



# Kenya-Sweden Bioeconomy Business and Innovation Fair



**December 8 - 9, 2025**



**Sarit Expo Center, Kenya**

See more information attached and here: <https://saritexpo.com/>

## Objective

To present pathways and ideas for advancing the Kenyan bioeconomy through the development of bioeconomy cluster roadmaps and to foster partnerships between Swedish and Kenyan actors in support of industrialization, modernization, and scaling up of Kenya's bioeconomy.

## DAY 1: December 8

Time	Agenda	Responsible
09:00-09:15	Welcome and introduction to the event	<b>Niall O'Connor</b> - Centre Director, SEI Africa
09:15-09:30	SEI's role in development research	<b>Annika Markovic</b> - Engagement and Impact Director, SEI
09:30-09:45	The role of Sweden and Sida/Team Sweden in building the Kenyan bioeconomy and in supporting partnership building between Swedish and Kenyan biobased business actors	<b>Håkan Åkesson</b> - Swedish ambassador to Kenya, Head of Mission. Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN-Habitat
09:45-10:00	Opening remarks	PS State Department for Investment, Trade and Industry
10:00-10:15	Photo session	<b>Henry Nerious Diето</b> , SEI
10:15-10:30	Coffee and tea	
10:30-10:45	Global S&T Partnerships to advance bioeconomy in Kenya	<b>Dr. Jordan Kyongo</b> , Head of the East Africa Research & Innovation Hub, FCDO.
10:45-11:00	East Africa's bioeconomic potential and growth sectors: WhyKenya is an attractive Market for bio-Companies	<b>Jonas Tesfu</b> , Pangea
11:00-11:15	Potential and opportunities for linking Swedish and Kenyan business actors	<b>Winfred Kiarie</b> , Business Sweden
11:15 -11:30	Investing in Kenya, a Swedish private sector perspective	<b>Tom Walsh</b> , CEO Renetech AB
11:30-11:50	Q&A	All participants
11.50-12.50	<b>Session Panel</b> Moving forward, building the Kenyan bioeconomy, supporting bioeconomy cluster development and building partnership platforms.	<b>Chair: Dr. Ivar Virgin - SEI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Linda Davis</b>, Giraffe Bioenergy</li> <li>Representative from TEAM SWEDEN/Sida</li> <li><b>Madeleine Fries Martinell</b>, Business Sweden</li> <li>Representative from KEPSA</li> <li>Director, state department of Industry, MITI</li> <li><b>Dr. Emmeline Skinner</b>, UK high commission</li> </ul>
12:50-13:20	Q&A	• All participants
13:20-14:00	Lunch networking, mingling and visiting the exhibition	All participants



## Day 1: Afternoon

Time	Agenda	Responsible
14.00-15.00	Presenting the cluster roadmaps, and short overview presentation of company profiles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kenyan Biobased Cluster 1 Value addition to primary produce and circular food systems</li> <li>Kenyan Biobased Cluster 2 Bio-based agricultural inputs</li> <li>Kenyan Biobased Cluster 3, Biobased industrial development</li> <li>Kenyan Biobased Cluster 4 Sustainable bioenergy</li> </ul> Short presentations by Swedish and UK companies present at the Fair	Cluster champions
15.00 -17:00	B2B interaction and speed Networking (A separate Agenda will be presented at the fair)	

## DAY 2: December 9

Time	Agenda	Responsible
0900-0905	Welcome and introduction to Day 2	<b>Niall O' Connor</b> - Centre Director, SEI Africa
0905:0915	Key messages and conclusions from day 1	<b>Jamila Ahmed</b> - SEI
09.15-09.30	Presentation of the The Kenyan State of the Bioeconomy 2025 report	<b>Rael Adhiambo</b> - National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation
0930-10.30	Advancing Bioscience Innovation and Biobusiness Growth in Kenya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advancing the Bioeconomy in East Africa - <b>Dr. Julius Ecuru</b>, BioInnovate Africa</li> <li>Mapping the bioscience landscape in Kenya and role of actor clusters - <b>Mwendwa Keli</b>, Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office, FCDO, UK</li> <li>Enabling Innovation for Socio-economic Development, Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA)</li> <li>Questions and Answers</li> </ul>	<b>Chair: Romanus Opiyo</b> - SEI
10:30-11:00	Coffee and tea	
11:00-12:00	Status of the EAC Regional bioeconomy	<b>Fortunate Muyambi</b> , EASTECO and presentations from countries in East Africa
12:00-13:00	Lunch networking, mingling and visiting the exhibition	All participants
13:00-17:00	B2B interaction, one-one meeting	All participants
13.00-17:00	Exhibition and Networking	All participants

The Fair presentations will also be available to view online, and you will also be able to directly contact the Kenyan and Swedish companies participating in the event. To receive more information about the Fair, including how to join online and how to connect with the participating companies, please register using the link below. Additional details will be sent to you after your registration.

**You can also visit the SEI Fair webpage for more information**

<https://www.sei.org/events/kenya-sweden-bioeconomy-business-and-innovation-fair/>.

***Here is the link to the registration***

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