00 - 14:30 Kenya's industrialisation and economic diversification strategies in the context of Kenya Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda
(Presentation by Kenya Industrial and Research Development Institute - KIRDI)



- 14:30 - 15:00 Key gaps and limitations in the Kenyan productive capacities as articulated in the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA): Implications for evidence-based and data-driven policy formulation and implementation in Kenya.
Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Acting Head, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 15:00 - 15:30 Policy, regulatory and institutional frameworks for industrialisation in Kenya: Challenges, opportunities, and prospects for building productive capacities and economic diversification (**State Department for Industry**)
- 15:30 - 15:45 Coffee and Tea Break
- 15:45 - 16:15 Interfaces and synergies between trade, industrial and other sectoral policies of Kenya for fostering productive capacities and structural transformation (**National Productive and Competitiveness Centre**)
- 16:15 - 17:00 Interactive discussion, questions, and answers (Q&A)

DAY II: Thursday, 17 March 2023

Day II will be devoted to discussing the UNCTAD Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Kenya, which results from a careful assessment of the country's gaps and limitations in fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation. The Holistic Programme builds on evidence-based and data-driven assessments using the Productive Capacities Index (PCI) which gave the basis for the formulating of the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) for Kenya. The Programme is designed to tap the comparative advantages of Kenya and relieve the key binding constraints to country's development as articulated in the NPCGA. The aim is to exchange views on the way forward in key pillars of the Programme and its contribution to the achievement of the objectives of Kenya Vision 2030, to the long-term development strategy and to ensure inclusive, sustainable, and green development. The discussions in session IV and V will be structured along the clusters of key interlinked pillars: (I) Economic diversification, industrialisation, and value addition, (II) Infrastructure (including energy) and natural environment; (III) ICT for digitalization and transformation; (IV) Private sector, (V) Skills formation and improved policy coordination.

09:00 - 13:00 Session IV: Inter-ministerial dialogue in the form of interactive discussions

Moderator: Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat

09:00 - 09.15 Introduction to the strategic direction and operational aspect of the Holistic Programme:
Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD



Cluster I: Economic diversification, industrialisation, and value addition in Kenya

09:15 - 10:15 Challenges and opportunities in harnessing Kenya's comparative advantage in agriculture, including livestock, and fisheries to boost agricultural productivity and agro-processing through integrated rural development.

- **State Department for Crop Development**
- **State Department of Economic Planning**
- **State Department for Livestock Development**
- **State Department for Environment and Climate Change**
- **Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM/KEPSA/ KNCCI)**
- **Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA)**

UNCTAD Commentator: Experiences of successful countries in harnessing the potential of agriculture for industrialisation and socioeconomic transformation.

10:15-11:00 Inter-institutional dialogue on how best to maximize socioeconomic gains of the blue economy, marine biodiversity, and creative economy of Kenya.

- **State Department of Culture**
- **State Department of Tourism**
- **State Department for Mining,**
- **State Department for Blue Economic & Fisheries**
- **State Department for Shipping & Maritime Affairs**
- **State Department for Sports and the Arts**

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee and Tea Break

Moderator: Mr. Nasser Xusein, Ex-Director, United Nations Information Center (UNIC), United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON)

11:15- 12:00 **Cluster II: Transport, energy, and ICT** as enablers of productive capacities, economic diversification, and structural transformation: Key policy issues from Kenya's NPCGA.

- **State Department for Transport**
- **State Department for Energy**
- **State Department for Information, Communication, Technology and Digital Economy**
- **TradeMark East Africa**
- **LAPPSET**

UNCTAD Commentator: Experiences of successful countries in expanding and modernising, transport, energy and ICT sectors and using them as enablers for industrialisation and socioeconomic transformation.



12:00 -13:00 **Cluster III: Human capital, skills formation, and improved policy coordination** for fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation in Kenya.

- **Kenyatta University**
- **Strathmore University**
- **University of Nairobi**
- **Dr. Augustus Muluvi**

UNCTAD Commentator: Experiences of successful countries in improving the quality of human capital and policy coordination and the related results in industrialisation and socioeconomic transformation.

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 17:00 Session V: Dialogue with development partners in the form of interactive discussions

Moderator: High-level official from the Government of Kenya

14:00 - 15:30 The role of development partnership and alignment of donor support programmes with holistic programme of Kenya: Bilateral Donors

- **Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Kenya**
- **Embassy of Ireland in Kenya**
- **Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Kenya**
- **Embassy of State of Qatar in Kenya**
- **Turkish Embassy in Nairobi**
- **Department for International Development (DFID)**
- **USAID**

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee and Tea Break

15:45- 16:30 The role of development partnership and the alignment of donor support programmes with the Holistic Programme for Kenya: Multilateral-Regional Institutions

- **The African Development Bank (AfDB)**
- **The World Bank**
- **The European Union**

16:30-17:00 Closing and the way forward