**National Roundtable Meetings**

**Motivating Local and National Action to Reduce Plastic Pollution**

Achieving effective plastic pollution governance calls for informed engagement of a diverse range of stakeholders, including academia, government, industry, civil society organisations and communities. This would help towards building a shared vision and understanding among the stakeholders. Against this backdrop, the University of Nairobi and University of Surrey in collaboration with project partners in Ethiopia, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda will organize national roundtable meetings on plastic pollution governance. The roundtables are expected to pull national stakeholders and present case studies findings with the emphasis on recommendations for governance. This would enhance knowledge on plastic pollution governance and build a common understanding towards an effective and harmonized plastic pollution governance framework among the stakeholders. The roundtables would also provide a platform to build a consensus for policy action. The roundtables would be facilitated by policy briefs developed from the partner’ case study reports.

**Purpose and objectives**

The national roundtable meetings aim to enhance knowledge on plastic pollution governance and build a common understanding towards an effective plastic pollution governance framework among the stakeholders. The key objectives of the national roundtables are:

1. To disseminate the key findings of the case study research on the intersection between communication processes and plastic pollution governance;
2. To initiate a policy dialogue for the national stakeholders to share experiences and develop a road map for plastic pollution governance;
3. To strengthen networking among partners and stakeholders.

**Outputs:**

1. Information, ideas and experiences acquired and shared on plastic governance;
2. A clear and practical recommendations agreed upon to guide the development roadmap for plastic pollution governance;
3. Improved cooperation and networking among potential partners and stakeholders in the development and implementation of plastic management strategies.

**Calendar for Roundtables**

Project partners will convene the national roundtables on the dates specified below.

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| Kenya | 11th August 2021 |
| Malawi | 25th August |
| Jamaica | 15th September |
| Ethiopia | 22nd September |
| Rwanda | 29th September |
| Tanzania | 6th October |
| Uganda | 13th October |

**Programme**

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| **Time EAT** | **Session** |
| **16:15 – 16.30** | **Online arrival and sound-check** |
| **16.30 – 16.45** | **Introduction & opening remarks**   * Welcoming remarks * Project goals and objectives * Purpose of the roundtables |
| **16.45 -17.00** | **Presentations of key study findings with emphasis on recommendations for governance** |
| **17.00 -17.20** | **Plenary Discussion**   * Feedback * Roadmap for plastic pollution governance – recommendations |
| **17:20- 17:20** | **Wrap-Up and Closing**   * Next steps * Closing remarks |