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Kenya National Research Fund and Young Scientists Kenya Announce Inaugural National Research Festival

NAIROBI, KENYA – July 22nd, 2024 – The National Research Fund (NRF), in partnership with Young Scientists Kenya (YSK), announces the inaugural Kenya National Research Festival (KNRF) 2024. This groundbreaking festival brings together a diverse pool of stakeholders, including researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, and young innovators, united by a common purpose: to celebrate, engage, build partnerships, and advance research excellence across Kenya and beyond.

Keynote Address: Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala, Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research, will deliver the keynote address, highlighting the crucial role of Research, Science, Technology, and Innovation (RSTI) in driving socio-economic development and competitiveness in a globalized world.

Event Highlights:

- **7th YSK National Science and Technology Exhibition:** Featuring over 1,000 students from 390 schools across 47 counties, showcasing innovative science, technology, and research projects.
- **Exhibitions and Displays:** Presenting cutting-edge research technologies and innovations.
- **Panel Discussions and Workshops:** Engaging discussions on interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary research and its alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Recognition of Excellence:** Awards and special recognitions for outstanding research contributions and leadership.

The Kenya National Research Festival aims to:

- Celebrate research and innovation achievements.
- Foster a robust research culture.
- Inspire and engage researchers, students, policymakers, and the public.
- Advocate for increased research funding and support.
- Promote interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge sharing.

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About the National Research Fund (NRF)

The National Research Fund is established under the Science, Technology, and Innovation Act No. 28 of 2013, mandated to mobilize, allocate and manage financial resources to facilitate research for the advancement of science, technology, and innovation. NRF is committed to the advancement of national development through R&D initiatives. The National Research Fund is a statutory body established under the Science Technology and Innovation Act 2013, mandated to facilitate research in science, technology, and innovation, support scientific research and innovation, and compile and maintain a national database of research and innovation in Kenya. NRF is dedicated to fostering research and innovation in Kenya. Through various initiatives and collaborations, NRF aims to enhance the nation's scientific and technological capacity, driving sustainable development and economic growth www.nrf.go.ke

About Young Scientists Kenya

Young Scientists Kenya (YSK) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to inspire and empower the next generation of young scientists, innovators, and entrepreneurs to transform their communities through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). With a focus on secondary schools, to date, we have reached over 250,000 students from over 750 schools in all 47 counties, through physical and virtual STEM Outreach and Mentorship programs, as well as six annual STEM exhibitions and business boot camps. Our “Leave No Learner Behind” campaign aims to impact the most disadvantaged students with dedicated and tailored mentorship in collaboration with strategic STEM and technology partners. Projects presented at our exhibition are supported for further research and/or actualization through support from our partners during the Business Bootcamp - 1 received a trademark in 2022.