**Evidence for Development Conference**

**May 6–8, 2025  
Nairobi, Kenya**

**Conference Programme**

**Theme: Agenda 2063: Optimising the Role of Data, Evidence, and Innovations in Africa’s Efforts to Create Wealth, Empower Citizens, and Foster Responsive and Inclusive Governance**

**Day 1: Generation and Translation of Scientific Research and Innovations for the Realisation of Agenda 2063**

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** | | | | |
| 8.00-9.00 | Networking & Poster Session | | | | |
| Side Sessions | | | | |
| **9.00-11.00** | **Opening Ceremony** | | | | |
| 9.00-9.15 | Kenya National Anthem, East African Anthem, followed by Entertainment | | | | |
| 9.15-9.45 | Opening Remarks | | | | |
| 9.45-10.15 | Keynote Address | | | | |
| 10.15-11.00 | Speeches by National Government Representatives | | | | |
| **11.30-12.30** | **Plenary 1: Status of Generation and Translation of Scientific Research and Innovation in Africa** | | | | |
| 12.30-17.00 | Parallel Sessions | | | | |
|  | **Wealth Creation** | **Infrastructure Development (Physical & Digital)** | **Food Production** | **Education** | **Health** |
| 12.30-13.30 | Research generation & translation for wealth creation  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Research generation & translation for infrastructure development  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Research generation & translation for infrastructure development  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Research generation & translation for education  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Research generation & translation for health  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) |
| 13.30-14.30 | Lunch & Poster Session | | | | |
| 14.30-15.30 | Innovations for wealth creation in Africa  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Innovations for infrastructure development  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Innovations for infrastructure development  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Innovations for education  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Innovations for health  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) |
| 15.30-16.30 | Funding research & innovation for wealth creation in Africa  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Funding research & innovation for infrastructure development  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Funding research & innovation for wealth creation in Africa  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Funding research & innovation for education  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) | Funding research & innovation for improved health in Africa  (integrate governance, equity & inclusion) |
| 16.30-17.30 | Climate proofing Africa’s wealth creation efforts | Climate proofing Africa’s infrastructure development efforts | Climate proofing Africa’s food production efforts | Climate proofing Africa’s education | Climate proofing Africa’s health systems |
| 17.30-19.00 | Side Sessions | | | | |
| Networking | | | | |

**Day 2: Strengthening Evidence-Informed Policymaking in Africa for the Realisation of Agenda 2063**

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| 8.00-9.00 | Networking & Poster Session | | | | |
| Side sessions | | | | |
| **9.00-10.30** | **Plenary 2: Strengthening Evidence-Informed Policymaking in Africa for the Realisation of Agenda 2063** | | | | |
| 10.30-11.00 | Break & Poster Session | | | | |
| 11.00-17.00 | Parallel Sessions | | | | |
|  | **Wealth Creation** | **Infrastructure Development (Physical & Digital)** | **Food Production** | **Education** | **Health** |
| 11.00-12.00 | Institutionalising EIP practice | Institutionalising EIP practice | Institutionalising EIP practice | Institutionalising EIP practice | Institutionalising EIP practice |
| 12.00-13.00 | Results-based performance management | Results-based performance management | Results-based performance management | Results-based performance management | Results-based performance management |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch & Poster Session | | | | |
| 14.00-15.00 | Harnessing data science and artificial intelligence (AI) for optimal decision-making | Harnessing data science and artificial intelligence (AI) for optimal decision-making | Harnessing data science and artificial intelligence (AI) for optimal decision-making | Harnessing data science and artificial intelligence (AI) for optimal decision-making | Harnessing data science and artificial intelligence (AI) for optimal decision-making |
| 15.00-16.00 | Equity and inclusion in EIDM practice | Equity and inclusion in EIDM practice | Equity and inclusion in EIDM practice | Equity and inclusion in EIDM practice | Equity and inclusion in EIDM practice |
| 16.00-16.30 | Break & Poster Session | | | | |
| 16.30-18.00 | Side Sessions | | | | |
| Networking & Poster Session | | | | |
| 18.30-20.30 | Kenyan Night (Dinner & Entertainment) | | | | |

**Day 3: STI Governance: Domestication of STISA 2034**

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| 8.00-9.00 | Networking & Poster Session | | | |
| Side Sessions | | | |
| **9.00-10.30** | **Plenary 3: STI Governance: Domestication of STISA 2034** | | | |
| 10.30-11.00 | Break & Poster Session | | | |
|  | *Parallel Sessions* | | | |
| 11.00-13.00 | STISA 2034 Domestication Plan:   * Presentation and discussion of draft STISA 2034 Domestication Plan * Governments and other stakeholders identify actions they will take to domesticate STISA 2034 | Developing and harnessing emerging technologies for accelerated development   * Status of the development and/or harnessing emerging technologies in Africa * Actions for accelerating the development and/or harnessing of emerging technologies for Africa | STI data governance and management:   * Status of STI data governance and management in Africa * Actions for optimising STI data governance and management for Africa | Ethical considerations for STI, including ethics for complex emerging technologies   * Status of STI data governance and management in Africa * Actions for optimising STI data governance and management for Africa |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch & Poster Session | | | |
| **14.00-17.00** | **Conference Closing Ceremony** | | | |
| 14.00-14.15 | Entertainment | | | |
| 14.15-14.45 | Putting Evidence and Innovations at the Centre of the 2nd 10-Year Agenda 2063 Implementation: Highlights from Conference Sessions | | | |
| 14.45-15.15 | Closing Keynote: Charting the future for evidence and innovations to drive Africa’s Agenda 2063 progress | | | |
| 15.15-16.30 | Stakeholder Commitments to Actions Identified by Conference | | | |
| 16.30-17.00 | Closing Remarks | | | |