



In Search of Better Health

THE 1ST MERU COUNTY SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON KHAT (*MIRAA*) 2021

CONVENED BY KEMRI & MERU COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Day I: 27 th October 2021		
Time	Agenda	Moderator(s)
7:30- 8:30	Participants Registration	
8:45- 10:00	Opening Session <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Remarks from the Meru County2. Remarks from Council of Governors3. Remarks from DG / CEO, KEMRI4. Remarks from the Office of the President5. Keynote from Governor, Meru County	Meru County
10:00 - 10:10	Group Photograph & Exhibitions	
10:10 -10:45	Health Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary Panel Session 1: Health Sector Presenter – Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) <i>This session aims to provide scientific composition of khat (miraa) as well the research evidence on the health and nutritional value of khat (miraa) and associated pros and cons of khat (miraa) consumption in Kenya.</i> Discussants: <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. KALROii. MoH, Nairobi:	Moderator - TBA

13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Plenary Panel Session 2 – Social Issues</p> <p>Presentation = TBA <i>This session will receive research evidence on the social impact of growing, consuming and social stability associated with khat (miraa) as a cash crop.</i></p> <p>Discussants – a) Institute x b) Institute y</p>	Moderator - TBA
15:30- 16:00	Health Break	
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Plenary Panel Session 3 – Economic</p> <p>Presentation = TBA <i>This session will explore the different products that khat (miraa) value addition can produce. This will be done in comparison of other products that can be derived from khat (miraa) with those already in production and being consumed from similar bushes. It will explore market access options for khat (miraa) products locally and internationally.</i></p> <p>Discussants – a) Institute x b) Institute y</p>	Moderator – TBA
17:45	End of Day 1	

Day 2: 28th October 2021		
Time	Agenda	Moderator(s)
7:30- 8:30	Participants Registration	
8:30 – 10:00	Plenary Panel Session 4 = Recap / political and governance issues	
10:00 -10:30	HEALTH BREAK	
10:30 – 12:30	Public Baraza – <i>stakeholders views on how to support farmers value add khat (miraa) for better returns: market access and removal of trade barriers.</i>	
12:30-13:30	HEALTH BREAK	
13:30-16:00	CLOSING CEREMONY Highlights of the 2 days conference including conference resolutions. Chief Rapporteur. Closing Remarks Closing Prayers & National Anthem	
16:30	End of Programme & Departure	