### Speaker Profile



# Joram K. Kagombe (PhD)

## TOPIC:

**Creating Enabling Environment for Forest Conservation and Commercial Forestry in Kenya** 

## 7<sup>th</sup> Institutional Colloquium

VENUE: Auditorium, KEFRI Headquarters Muguga DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 TIME: 10:00am

VIRTUAL: https://kefri-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYscO2trj4sGtOsDdhMJeXxlAQaSvcQCzr2

#### **Bio:**

Joram K. Kagombe has PhD in Environmental Sciences from Kenyatta University, Master of Science Degree in Tropical Forestry and management from Technical University of Dresden, Germany and BSc Forestry from Moi University. He is the Deputy Director Socio Economic Policy and Governance (SPG) KEFRI. He has conducted research in various areas of forestry and allied natural resources. He pioneered research in Participatory Forest Management that led to its inclusion in the legislation. He organized the 1<sup>st</sup> National PFM conference for Kenya to share experiences in PFM in June 2007 and the second conference in 2014. He led in planning and execution of the first commercial forestry investment conference and expo that was held in KEFRI in 2021 and which led to establishment of commercial Forest Investment Centre. He was also awarded certificate in Senior Management Course, Kenya School of Government course 279 and Strategic Leadership Development programme no 322. He has managed to work with multiple stakeholders involved in management of Arabuko Sokoke Forest namely Forest Department, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forestry research Institute, National Museums of Kenya, local community and NGOs. He has over 30 years' experience in conducting research in various areas of forestry and allied natural resources. He has also coordinated research in eco-regions centers in the following areas; Forest policy, legislation and governance, Forest valuation and payment for environmental services, Forest land tenure and conflict resolution, Participatory forest management, Research in forest extension, Forest and livelihood improvement, Forest products value chains and trade and, Forest investment and financing.

As the Deputy Director Socioeconomic Policy and Governance, Dr. Kagombe reports to Senior Deputy Director Research and Development and is responsible for research in SPG to; provide leadership in Socio Economic Policy and Governance, provide strategic leadership in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the research and development programmes, ensure efficiency and effective delivery; build upon a core area of research knowledge in SPG, maximizing opportunities for national and international profile and reputation for the institute; and assist SDD in execution of duties with regard to coordination of research conducted in eco-regions centers in the following areas:

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