

The programme

1 – 5 December 2026 · The Kenyan coast

Vipingo Ridge, Kilifi · Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Kwetu Training Centre, Mtwapa

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME

The Blue Carbon Partnership Declaration

Thursday 3 December, 20:45 · Vipingo Ridge, Kilifi County

The highlight of the programme. Embassies, governments, the United Nations system, development partners, business and civil society sign the Blue Carbon Partnership Declaration, each stating its own commitment to coastal restoration over the next three years. Signing is by representative, in alphabetical order of country or institution, before the Guests of Honour. Each signatory receives a signed copy, is recorded on the Commitment Wall and in the Impact Report, and is honoured with a named grove at the mangrove planting on Saturday.

BY INVITATION

Tuesday 1 December and Wednesday 2 December: courtesy visits by Their Excellencies the Ambassadors to the county governors. The arrangements are made directly with each embassy and delegation. These engagements are by invitation and do not form part of the public programme.

DAY 3 · THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2026 · COMMIT

Civil Society, Business and Community Dinner, Blue Carbon Partnership Declaration and NGO Summit Impact Awards, with the exhibition

Vipingo Ridge, Kilifi County

WHAT TO WEAR

- Evening dinner: business attire, national dress or African wear.
- During the day: light, comfortable clothing and closed shoes for the visits and the exhibition.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Delegates assemble from 07:00 for breakfast. Transport leaves the hotel at 08:00 sharp.
- Bring your badge (QR code) and a photo identity document for accreditation.
- Guests for the dinner are requested to be seated by 18:45; the Guests of Honour are received last.
- Seating follows the protocol plan. Photography is arranged at the reception line.
- The exhibition is open at Vipingo Ridge from 14:30 until the end of the evening, before and after the dinner.
- The Head of State of the Republic of Kenya has been invited to the dinner. Attendance is to be confirmed, and the arrangements on the evening follow the protocol and security requirements of the occasion.

07:00

to 08:00

SHARP

Breakfast and assembly of delegates

Delegates assemble for breakfast at the hotel and are briefed on the day. Timing is critical: transport leaves at 08:00 sharp.

Delegates' hotel · Open to: Delegates

DAY 3 · THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER · COMMIT (CONTINUED)

08:00

to 12:30

SHARP

Delegates' visits to partner enterprises

Guided visits to partner enterprises that show how the blue economy, enterprise and coastal restoration work together.

Visits arranged from the delegates' hotel · Open to: Delegates

12:30

to 14:00

Lunch at the hotel

Lunch and a pause before the afternoon.

Delegates' hotel · Open to: Delegates

14:00

to 14:30

Transfer to Vipingo Ridge

Delegates are transported to the venue.

Hotel to Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Delegates

14:30

to 15:30

Opening of the exhibition and guided walk

A guided walk through the exhibition: the sector pavilions, the Embassy pavilions, Finance the Coast and Clean the Coast. Delegates meet exhibitors and partners.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Delegates and exhibitors

Taking part: Embassy pavilions; Sector pavilions; Finance the Coast; Clean the Coast

14:30

to 22:30

Exhibition open

The exhibition is open throughout the afternoon and evening, before and after the dinner: the sector pavilions, the Embassy pavilions, Finance the Coast and Clean the Coast.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Delegates and dinner guests

Taking part: Embassy pavilions; Sector pavilions; Finance the Coast; Clean the Coast

15:30

to 16:30

Blue Economy Leaders' Dialogue

A moderated dialogue on financing coastal restoration, the integrity of blue carbon and community ownership of restoration. It sets the context for the Declaration that is signed in the evening.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Delegates and invited guests

Taking part: Moderator; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO); Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs; Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development; Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy; The National Treasury and Economic Planning; Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development; Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation; Ministry of Energy and Petroleum; Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development; Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports; Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs; Ministry of Interior and National Administration; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Roads and Transport; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry; Development partners and the United Nations system; Private sector; Civil society; County government

16:30

to 17:15

Guest Governors' Session

The county governors who join us as guests, with the host county, discuss devolved leadership and the coastal blue economy: how counties protect mangroves and seagrass, create livelihoods on the coast and work with partners, government and the diplomatic corps.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Delegates and invited guests

Taking part: Moderator; The Governor of Kilifi County (host); Guest Governors of the coastal counties (to be confirmed); Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs; Partners

DAY 3 · THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER · COMMIT (CONTINUED)

17:15

to 17:45

Briefing for signatories

A closed briefing with the Chief of Protocol on the order of signing, the text of the Declaration and the official photograph. Embassies and institutions may send their representative.

Vipingo Ridge (closed session) · Open to: Signatories only

Taking part: Chief of Protocol; Signing embassies and institutions

17:45

to 18:45

Arrival of guests and reception

Accreditation, media registration and reception. Ambassadors, Guests of Honour and delegations are received by the Chief of Protocol and the reception committee. Official photographs are taken at the reception line.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests and invited guests

Taking part: Chief of Protocol; Reception committee; The Head of State of the Republic of Kenya (invited)

18:45

SHARP

Guests seated by protocol

All guests are requested to be seated by 18:45. Seating follows the protocol plan; the Guests of Honour and, if attending, the Head of State are received last.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests

19:00

to 19:10

SHARP

Opening ceremony

The Master of Ceremonies opens the evening, followed by the anthems and an invocation.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests

Taking part: Master of Ceremonies; The Head of State of the Republic of Kenya (invited)

19:10

to 19:20

Welcome by the host county

The host county welcomes the guests to the coast.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests

Taking part: The Governor of Kilifi County (host)

19:20

to 20:00

Statements

Statements follow in ascending order of seniority, ending with the Guest of Honour.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests

Taking part: Chairman, Twende Green Planet; Civil society; Private sector; Development partners and the United Nations system; The representative of the diplomatic corps; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO); Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development; Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy; The National Treasury and Economic Planning; Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development; Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation; Ministry of Energy and Petroleum; Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development; Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports; Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs; Ministry of Interior and National Administration; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Roads and Transport; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry; Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs: Hon. Hassan Joho (invited); Guest of Honour (to be confirmed); The Head of State of the Republic of Kenya (invited)

20:00

to 20:45

Dinner

The dinner is served. The exhibition remains open before and after the dinner.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests

DAY 3 · THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER · COMMIT (CONTINUED)

20:45

to 21:30

HIGHLIGHT**The Blue Carbon Partnership Declaration**

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Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests and signatories

Taking part: Signing embassies and institutions; Guests of Honour; The Head of State of the Republic of Kenya (invited); The diplomatic corps; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO); Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs; Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development; Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy; The National Treasury and Economic Planning; Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development; Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation; Ministry of Energy and Petroleum; Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development; Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports; Ministry of Interior and National Administration; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Roads and Transport; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry; Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs

21:30

to 21:40

Official photograph

The signatories and Guests of Honour join the official photograph.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Signatories and Guests of Honour

Taking part: Signatories; Guests of Honour; The Head of State of the Republic of Kenya (invited)

21:40

to 22:10

HIGHLIGHT**NGO Summit Impact Awards**

The NGO Summit Impact Awards honour the people and organisations restoring Africa's coast. Awards are presented by the Guests of Honour.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests

Taking part: Award presenters; Award winners

22:10

to 22:30

Vote of thanks and close

The vote of thanks closes the evening. Guests depart in protocol order.

Vipingo Ridge · Open to: Dinner guests**DAY 4 · FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026 · ACTIVATE****Beach clean-up, weigh-in and exhibition**

Early Birds Banda, Nyali Beach, Mombasa

WHAT TO WEAR

- Beach clean-up: light, quick-drying clothing you are happy to get sandy and wet.
- A hat or cap, sunglasses and sun protection.
- Comfortable closed shoes or sturdy sandals for the sand (no heels).
- Bring a reusable water bottle.
- For the ceremony in the final hour, smart casual is welcome.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Teams and volunteers arrive by 07:00 and the clean-up begins on time. Registration for Day 4 is free.
- The diplomatic corps joins for the ceremonial close of the clean-up from 09:45; the final hour is the weigh-in and the statements.
- The exhibition is open to registered guests through the afternoon.

DAY 4 · FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER · ACTIVATE (CONTINUED)

07:00

to 07:30

SHARP

Teams assemble and briefing

Volunteers, rangers, community groups and partners assemble and receive a safety and sorting briefing. Timing is critical: the clean-up begins on time.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Volunteers and partners

07:30

to 10:00

Beach clean-up

The zero-waste beach clean-up of the shoreline. Waste is collected, sorted at recording stations and prepared for weighing.

Nyali Beach · Open to: Volunteers and partners (registration is free)

Taking part: Volunteers and community groups; Rangers; Partner organisations

09:45

to 10:00

SHARP

Arrival of the diplomatic corps

Ambassadors and Guests of Honour are received by the host reception committee.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Invited guests

Taking part: Chief of Protocol; Reception committee

10:00

to 11:00

HIGHLIGHT**Final clean-up ceremony and weigh-in**

In the final hour the ambassadors join the teams for the ceremonial close of the clean-up, give their final remarks and witness the weighing of the waste collected. The total is announced to the guests.

Nyali Beach · Open to: Registered guests (registration is free)

Taking part: The diplomatic corps; County government; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry; Team leaders

11:00

to 11:20

Statements

Statements by the host county and the diplomatic corps close the ceremony.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Dinner guests

Taking part: The Governor of Mombasa County (host); The representative of the diplomatic corps; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO); Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development; Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy; The National Treasury and Economic Planning; Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development; Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation; Ministry of Energy and Petroleum; Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development; Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports; Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs; Ministry of Interior and National Administration; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Roads and Transport; Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs

11:20

to 12:15

Exhibition walk-through

A guided walk through the exhibition, the sector pavilions and the Embassy pavilions, led by the host and the exhibitors.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Registered guests

Taking part: Embassy pavilions; Sector pavilions; Finance the Coast; Clean the Coast

11:20

to 17:30

Exhibition open

The exhibition stays open to registered guests until 17:30: the sector pavilions, the Embassy pavilions, Finance the Coast and Clean the Coast.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Registered guests

Taking part: Embassy pavilions; Sector pavilions; Finance the Coast; Clean the Coast

DAY 4 · FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER · ACTIVATE (CONTINUED)

12:15

Departure of the diplomatic corps

Ambassadors and Guests of Honour depart with the thanks of the organisers.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Invited guests

12:15

to 12:45

Media briefing

The organisers brief the media on the results of the clean-up and the programme ahead.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Media

Taking part: Organisers; Media

12:45

to 14:00

Lunch and networking

Lunch and an opportunity to meet exhibitors, partners and the clean-up teams.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Registered guests

14:00

to 15:30

Finance the Coast

A session in the Finance the Coast pavilion on finance for coastal and restoration work, with banks, insurers and regulators.

Finance the Coast pavilion · Open to: Registered guests

Taking part: Banks, insurers and regulators; Development finance institutions; The National Treasury and Economic Planning; Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs

15:30

to 16:30

Community and youth voices

Young people and community leaders present what they are building on the coast: nurseries, clean-up enterprises and blue economy livelihoods.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Registered guests

Taking part: Community groups; Youth organisations; Coastal enterprises

16:30

to 17:30

Partners' reception

An informal reception for exhibitors, partners and registered guests.

Exhibition area · Open to: Registered guests

17:30

Exhibition closes

The exhibition closes for the day.

Early Birds Banda, Nyali · Open to: Registered guests

DAY 5 · SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2026 · RESTORE

Community mangrove planting and exhibition

Kwetu Training Centre for Sustainable Development, Mtwapa, Kilifi County

WHAT TO WEAR

- Gumboots (wellington boots) are strongly encouraged for planting mangroves in the mud. Please bring your own if you can.
- Old long trousers or shorts you are happy to get muddy, and a light long-sleeved top.
- A hat and sun protection.
- Bring a change of clothes and a bag for wet items.
- Ambassadors and Guests of Honour: smart casual with gumboots for the ceremonial planting.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Delegates and guests arrive from 07:00 for breakfast. Timing is critical: the programme begins at 08:00 sharp.
- Ambassadors and Guests of Honour arrive at 08:00 and are received by the reception committee.
- Registration for Day 5 is free. Planting ends at 13:00; transport to the hotels is arranged.
- The exhibition is open at Kwetu Training Centre until 13:00.

DAY 5 · SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER · RESTORE (CONTINUED)

07:00

to 08:00

SHARP**Arrival and breakfast**

Delegates and guests arrive from 07:00 for breakfast and registration. Timing is critical: the programme begins at 08:00 sharp.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Delegates and registered guests

07:30

to 08:00

Planting induction and training

A short induction and training on how mangroves are planted at this site, given by the community nursery team.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Registered guests (registration is free)

Taking part: Community nursery team; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)

08:00**SHARP****Arrival of the diplomatic corps. The programme opens**

Ambassadors and Guests of Honour arrive at 08:00 and are received by the host reception committee. The programme opens at 08:00 sharp.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Invited guests

Taking part: Chief of Protocol; Reception committee

08:10

to 09:15

Statements

Statements follow in ascending order of seniority, ending with the Guest of Honour.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Dinner guests

Taking part: The Governor of Kilifi County (host); Chairman, Twende Green Planet; The nursery community; Civil society and private sector; Development partners and the United Nations system; The representative of the diplomatic corps; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO); Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development; Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy; The National Treasury and Economic Planning; Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development; Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation; Ministry of Energy and Petroleum; Ministry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development; Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports; Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs; Ministry of Interior and National Administration; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Roads and Transport; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry; Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs; Guest of Honour (to be confirmed)

09:15

to 10:15

HIGHLIGHT**Ceremonial planting**

Each ambassador plants two to three mangroves in a grove named after their country. Heads of institutions who signed the Declaration on Thursday plant in the groves named for their commitments.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Registered guests (registration is free)

Taking part: The diplomatic corps, in country groves; Signing institutions, in declaration groves; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)

10:15

to 10:30

Release of the diplomatic corps

Ambassadors and Guests of Honour are released with the thanks of the organisers.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Invited guests

10:30

to 12:45

Mass mangrove planting

Communities, volunteers, partners and guests plant together. Seventy thousand seedlings are available; any that remain are planted through the rest of the quarter, to 31 March 2027.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Registered guests (registration is free)

Taking part: Communities; Volunteers; Partners and guests

DAY 5 · SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER · RESTORE (CONTINUED)

08:00

to 13:00

Exhibition at the planting site

The exhibition continues at Kwetu Training Centre, with the sector pavilions and the Embassy pavilions open to all guests alongside the planting.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Registered guests

Taking part: Embassy pavilions; Sector pavilions

11:00

to 12:00

Monitoring demonstration

How planted blocks are GPS-tagged and how survival is monitored, so that every number can be checked. Open to all guests at the planting site.

Planting site · Open to: Registered guests (registration is free)

Taking part: Monitoring team; Community nursery team; Leadership of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)

12:45

to 13:00

Closing remarks and thanks

The organisers thank the communities, volunteers, partners and guests, and close the planting at 13:00.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Registered guests

Taking part: Chairman, Twende Green Planet

13:00

to 14:00

Closing lunch and farewells

A closing lunch and farewells. Transport to the hotels is arranged.

Kwetu Training Centre · Open to: Registered guests

Times are provisional and are confirmed to registrants by e-mail. The programme is subject to protocol and to the arrival of the Guests of Honour. Where a session shows "Sharp", it starts at the time shown. Registration and tickets: twende.green.