



KIRINYAGA

YOUTH SUMMIT 2026



22-23
May
2026



Gem Resort Near
Kirinyaga University
Grounds



8:00AM - 5:00 PM

THEME

Unlocking Youth Potential Through Leadership,
Innovation, Digital Engagement and Opportunities

PROGRAMME



Introduction

The Kirinyaga Youth Summit 2026 will be held over two days, bringing together industry leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators and policymakers. The program is structured to ensure engagement, learning, inspiration and practical exposure for all participants. Keynote addresses will be delivered by prominent CEOs, successful entrepreneurs and influential leaders who will share their journeys, lessons learned and strategies for success. These sessions are designed to inspire young people and set the tone for leadership, innovation and opportunity creation. Panel discussions will feature experts from different industries discussing critical topics such as entrepreneurship, leadership, digital transformation, career growth and innovation. These discussions will allow for diverse perspectives and interactive question and answer sessions with participants.

Breakout sessions will provide focused learning experiences where participants can engage in smaller groups based on specific interests. The sessions will cover areas such as leadership, digital skills and AI, entrepreneurship, agribusiness and climate change, SME and financing discussions and Investment. They will be practical and solution oriented, allowing participants to gain real-world insights and tools.

Business pitching sessions will give selected young entrepreneurs and startups an opportunity to present their business ideas and ventures before a panel of investors who will invest in their ideas. The pitching platform will allow participants to receive professional feedback, attract potential investors and explore partnerships that can help scale their enterprises. Best business pitch will get an award of 100k as startup capital.

A Water Hackathon will also be organized as a special innovation challenge focused on the water sector. Young innovators, engineers, students and entrepreneurs will work in teams to develop creative solutions addressing water access, water management, climate resilience and sanitation challenges. The hackathon will encourage practical innovation and highlight the role of young people in solving pressing water sector issues. Youth exhibitions and showcases will give young innovators, startups and creatives an opportunity to display their products, services and ideas. This platform will enable exposure, feedback, networking and potential partnerships with investors, institutions and mentors.

Entertainment and cultural performances will be integrated throughout the program to celebrate youth creativity, culture and talent. The awards aim to inspire excellence, accountability and continued contribution to community development. This will be a key highlight of the Kirinyaga Youth Summit 2026. The awards will be designed to inspire excellence, encourage positive competition and showcase role models whose work is transforming lives, communities and industries.



10,000+ Delegates



30+ Speakers

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON KIRINYAGA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



Dear Delegates, Partners, Speakers and Distinguished Guests, It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Kirinyaga Youth Summit 2026.

This summit was born from a simple but powerful belief that when young people are empowered, connected and inspired, they become a driving force for transformation in society. Today more than ever, the future of our communities, our county and our nation depends on the ability of young people to rise, lead and create meaningful impact.

The Kirinyaga Youth Summit is more than just an event. It is a movement that seeks to bring together young leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, professionals, students and changemakers from across the country to engage in conversations that matter.

It is a platform designed to inspire ideas, nurture leadership, encourage collaboration and unlock opportunities that can shape a brighter future for our generation. Over the next two days, we gather not only to discuss the challenges facing the youth, but also to explore practical solutions, innovation, career growth, entrepreneurship, mental wellness and leadership. Through these conversations, we hope to spark new thinking, build meaningful networks and inspire action among young people.

As Kirinyaga Young Professionals, our vision remains clear: to create platforms that nurture leadership, encourage innovation and build meaningful opportunities for young people. We believe that when young people are given the right environment, mentorship and support, they become powerful agents of change capable of transforming society positively.

This summit also reflects the importance of partnerships and collective action. We deeply appreciate all our partners, sponsors, speakers, volunteers and delegates whose support and commitment continue to make this vision possible. Your contribution is helping shape a generation that is bold, informed, innovative and ready to lead. I encourage every delegate to actively participate, connect with others, share ideas and fully take advantage of the opportunities presented during the summit. The conversations you hold here, the people you meet and the lessons you gain may very well shape your future journey.

Welcome to Kirinyaga County.
Welcome to the movement.
Welcome to the future.

Anthony Murigu
Chairperson, Kirinyaga Young Professionals

Welcome Note

Message from the Secretary General



Nicholas Bundi
Secretary General.
Kirinyaga Young Professionals

Dear Delegates, Partners and Fellow Youth,

On behalf of Kirinyaga Young Professionals, I warmly welcome you to the Kirinyaga Youth Summit 2026. This summit brings together young leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs and change-makers committed to shaping a better future for Kirinyaga County and beyond. This is a platform to share ideas, inspire one another, build networks and explore opportunities that empower our generation.

As we engage in discussions on leadership, entrepreneurship, technology, governance and community development, I encourage each one of you to participate actively and make meaningful connections that will create lasting impact.

Welcome to the Kirinyaga Youth Summit 2026.



Haron Mwai
Organising Secretary.
Kirinyaga Young Professionals

Welcome to Kirinyaga Youth Summit!

I am honored to be part of a movement that brings together young leaders, innovators and visionaries determined to create change. This summit has been carefully planned to provide a platform for learning, networking, inspiration and opportunities.

We believe that when young people unite with purpose, great things happen.

Through conversations, innovation pitches, mentorship, and collaboration, we hope this summit will spark ideas that transform communities and shape the future.

Thank you to all participants, partners, speakers, and volunteers for making this event possible. Your energy and commitment are what make this summit truly special.

Enjoy the experience, build connections and be inspired to lead boldly.



Summit Objectives

The Kirinyaga Youth Summit 2026 aims to inspire young people through real success stories shared by accomplished leaders and professionals. The summit will equip youth with leadership, innovation and digital skills that are essential for personal and professional growth in the modern economy.

The Summit aims to:

- **Inspire Leadership**
Equip young people with leadership skills and mindset for positive societal impact.
- **Promote Innovation**
Encourage creativity, entrepreneurship and digital transformation among the youth.
- **Empower Careers and Business**
Provide mentorship and opportunities for career growth and business development.
- **Encourage Mental Wellness**
Promote conversations around emotional wellbeing and mental health awareness.
- **Foster Networking**
Create meaningful connections between youth, leaders, institutions and organizations.

Summit Key Pillars

The summit is anchored on the following key pillars:



Leadership

Building ethical and visionary leaders



Innovation & Technology

Exploring digital opportunities and future trends.



Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy

Empowering youth economically.



Mental Wellness & Personal Growth

Encouraging healthy and balanced living.



Climate Action & Sustainability

Driving environmental responsibility



Talent, Creativity & Culture

Celebrating youth creativity and expression.

Keynote Speaker



BRIEF PROFILE

- A. PLO Lumumba** is a Professor of Public Law, a holder of an LL.D (Doctor of Laws) on the Law of the Sea from the University of Ghent, Belgium, holds a Post graduate Diploma from Kenya School of Law, Master of Laws degree and Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi. Patrick Loch Otieno Lumumba holds an honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (*D.Litt.*) (*Honoris Causa*) from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. He is also a holder of the Degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) (*Honoris Causa*) from Bells University of Technology in Nigeria. He has been trained on Humans Rights at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies University of London in England, Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of the University of Lund in Sweden and on International Humanitarian Law in Geneva, Switzerland. He is an Advocate of the High Courts of Kenya conferred the rank of Senior Counsel in Kenya and Tanganyika and a Certified Mediator. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya FCPS (K), a Fellow of the Kenya Institute of Management (FKIM) and Honorary Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (FAAS). He is the Chairman of Farafina Investment Group in Monrovia, Liberia and Economic Strategic Growth and Development Initiative for Africa based in Nigeria.
- B.** He is the immediate former Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya School of Law, a former Secretary of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission and a former Director of the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC). He is the Founding Trustee of the African Institute for Leaders and Leadership (AILL) and founding Chairman of the Association of the Citizens Against Corruption (ACAC). He was the Founding Dean, Kabarak University School of Law, a former lecturer at the University of Nairobi (UON), the United States International University (USIU Africa), Widener University USA (Nairobi Summer School) and Chancellor of the Unity University in Hargeisa. He is also currently a Professor of Leadership and Ethics at the African School of Governance in Kigali, Rwanda. He is widely published and currently consults with Lumumba & Lumumba Advocates, a member of the Africa Justice Group and runs the PLO Lumumba Foundation with presence in fifty (50) Africa Countries.

Guest Speakers



Dr. Joe Njagi - Gynaecologist

Dr. Joe Njagi is a prominent Kenyan Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist and Laparoscopic Surgeon specializing in advanced endometriosis management and minimally invasive surgery. He is recognized as a leading advocate for women's reproductive health, focusing on increasing access to care in Africa.

Hello is an expert in excision surgery for severe endometriosis, treating patients at 3rd Park Hospital and Maple Grove Gynecological Centre.

He serves as Secretary General of the Kenyan Society of Endoscopic Specialties (KESES) and founded Laparoscopy Mashinani to bring



Ms. Joan Nyambura - ForReal KE

Joan Nyambura, popularly known as “ForReal KE,” is a highly respected Kenyan automotive specialist, mechanic and digital content creator from Kirinyaga County. She is widely recognized for her expertise in motor vehicle pre-purchase inspections, where she helps buyers identify hidden faults, damages and mechanical issues before purchasing vehicles. Through her deep understanding of car brands, engines and automotive systems, Joan has built a trusted name in Kenya's car industry.

Her journey is particularly inspiring because she left a career path in medicine to fully pursue her passion for automobiles and mechanics. Over the years, she mastered the art of vehicle inspection and transformed car breakdown challenges into a successful business that protects buyers from making costly mistakes.

Joan stands out not only because of her technical skills, but also because of her courage, authenticity and integrity.



Mr. Ndungu Nyoro - Affecto

Ndungu Nyoro is the founder of Affecto Foundation and the initiator of the Watoto Wasome Initiative. He is widely recognized for his efforts in promoting education, mentorship and community transformation among children and young people in Kenya.

Through the Watoto Wasome initiative, Ndungu Nyoro has helped support learning opportunities for vulnerable children by providing school support, mentorship and educational programs aimed at access to quality education.



Mr. Jeremy Thuku - Osho
Chemical Industries LTD

Jeremy Thuku is a results-driven professional in the agrochemical sector, currently working with Osho Chemical Industries Ltd. With a strong background in Agriventures and agribusiness, he specializes in providing practical farming solutions, product knowledge, and market linkages to farmers and agro-dealers.

Jeremy is passionate about improving agricultural productivity through effective use of herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides, while promoting sustainable farming practices. He is known for his hands-on approach in farmer training, field demonstrations, and building trusted relationships within the agricultural community.

Driven by innovation and impact, Jeremy continues to support the growth of modern agriculture in Kenya by bridging the gap between quality agro-inputs and farmers' needs.



Mr. Teresios Bundi - GIZ

Teresios Bundi is the Global Digital Jobs Advisor at the Digital Transformation Centre, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). He supports initiatives that promote inclusive digital employment, digital skills development, platform work, data governance, and innovation across Kenya and Sub-Saharan Africa.

He works with governments, development partners, private sector actors, and digital platforms to expand practical and market-oriented opportunities for youth, women, SMEs, and underserved communities in the digital economy.



Mr. Sammy N. Wambugu -
Hope

Sammy N. Wambugu is a transformational leader, Counselling Psychologist, Governance Expert and strategist with more than 20 years of experience in Policy Development, Psychosocial Support, Youth empowerment, and institutional strengthening across Kenya and the East African region.

As Strategic Board Member, holding the Position of the Director-at-Large, he provides strategic oversight, strengthens governance practices, and partners closely with fellow board members and organizational leadership to advance the mission of Hope Valley Scholars Inc. with clarity, accountability, and long-term vision.

Mr. Wambugu holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology, a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology, and an MBA in Strategy and International Business, and is a PhD (Cand). His academic and professional background reflects a deep commitment to understanding human behavior, mental well-being, and ethical, people-centered leadership within complex organizational environments.

He is the Founder of SUM Talks, a platform focused on mental health awareness, mentorship, and leadership development for young people. Through SUM Talks, he has led impactful programs, trainings, and community engagements that promote psychosocial resilience, personal growth, and purpose-driven leadership among youth and emerging leaders.



Stella Mutitu - Workforce Express

Stella Mutitu is the Director of Workforce Express Solutions Limited, a government-accredited recruitment agency under Kenya's National Employment Authority, specializing in connecting skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled professionals to verified, high-paying international employment opportunities.

Through her leadership, the company has built a reputation for promoting ethical recruitment practices and protecting job seekers from fraud and unverified agents while helping families achieve economic empowerment through global employment opportunities.

She holds a Master's Degree in Women in Leadership from the University of Nairobi, a Bachelor's Degree in Communication (Public Relations) from Daystar University, and a Diploma in Human Resource Management from the Kenya Institute of Management.

Between 2017 and 2022, Stella Mutitu served as the County First Lady of Taita Taveta County, where she championed impactful community development and social empowerment initiatives. Her work focused on advancing women's economic empowerment through the establishment of SACCOs across sub-counties, mentoring adolescent boys and girls, supporting vulnerable communities through free medical outreach programs, and empowering youth through sustainable livelihood initiatives, including eco-jiko projects.

She is passionate about leadership, community transformation, ethical labour mobility and creating opportunities that improve lives and strengthen families.



Mr. Patrick Kiragu Gachoki

Patrick is a self driven business oriented leader and most importantly in agriculture.

Born in Kirinyaga, Gichugu Division, Kabare Location.

Founder Chairman of Kirima Dairy Cooperative Society and other engagement activities in the region.

Worked as an Operation Manager in Mombasa at Compact Frieghts Companies for more than ten years.



Shujaa Rose Wachira, OGW

SHUJAA ROSE WACHIRA, OGW

1. Bachelor of Education
2. Masters Education- Counseling Psychology
3. Addiction Prevention & Treatment
4. PhD- Clinical Psychology

STATE RECOGNITION

1. National Hero conferred by President 2018 & 2019
2. OGW (Order of Grand Worrier)

CAREER

1. Kamuiru Boys High School
2. Kigari Teachers Training College
3. Consultancy- Plan International among many other organizations
4. Kirinyaga County Government- ADMINISTRATION, Special Programs & Liason



Martin Chomba
Ujuzi Space

Martin Chomba is a distinguished Kenyan entrepreneur, policy strategist, and emerging statesman recognized for his contributions to the energy, governance, and digital innovation sectors.

He serves as the founding and current Chairperson of the Petroleum Outlets Association of Kenya (POAK), where he has played a pivotal role in advancing policy dialogue, industry coordination, and sustainable growth within Kenya's downstream petroleum industry.

Currently pursuing a PhD in Development Studies, Martin's academic and professional interests focus on inclusive development, institutional transformation, and socio-economic advancement.

He is also the founder of [Ujuzispace.com](https://ujuzispace.com), a digital platform dedicated to innovation, knowledge exchange, and youth empowerment.

Widely regarded as a respected opinion leader, he actively shapes public discourse on social, political, and economic affairs through media and civic engagement.

Martin is an aspiring Member of Parliament for Kirinyaga Central Constituency in Kenya's 2027 General Elections.



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Moderator / MC - Wangeci Muriuk (NTV)

DAY 1: Friday 22nd May 2026

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER/MODERATOR
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration & Networking	Mwema
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Entertainment	KYP
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Opening Prayer	Rev. Maina
9:10 am - 9:20 am	National & East Africa Anthem	Albert Miano
9:20 am - 9:35 am	Welcome Remarks	Anthony Murigu & KYP Executive
9:35 am - 10:15 am	official opening of Kirinyaga Youth Summit 2026	Kirinyaga County Government Rep
10:15 am - 10:40 am	Exhibition Tour	KYP Executive
10:40 am - 11:40 am	Keynote Address	Prof. PLO Lumumba
11:40 am - 11:50 am	Entertainment Interlude	KYP

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER/MODERATOR
11:50 am - 12:30 pm	Entrepreneuership & Career Conversation	Dr. Joe Njagi
12:30 pm - 12:40 pm	Entertainment Interlude	KYP
12:40 pm - 1:20 pm	Job Opportunities	Stella Mutitu
1:20 pm - 2:20 pm	Lunch Break & Networking	KYP
2:20 pm - 2:50 pm	Career Talk	Mr. Ndungu Nyoro / CPA Wangechi/ IEK President
2:50 pm - 3:20 pm	Role of Women in the Leadeership Space	Ms. Asha Bashir
3:20 pm - 3:30 pm	Entertainment & Breakout Session	KYP
3:30 pm - 4:40 pm	Break Out Rooms Agriculture & Climate Change AI & Tech SME Financing & Investment Career Growth	KYP Moderators Mr. Jeremy Thuku, Mr. Rubari, Mr.ELias Njogu, Mr. Jeff & Mr. Patrick Kiragu Mr. Martin Chomba, Mr. Macharia & Mr. Adonis Ochuoga KNCCI Chairperson - Madam Poline, Dr. Gacau & CPA Wangechi Professional Bod- ies Representatives (Haron)
4:40 pm - 4:50 pm	Entertainment Interlude	KYP
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	Vote of Thanks & Closing of Day one with Prayer	Dathi



Moderator / MC - Ojwang Mariam

DAY 2: Saturday 23rd May

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER / MODERATOR
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration & Networking	KYP
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Opening Prayer	Rev. Kaara
8:40 am - 8:50 am	National & East Africa Anthem	KYP
8:50 am - 8:55 am	Day One Recap	Mr. Haron Mwai
8:55 am - 9:20 am	KIPI Session on Intellectual Property and Innovation Protection	KIPI Representative
9:20 am - 9:30 am	Entertainment Session	KYP
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Digital Opportunities Panel	Mr. Teresio Bundi, Ms. Joan Nyambura & Mr. Martin Chomba (Albert)
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Youth & Business	Ms. Joan Nyambura
10:30 am - 10:50 am	Entertainment	KYP
10:50 am - 12:20 am	Innovation Challenge	Mr. Anthony Murigu & Mr. Cephass
12:20 pm - 1:00 pm	Bridging Generational Gap	CEC Calbert Njeru

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER/MODERATOR
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Innovation & Statutory Doc	Dr. Esther Muchiri & Wakili Faridah
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch Break & Entertainment	KYP
2:00 pm - 2:40 pm	Mental Health Panel	Madam Charity, Mr. Sammy Wambugu & Shujaa
2:40 pm - 2:50 pm	Entertainment	KYP
2:50 pm - 3:20 pm	KYP Panel	Moderator Ojwang
3:20 pm - 4:00 pm	Youth & Leadership Panel	Moderator Ojwang & Hassan Lewa
4:00 pm - 4:40 pm	National Youth League Leadership Panel	Haron Mwai
4:40 pm - 5:00 pm	Youth & Leadership	H.E Peter Ndambiri
5:00 pm - 5:40 pm		Guest Speaker (H.E Mike Sonko)
5:40 pm - 6:30 pm	Award ceremony	DJ Dimpoles
6:30 pm - 6:40 pm	KYU Student Leaders	KYU
6:40 pm - 6:45 pm	Committee Recognition & Appreciation	Mr. Nicholas Bundi
6:45 pm - 6:50 pm	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Paul Muchira
6:50 pm - 7:00 pm	Closing Prayers	CEC Calbert Njeru



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