



CITY DIPLOMACY WORKSHOP

THEME:

**Empowering Local Leadership and Fostering Community
Participation in Global Engagement and Governance**

PROGRAMME

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

BEST WESTERN HOTEL

Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya

SESSION ONE

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 - 08:30	ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
08:30 - 09:00	OPENING CEREMONY
	<p>Master of Ceremony Mr. Leonard Wanyama – CEO, International Relations Society of Kenya</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Remarks – Dr. Kizito Sabala, Chair, International Relations Society of Kenya • Featured Address – Mr. Henry Ochieng, CEO, Kenya Alliance of Residents Association • Keynote Address – His Worship Hon. Dr. Joe Aketch, Former Mayor of Nairobi • Keynote Address – Mr. Charles Hinga, Principal Secretary, State Department for Housing and Urban Development
09:00 - 09:20	RESEARCH PRESENTATION
	<p>Presenter Dr. Peter Mwencha – Head of Programs, International Relations Society of Kenya</p>
09:20 - 10:20	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
	<p>THEME: Framing City Diplomacy – Global, Regional and Local Perspectives</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Leonard Wanyama – CEO, International Relations Society of Kenya</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Winnie Rugutt, Lecturer, University of Nairobi • Mr. Boniface Mwalii, Consultant, British Council Nairobi • Mr. Humphrey Otieno, Coordinator, Africa Urban Lab - Kenya • Mr. Sixtus Odumbe, Programs Manager, Kenya Alliance of Residents Association <p>Rapporteur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Frida Njoki, Lecturer and Doctoral Candidate, University of Nairobi
	MENTIMETER POLL
10:20 - 10:30	PHOTO SESSION
10:30 - 11:00	TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK

SESSION TWO

BREAKOUT SESSION

11:00 – 11:30

GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Priority Areas for City Diplomacy: Policy, Inclusivity, Institutionalization and Capacity Building

Moderator

Mr. Leonard Wanyama – CEO, International Relations Society of Kenya

Thematic Groups

- Policy and Advocacy
- Inclusivity
- Institutionalization
- Capacity Building

11:30 – 12:00

REPORTING ON GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Moderator

Mr. Leonard Wanyama – CEO, International Relations Society of Kenya

Group Leaders for Breakout Session (Presenters)

- **Mr. Sixtus Odumbe**, Programs Manager, Kenya Alliance of Residents Association
- **Mr. Boniface Mwalii**, Consultant, British Council Nairobi
- **Mr. Humphrey Otieno**, Coordinator, Africa Urban Lab – Kenya
- **Dr. Peter Mwencha** – Head of Programs, International Relations Society of Kenya

Rapporteur

- **Ms. Fridah Njoki**, Lecturer and Doctoral Candidate, University of Nairobi

12:00 – 12:30

PLENARY DISCUSSION

THEME: Roadmap to a City Diplomacy Initiative – Brainstorming the Next Steps

Moderator

Mr. Leonard Wanyama – CEO, International Relations Society of Kenya

12:30 – 13:00

CLOSING & ENDORSEMENT OF KEY DECISIONS

Master of Ceremony

Mr. Leonard Wanyama – CEO, International Relations Society of Kenya

Speakers

- **Vote of Thanks** – **Ms. Eva Okot**, Program Coordinator, Konrad Adenauer Foundation-Kenya
- **Closing Remarks** – **Dr. Kizito Sabala**, Chair, International Relations Society of Kenya
- **Closing Remarks** – **Mr. Humphrey Otieno**, Coordinator, Africa Urban Lab – Kenya
- **Closing Remarks** – **Mr. Henry Ochieng**, CEO, Kenya Alliance of Residents Association

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH AND DEPARTURE