

CALL FOR ESSAYS

THEME: ACCELERATING INCLUSIVENESS THROUGH EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), in collaboration with Maseno University has organized a research and public policy workshop which will take place on the **8th and 9th March 2023**, at **Maseno University**, under the KIPPRA flagship programme called KIPPRA Mentorship Programme for Universities (KMPUs). The programme seeks to mentor university students and faculty for effective participation in public policy formulation, research, policy analysis, and debate. The event brings together university students, lecturers, the government, and the private sector. One of the activities during the event is a public policy debate on a given central theme, which will be "***Accelerating inclusiveness through effective planning and implementation of national and county development priorities***".

This is a call for interested students at Maseno University to enter an essay competition by submitting an **original essay** on the theme. The essays will be evaluated and students with top essays will participate in the policy debate as **panelists**. Successful essays will be published on the KIPPRA website, and certificates of participation and merit shall also be awarded to students with successful and top essays respectively.

The essays should meet the following criteria:

- i. Include **full name, school/department, registration number, university email, and phone number** of the student.
- ii. Not exceeding **1000 words** using font type Tahoma, font size 12 and line spacing 1.5.
- iii. A student will submit one essay **only**.
- iv. Ensure that the focus of the essay is on **only one side** of the two sides of the debate given herein as:
 - a. **Proposing Side:** Kenya has adequate potential to accelerate inclusiveness through effective planning and implementation of national and county development priorities. **Or**
 - b. **Opposing Side:** Kenya has limited potential to accelerate inclusiveness through effective planning and implementation of national and county development priorities.
- v. The essays should address the following areas:
 - o Your **understanding** of the concept of inclusivity as applies to public policy.
 - o The **rationale** of inclusivity as applies to public policy.
 - o Current **interventions** by the national and county governments to address inclusivity.
 - o Either Kenya's **potentials** or **limitations** to address the policy issues on inclusivity.
 - o **Policy recommendations** to exploit the potential or to address the limitations discussed, to promote inclusivity in Kenya. **The deadline for submission** of the essays is **Friday 17th February 2023**, after which they will undergo a review process and successful entries will be notified by 20th February 2023.

All Submissions to be **addressed to: Dr. Nancy Nafula - Email: mentorship@kippra.or.ke**
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