

Kusi Ideas Festival II Itinerary

Lakeside City, Kisumu

Tuesday, 8th – Wednesday 9th December 2020

TIME	SESSION	OVERVIEW
09:45 - 10:00	Festival Opening Session	
10:05 - 10:15	We Survived and Reinvented During the Pandemic	Opening Remarks by Dr. Wilfred Kiboro, NMG Board Chair
10:20 - 11:25	The African Exemplars: How African resilience and smarts were revealed by the pandemic	The continent proved the doomsayers wrong yet again - the pandemic did not exact the apocalyptic toll they said it would. How did Africa do it?
11:30 - 11:40	A crisis makes a case for international cooperation and African integration	High Level Presentation
11:45 - 13:00	Presidential Panel The Pandemic Taught Us That African Integration Is A Winner	From the development of Covid-19 testing, distribution of emergency supplies to planning for vaccines, the best responses in Africa happened through collective action - Reflections on the best moments of Africa in a crisis.
LUNCH BREAK		
13:30 - 14:20	Securing Growth: The Shape of the Post-Covid African Economy	Several economies in Africa posted their lowest growth in over 30 years in 2020, but as they reopened, some showed early signs of strong recovery. What has changed forever? And what might the future winning formulas be?
14:25 - 15:20	Covid-19 and the Case for New Ways; Urbanisation, Technology, and Global Leadership	The pandemic dramatically made the case for re-organizing living spaces, transport, education, and a wide range of social sectors. What have we learnt about investment in research, and new technologies. What lessons are to be learnt on managing the environment? What roles have been signaled for youth leadership? Where in Africa do we see the seeds of practices that might help us well in future crises?
15:25 - 16:25	From the Ashes: Virtual Fashion Shows, Concerts, And African Story-Telling	An African designer held the first virtual fashion show with 3D; poets and musicians offered comfort in bleak moments, artists etched the tests of the pandemic in their work, and African writers thrived. The stories of what we discovered about ourselves in lockdown.
16:30 - 17:30	Digging the African Economy Out of the Crisis	Covid-19 might not have cost as many African lives as initially expected, but dealt a huge blow to many economies. There are signs that the worst is over, but other sectors like tourism are still struggling. How do we engineer a recovery? How do we get investor confidence back? And where will the money to fund recovery come from?
17:35 - 18:25	The Vaccine Race: Africa Shouldn't Be Left Behind	There are concerns that like most of the developing countries, Africa will miss out on the Covid-19 vaccine, with the rich industrialized nations already have forward-bought most of the vaccine doses that will come to market early. An exploration of how resources might be mobilised for their purchase; and how the infrastructure for their storage and distribution might be established
18:27 - 18:30	"How we See the Coming Times"	NMG GCEO, Stephen Gitagama

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09:00 - 9:02	Opener	
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9:15 - 10:15	Covid-19 And The New Urbanisation Realities: Challenges for Africities 2021	For centuries, pandemics have defined how cities are built or rebuilt. As the Africities Summit comes to Kisumu in 2021, what are the best lessons from the Covid-19 shock that we take forward?
10:20 - 11:20	A Kenyan Recovery, An East African Recovery	East African regional trade has recovered quickly, and some economies recorded impressive exports for commodities like coffee and apparels, during the lockdown but there is still a long way to. How does East Africa get back the robust economic growth that was projected pre-pandemic?
11:25 - 12:25	Blue Economy: Intra East African Trade, and the new Opportunities on Lake Victoria	With regional borders closed or snarled with 60-kilometre truck queues, the case for returning to Lake Victoria as a transport platform, and leveraging the wider blue economy was never more apparent. This at a time when the use of River Nile resources has become a top geopolitical issue - both in respect of the Ethiopian Grand Renaissance Dam, and the record water levels of Lake Victoria and the Nile, which have created new environmental, livelihood, and food security crises. How have the region's waters finally become one of the biggest issues of the time?
12:00 - 12:07	Conference Closing Session	Closing Remarks by Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga
LUNCH AND LAKESIDE TOUR *OPTIONAL		