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**DRAFT Programme for the Presidential event at Jomo Kenyatta University,
Assembly Hall, 2 June 2025**

N.B: The approximate time for the event is between 9.55 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

**Translating Policy into Practice: Slovenia and Kenya
Empowering Communities, Protecting Ecosystems,
Fostering Peace**

Description of the event: This high-level event will be grounded in the values of solidarity, sustainability, and shared responsibility for our planet's future. As a committed partner in the global effort to tackle climate change, Slovenia—through its international development cooperation—prioritizes projects that promote environmental stewardship, advance gender equality and strengthen community resilience. Across all efforts, the emphasis remains on supporting locally led solutions that empower communities—especially women and youth—to be at the forefront of change.

- **The event reflects Slovenia's growing engagement with Kenya highlighting a shared commitment to climate action through science-based, locally anchored approaches. With Slovenia's support, this event will present three impactful projects contributing to the Team Europe Initiative in Kenya, all focused on strengthening climate adaptation and resilience:** the Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies (SPACE-SI) together with Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology's (JKUAT) collection of satellite data and their design of digital twin models to support management of transboundary river basins in Kenya;
- the World Food Programme's building of resilient communities in Kenya's arid lands through beekeeping while restoring its degraded ecosystems;
- **A partnership between the International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE) with University of Nairobi, promoting sustainable agricultural transformation** through research into eco-friendly alternatives to antibiotics.



As part of the event, the panel *One Climate, One Future: Integrated Solutions for Kenya's Environmental Resilience* will bring together thought leaders from science, development, academia, and diplomacy. The panel will explore integrated strategies for building resilience in Kenya, focusing on innovations such as satellite-based environmental monitoring, climate-smart food systems, and inclusive policy development. This dialogue underscores the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration and the central role of local expertise in driving effective, long-term climate solutions.

At a time when Kenya grapples with severe climate impacts, this event underscores the power of international solidarity and local innovation to drive transformative change.

Intended public: students and faculty of JKUAT and University of Nairobi, UN office at Nairobi (e.g. WFP, UNEP, FAO), Delegation of the EU to Kenya, partners of JKUAT, Hive Ltd., county government officers (including respective governors) for the WFP project, Slovenian business delegation.

Programme

9:55 – Motorcade arrival at JKUAT

- The University leadership, representatives of SPACE-SI and the Slovenian CMSR, along with a small group of students and invited guests, await the motorcade at the Cherry Park in front of the Conduit on JKUAT campus
- **Official greeting of the University Leadership**

10:00–10:15 – Conduit Inauguration Ceremony

- **Ribbon-cutting & unveiling of plaque** at the inaugurated conduit

Followed by a walk towards the Assembly Hall.

10:30–10:35 – Welcome Address by Vice Chancellor of Jomo Kenyatta University, Prof. Victoria Wambui Ngumi

10:37–10:42 – Opening Address by the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Nataša Pirc Musar



10:45 – 11:00 Project Pitches

10:45–10:50 – Project 1: Satellite Data and Digital Twin Models for Transboundary Water Management - Simulation

By: Dr Lawrence Nderu (JKUAT)

10:50–10:55 – Project 2: Climate Change Adaptation through Ecosystem-based Management and Beekeeping

By: Timothy Koskei (Assets Creation and Livelihood Diversification Technical Lead at the WFP)

10:55–11:00 – Project 3: Eco-Friendly Bacteriophage Solutions for Sustainable Agriculture

By: representative **tbc**, International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE) in partnership with University of Nairobi

11:00–12:00 Panel Discussion: One Climate, One Future: Integrated Solutions for Kenya's Environmental Resilience

Problem definition

Kenya is at the forefront of the global climate crisis, grappling with prolonged droughts, erratic rainfall, and the degradation of critical ecosystems such as forests, water catchments, and rangelands. These environmental shifts have far-reaching effects, including rising food insecurity, water scarcity, and disrupted livelihoods, especially in arid and semi-arid regions.

The panel discussion *One Climate, One Future: Integrated Solutions for Kenya's Environmental Resilience* explores how integrated, cross-sectoral strategies can strengthen the country's capacity to anticipate, withstand, and adapt to environmental shocks. It highlights the need for innovative tools—such as space-based monitoring systems and geospatial data—to inform land use and resource management. At the same time, it considers how humanitarian responses, sustainable agriculture, and resilient food systems can address both the immediate and long-term impacts of climate stress.

This dialogue takes place against a backdrop of growing international collaboration and a shared commitment to the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN 2030 Agenda. The panel will emphasise the value of combining global expertise with local



knowledge, and of aligning policy, science, and community action in the pursuit of environmental sustainability.

Guiding questions

- How can satellite and data technologies enhance environmental monitoring and early warning systems in Kenya?
- In what ways can food assistance and sustainable agriculture contribute to long-term environmental resilience?
- How can national policy be shaped by academic research and grassroots experiences to build climate resilience?
- What role can international partnerships play in supporting Kenya's environmental goals?
- How do we ensure integrated climate solutions benefit the most vulnerable populations equitably?

Panelists:

- Inger Andersen, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme **tbc**
- Representative of the Republic of Slovenia **tbc**
- Lauren Landis, Representative and Country Director of the UN World Food Programme Kenya (*confirmed*)
- Henriette Geiger, Ambassador of the European Union to Kenya **tbc**
- Tomaž Rodič, Director, SPACE-SI (Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies) (*confirmed*)
- Prof. Maina J. Wagacha, University of Nairobi (*confirmed*)
- Ahmed Abdullahi, Wajir County Government **tbc**

Moderator:

- Stephen Jackson, the UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya (*confirmed*)

12:00–13:00 – Marketplace and Networking: Featuring Innovative Practices by WFP Beekeeping Project Participants, Hive Ltd, SPACE-SI, and the Slovenia-based International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE)

- WFP project participants from Mandera, Marsabit and Wajir present their products
- JHUB and SPACE-SI demonstration of satellite imaging



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- Informal networking session with refreshments at the Marketplace area providing an opportunity for informal discussion, media interviews, and interaction with project displays