

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - 05 th October 2026 (Monday)		
08:00 – 08:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee <i>Participants arrive, register, and network.</i>	
Opening Ceremony		
08:30 – 9:30	Opening Remarks and Programme Overview <i>Opening remarks by the Organisers and Partners, followed by an overview of the workshop objectives, learning journey and expected outcomes.</i> - Opening remarks by Maseno University - Welcoming remarks by • ISTIC • Future Earth Africa Hub Leadership Centre • NACOSTI • Landscape Alliance • NRF Kenya	
Theme I: Understanding Science Diplomacy: Concepts, Contexts and Actors		
09:30 – 9:50	Keynote Address Unlocking Africa's Science, Technology and Innovation Dividend through Science Diplomacy	Tobias Ogwen
9:50 – 10:30	Panel Discussion Current status and the future of science Diplomacy in E. Africa states and the Global South Moderator • Dr Philip Osano Panellists: • Dr. Ermias Betermariam • Mr. Tobias Ogwen • Prof Chrispin Kowenje (Maseno University) • Prof Bozzi (IUNCBD) • Prof. Vasey Mwaja (NACOSTI)	
10:30 – 11:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break <i>Refreshments and networking opportunity.</i>	
11:00 – 12:00	Module 1.1: Foundations of Science Diplomacy Part 1 – Conceptual Overview Topics: • Origins and evolution of science diplomacy • The three dimensions of science diplomacy • Science diplomacy in global governance • Science diplomacy for sustainable development	Session by: Dr. Philips Osano

	Part 2 – Interactive Dialogue Participants reflect on: • Where science intersects with policy in their work • How science diplomacy can strengthen their research, institution or organisation	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break <i>Lunch provided on-site</i>	
13:00 – 14:30	Module 1.2: Science Diplomacy in Africa and the Global South <i>This session examines the role of science diplomacy in addressing regional priorities and advancing sustainable development across Africa and the Global South.</i> Key Themes: • Science diplomacy in Africa and the Global South • Regional cooperation and integration • Science diplomacy for sustainable development • South–South and triangular cooperation Interactive Dialogue Participants discuss: • Opportunities and challenges for advancing science diplomacy across East Africa and the wider Global South	Session by: Tobias Ogwenso
14:30 – 15:30	Module 1.3: The Science Diplomacy Ecosystem <i>Participants explore the institutions, actors and partnerships that shape science diplomacy at national, regional and international levels.</i> Actors include: • Government ministries • Universities and research institutions • National academies and research councils • Regional organisations • International organisations • Civil society • Private sector Interactive Activity <i>Participants work in groups to develop a stakeholder map for a selected regional challenge, identifying key actors, their respective roles and opportunities for collaboration.</i>	Session by: Ezekiel Mecha
15:30 – 15:45	Afternoon Break <i>Refreshments and networking opportunity</i>	

15:45 – 16:45	Module 1.4: Signature Exercise – The 60-Second Science Diplomacy Pitch <i>Participants present their research, professional work or institutional role in one minute as if speaking to a policymaker, development partner or potential international collaborator.</i> Objectives: • Practise concise and effective communication. • Demonstrate the policy and societal relevance of research and professional work. • Introduce participants' expertise and interests. • Foster networking and future collaboration. Peer and facilitator feedback will be provided.	Session by: Ezekiel Mecha
16:45	End of Day 1	

DAY 2 – 06 th October 2026 (Tuesday)		
08:00 - 08:30	Arrival and Welcome Coffee <i>Participants arrive and network</i>	
Theme II: Practising Science Diplomacy: Communication, Negotiation and Collaboration		
08:30 - 08:45	Reflections on Day 1 and Preview of Day 2: <i>Participants reflect on the key lessons from Day 1 and explore how science diplomacy concepts translate into practice.</i>	Session by: Local Organisers (Maseno University)
08.45 – 10:15	Module 2.1: Communicating Science for Policy and Diplomacy <i>This session explores how scientific knowledge can be communicated effectively to policymakers, diplomats, development partners and other non-specialist audiences. Participants learn practical approaches for framing evidence, communicating uncertainty and tailoring messages to different stakeholders.</i> Topics include: • Understanding policy audiences • Framing scientific evidence • Communicating uncertainty • Writing and speaking for policy impact • Communicating evidence for evidence-informed policymaking Practical Exercise <i>Participants prepare a short policy message based on their own research, professional work or institutional experience.</i>	Session by: Evelyn Mbaabu

10:15 – 10:30	Morning Coffee Break <i>Refreshments and networking opportunity</i>	
10:30 – 12:00	Module 2.2: Negotiation and Consensus Building <i>Science diplomacy often requires balancing scientific evidence with political priorities, institutional interests and societal needs. This session introduces participants to the principles of negotiation, stakeholder engagement and consensus building in science diplomacy.</i> Topics include: • Negotiation strategies • Interests versus positions • Stakeholder engagement • Building consensus across sectors Interactive Exercise <i>Participants practise negotiation strategies through a facilitated multi-stakeholder scenario.</i>	Session by: Daniel Nyanganyura & Sharizad Dahlan
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break <i>Lunch provided on-site</i>	
13:00 – 15:30	Module 2.3: Flagship Exercise – Science Diplomacy Simulation <i>This immersive simulation is the core learning exercise of the workshop. Participants assume the roles of different stakeholders engaged in negotiating a regional or international challenge requiring a science diplomacy approach.</i> Learning Objectives Participants experience: • Multi-stakeholder negotiation • Evidence-informed decision-making • Competing national and institutional interests • Consensus building in complex policy environments From 3.2: Topics include: • Partnership models • Co-creation and co-design • South–South and triangular cooperation • Building trust across institutions • Mobilising resources for collaborative initiatives	Session by: Philip Osano
15:30 -15:45	Afternoon Break <i>Refreshments and networking opportunity</i>	
15:45 – 16:30	Module 2.4: Reflection and Debrief <i>Come back together to report on the exercise in 2.3. Facilitators lead a structured reflection on the simulation, encouraging participants to examine the strategies they adopted, the challenges encountered and the lessons learned for science diplomacy practice.</i>	Session by: Rael Adhiambo

	Reflection Themes: • What worked well? • What challenges emerged? • How was scientific evidence used? • What leadership and communication skills proved most important?	
16:30	End of Day 2	

DAY 3 - 07 th October 2026 (Wednesday)		
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival and Welcome Coffee <i>Participants arrive and network</i>	
Theme III: Applying Science Diplomacy: Addressing Regional and Global Challenges		
08:30 – 08:45	Reflections on Day 2 and Preview of Day 3 <i>Participants reflect on the key lessons from the previous day's simulation and explore how science diplomacy can be applied to address complex regional and global challenges.</i>	Session by: Local Organisers
08.45 – 10:15	Module 3.1: Science Diplomacy for Sustainable Development <i>This session explores how science diplomacy contributes to addressing complex sustainability challenges through international cooperation, evidence-informed policymaking and multi-stakeholder partnerships.</i> Key Themes: • Science diplomacy and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) • Climate change and environmental sustainability • Public health and pandemic preparedness • Food, water and energy security • Emerging technologies and responsible innovation • Prof Bozzi to advise Interactive Dialogue <i>Participants discuss how science diplomacy can support solutions to shared challenges facing East Africa and the Global South.</i>	Session by: Philip Osano
10:15 – 10:30	Morning Coffee Break	
10.30 – 12:00	Breakout Session Module 3.2: Building Partnerships for Science Diplomacy- Deep dive into thematic areas: Interactive Exercise <i>Participants analyse successful regional and international science diplomacy practice and partnerships - identify best practices and scientific breakthroughs under each theme</i>	Session by: Rael Adhiambol

	Agriculture	Landscape Alliance (CIFOR –ICRAF)
	Energy	NACOSTI
	Space science	Kenya Space Agency
	Environmental and climate (Biodiversity and water) diplomacy	UNEP
	Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies	Landscape Alliance (CIFOR –ICRAF)
	Sustainability Science	FEAHLC / ISTIC
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break <i>Lunch provided on-site</i>	
13:00 – 15:15	Module 3.3: Reflections from breakout group discussion. Group report in the areas discussed during the morning breakout sessions.	Session by: Evelyn Mbaabu
15:15- 15:30	Afternoon Break <i>Refreshments and networking opportunity</i>	
15:30 - 16:30	Module 3.4: Inter/intra-thematic areas partnerships and collaborations <i>Teams will propose strategies to address emerging challenges within each thematic area, identify commonalities across thematic areas, and interact with other teams through presentations and discussion.</i> <i>The session highlights different approaches to science diplomacy and encourages peer learning across disciplines, sectors and countries.</i> <i>Group Assignment to identify the current challenges within and across thematic areas that can be solved through science diplomacy to be reported in Module 4.3A.</i>	Session by: Roselida Owuor
16:30	End of Day 3	

DAY 4 – 08 th October 2026 (Thursday)		
08:00 - 08:30	Arrival and Welcome Coffee <i>Participants network and prepare for the final day of the training programme.</i>	
Theme IV: Leading Through Science Diplomacy: From Action to Impact		
08:30 – 08:45	Reflections on Day 3 and Preview of Day 4 <i>Participants reflect on the key lessons from the Challenge Lab and consider how science diplomacy leadership can translate collaborative ideas and strategies into sustained impact.</i>	Session by: Local Organisers

08:45 - 10:15	Module 4.1: Leadership in Science Diplomacy <i>This session explores the leadership competencies required to navigate the science-policy-diplomacy interface and to lead collaborative initiatives across institutions, sectors and countries.</i> Key Themes • Leadership in complex policy environments • Building trust and credibility • Influencing without authority • Ethical leadership in science diplomacy • Adaptive and systems leadership Interactive Dialogue <i>Participants reflect on their own leadership journey and identify the competencies they wish to strengthen to become more effective science diplomacy leaders.</i>	Session by: Daniel Nyanganyura
10:15 - 10:30	Morning Coffee Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Module 4.2: Leading and Sustaining Regional and Global Partnerships <i>This session explores how science diplomacy leaders initiate, steward, sustain and scale strategic partnerships across governments, academia, funding agencies, international organisations, civil society and the private sector.</i> Topics • Partnership development and stewardship • Building regional and international networks • South-South and triangular cooperation • Resource mobilisation • Communities of practice Interactive Exercise <i>Participants identify strategic partners and opportunities to strengthen science diplomacy initiatives within their institutions, countries and the wider region.</i>	Session by: Ezekiel Mecha
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break <i>Lunch provided on-site</i>	
13:00 - 14:00	Module 4.3A: Science Diplomacy road map for thematic areas <i>The participants will be handling the Assignments given from Module 3.4</i>	Session by: Rael Adhiambo
14.00-15.00	Module 4.3B: From Action to Impact – Planning and Evaluating Science Diplomacy Initiatives <i>This session supports participants in translating workshop learning into practical science diplomacy initiatives that are strategic, measurable and sustainable. Participants develop an action plan while considering how success can be monitored, evaluated and adapted over time.</i>	Session by: Roselida Owuor

	Topics • Why science diplomacy outcomes are difficult to measure • Designing science diplomacy initiatives • Results-based approaches to science diplomacy • Indicators for partnerships, policy influence and capacity development • Capturing intangible outcomes (trust, networks and influence) • Learning and adapting science diplomacy initiatives for long-term sustainability Interactive Exercise <i>Participants develop an implementation plan for a science diplomacy initiative, including:</i> • <i>Strategic objectives</i> • <i>Key stakeholders and partnerships</i> • <i>Expected outputs and outcomes</i> • <i>Indicators of success</i> • <i>Mechanisms for learning and adaptation</i>	
15.00 – 16:30	Module 4.4: The Maseno Dialogue and Commitment to Action (Intergenerational discussion; here selected High school students, University students, staff and participants will be involved). <i>The workshop culminates in a facilitated dialogue where participants collectively reflect on the future of science diplomacy in East Africa and the Global South. Building on the learning from the preceding sessions, participants identify regional priorities, emerging opportunities and practical actions to strengthen science diplomacy ecosystems across the region.</i> Dialogue Themes • Strengthening regional collaboration • Building resilient science diplomacy ecosystems • Future priorities for East Africa • Opportunities for long-term collaboration • Sustaining the community of practice Dialogue and Commitment Outcomes Participants collectively formulate the Maseno Dialogue on Science Diplomacy, comprising a set of shared recommendations and commitments to strengthen science diplomacy across East Africa and the Global South. The dialogue to validate the workshop's outcomes and gauge user-community readiness to utilize the outcomes.	Session moderated by: Chrispin Kowenje
16:30	Afternoon Refreshments and End of Day 4 <i>Refreshments and networking opportunity</i>	

DAY 5 – 09 th October 2026 (Friday)		
08:30 - 09:00	Arrival and Welcome Coffee <i>Participants gather for the final day of the programme and reconnect before the Closing Ceremony.</i>	
Theme V: Beyond the Workshop: Building the Science Diplomacy Community		
09:00 - 10:30	Closing Ceremony <i>The Closing Ceremony marks the successful completion of the EARW Science Diplomacy Leadership Programme and celebrates the achievements of participants, trainers and partners in advancing science diplomacy across East Africa and the Global South.</i> Programme • Welcome Remarks • Participant Reflections • Remarks by Workshop Partners • Presentation of Certificates • Closing Address • Official Closing of the Workshop • Group Photograph Session by: • Maseno University • International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation under the auspices of UNESCO (ISTIC) • Future Earth Africa Hub Leadership Centre (FEAHLIC) • Invited Guests	Certificate giving session By Maseno University VC
10:30 - 10:45	Departure Briefing <i>Participants receive an overview of the field experience, including the itinerary, logistics and safety arrangements.</i>	Session by: Local Organisers
10:45 - 16:30	Science, Culture and Sustainability Field Experience <i>The field experience provides participants with an opportunity to explore the interconnections between science, society, culture and sustainable development in the local context.</i> <i>Beyond the educational experience, the excursion serves as an informal platform for networking, strengthening professional relationships and exploring opportunities for future collaboration among participants, trainers and partner organisations.</i> Learning Themes may include: • Biodiversity and ecosystem conservation • Community-based natural resource management	Session by: Local Organisers

	• Sustainable livelihoods • Cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge • Science for local development • Nature-based solutions for sustainability	
16:30	Return to Hotels	