

1ST ARCX FORUM

15-18 SEPTEMBER 2025

RADISSON BLU HOTEL AND RESIDENCE - ARBORETUM PARK LANE, NAIROBI – KENYA

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DAY1 - 15 SEPT 2025

SETTING THE SCENE AND EXPLORING THE ARCX PROGRAMME

Time	Session / Activity	Speakers / Organisation
OPENING		
08:30 – 08:55	Registration	
08:55 – 09:00	Opening of the Day	Mr. Piero Nardi (ArcX T Team leader)
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Addresses	AUC (ESTI Director, tbc), EU Delegation (HoD), Government of Kenya (Minister of Environment, tbc)
09:30 – 09:50	Special Statements (5 min each)	Dr. Aggrey Agumya (FARA), Dr. Robert Nasi (CIFOR–ICRAF), Dr. Nico Elema (Stellenbosch University), Mr. Enrique Alvarez (Mercator Ocean International)
09:50 – 10:30	Coffee Break and Group Photo	Ms. Prody Mwemena Mumba (ArcX TAT)
10:30 – 10:40	Presentation of the Week's Programme	Mr. Piero Nardi (ArcX TAT)
10:40 – 11:00	Setting the ArcX Scene	Ms. Catherine Ghyoot (DG INTPA.A2)

SESSION 1 – DEEP DIVES IN THE ARCX COMPONENTS

11:00 – 12:00	Deep Dive 1: Agroecology	Speakers - Dr. Kwaku Antwi (FARA) & Prof. Majaliwa (RUFORUM) & Dr. Felix Rembold (DG JRC.D5), Rapporteurs - Ms. Ama Asenso (FARA) & Ms. Selma Ndapewa (RUFORUM), Additional participants TBC by Sector Coordinator
12:00 – 13:00	Deep Dive 2: Biodiversity & Forests	Speakers - Dr. Ya Cor Ndione (CIFOR) & Adja Sy (Cebio-Eco/AO) & Florence Palla (OFAC-CE) & Michael Ngugi Kimani (RCMRD) & Paolo Roggeri (DG JRC.D6), Rapporteurs TBC by Sector Coordinator
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:00	Deep Dive 3: Ocean	Speakers - Mr. Enrique Alvarez & Ms. Lillian Diarra – Mercator Ocean International, DG JRC, Rapporteurs TBD by Sector Coordinator
15:00 – 16:00	Deep Dive 4: Water	Speakers - Dr. Nico Elema, SANWATCE Secretariat (Stellenbosch University) & Dr. Cesar Carmona Moreno (DG JRC.D02) TBC – Rapporteur Ms. Zimbili Sibiya SANWATCE Secretariat (Stellenbosch University)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break & networking	
16:30 – 17:00	Climate resilience	Speakers - Mr. Marco Clerici (JRC) & Ms. Karolin Eichler (ECMWF), Rapporteur TBC
17:00 – 17:30	The Africa Knowledge Platform Nexus	Speakers – Ms. Magda Moner Girona (DG JRC) & Ms. Isabel Gomes (CIMA) & Mr. Nicholas Ozor (ATPS) TBC, Rapporteur TBC
17:30	End of the Day	

DAY2 - 16 SEP 2025**BREAKING THE SILOS: KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND PARTNERSHIPS**

Time	Session / Activity	Speakers / Organisation
SESSION 2 - KNOWLEDGE SHARING ACROSS ARCX THEMATIC SECTORS		
09:00-09:10	Keynote speech 1	Dr. Nico ELEMA - SANWATCE Secretariat (Stellenbosch University)
09:10-10:00	Panel 1 Moderated by the keynote speaker 1 Reported by Ms. Zimbili Sibiya SANWATCE Secretariat (Stellenbosch University)	1. Dr. Peter Minang / Dr. Robert Nasi, TBD - CIFOR 2. Dr. Florence Nakayiwa / Prof. Majaliwa Mwanjalolo – RUFORUM – TBD 3. Ms. Yenziwe Mbuyisa - SANWATCE Secretariat (Stellenbosch University) 4. Dr. Enrique Alvarez / Dr. Lillian Diarra – MERCATOR Ocean International - TBD 5. Dr. Marco Clerici - EU Joint Research Centre
10:00-10:30	Coffee break and Networking	
10:30-11:30	Participatory dialogue, moderated by the keynote Speaker and reported by the designated rapporteur(s)	
SESSION 3- SYNERGIES AND COMPLEMENTARITIES WITH OTHER PROGRAMMES		
11:30-11:40	Keynote speech 2	Dr. Cheikh Mbow, DG Centre de Suivi Ecologique
11:40-12:30	Panel 2 Moderated by the keynote speaker 2 Rapporteur designated by the Keynote speaker 2 - TBD	1. Dr. Emmanuel Nkurundziza, Director, The RCMRD 2. Prof Lise Korsten, President, The African Academy of Sciences 3. Mr. Hamdi Kacem, African Space Agency TBC 4. Mr. Kevin Chrétien (online), DG INTPA.F2 5. Dr. Enrique Alvarez / Dr. Lillian Diarra, MERCATOR - TBC 6. Dr. Christophe Larose DG INTPA.F3 - online
12:30-13:00	Participatory dialogue 2 part 1 - Moderated by the keynote speaker 2 and reported by the designated rapporteur(s)	
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-14:30	Participatory dialogue 2 part 2 - Moderated by the keynote Speaker 2 and reported by the designated rapporteur(s)	
SESSION 4 - STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT		
14:30-14:40	Keynote speech 3	Dr. Dora Siliya (Zambia Former Minister of Agriculture)
14:40-15:30	Panel 3 Moderated by Mr. Jérôme Quest – CCARDESA Reported by Ms. Ama Asenso (FARA) & Ms. Selma Ndapewa (RUFORUM)	1. Mr. Chouaibou Nchoutpouen (COMIFAC) 2. Dr. Kwaku Antwi (FARA) 3. Kenyan startup participant (s) – TBC 4. YPARD participant - TBC 5. Dr. Enrique Alvarez / Dr. Lillian Diarra, MERCATOR Ocean International – TBD 6. Ms. Zimbili Sibiya SANWATCE Secretariat (Stellenbosch University) 7. Kenya Space Agency (Participant TBC)
15:30-16:00	Participatory dialogue 3 part 1 - Moderated by Mr. Jerome Quest and reported by the designated rapporteur(s)	
16:00-16:30	Coffee break and Networking	
16:30-17:00	Participatory dialogue 3 part 2 - Moderated by Mr. Jerome Quest and reported by the designated rapporteur(s)	
17:00-17:30	Wrap up of the day, closing of the Forum	

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DAY3 - 17 SEP 2025

ARCX THEMATIC COORDINATION COMMITTEES (TCCS)

3 thematic sessions (S5, Agroecology, S6 Biodiversity & Forests, S7 Water) will run from 09:00 to 17:00, with 3 breaks scheduled throughout the day for coffee and lunch: 10:00-10:30, 13:00-14:00, 16:00-16:30.

A final segment (17:00 - 17:30) will be dedicated to drafting and validating each TCC's recommendations for submission to the PSC.

DAY4 - 18 SEP 2025 *(by invitation)*

ARCX PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC)

09:00-09:15 Opening and reminder of the PSC's role.

09:15 - 10:00 Presentation of recommendations from the TCCs (by component).

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 13:00 Cont'd presentation, discussion, conciliation and validation/reformulation of recommendations.

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 16:30 Cont'd discussion.
Strategic orientations and linkage with the components.

16:30 - 17:00 Conclusion and adoption of PSC decisions.
Closing.