

## CALL FOR ESSAYS AND PANELISTS

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### THEME: PUBLIC POLICY MAKING PROCESS and the “BIG FOUR” AGENDA AMID COVID-19

The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPpra), in collaboration with University of Nairobi is organizing a policy seminar. The seminar is one of its series under the KIPpra Mentorship Program for Universities (KMPUs). The event will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, at University of Nairobi. KIPpra targets to bring together university students, lecturers, government, and private sector to a student public debate themed “*Public Policy Making Process and the Big Four Agenda Amid COVID-19*”.

This is therefore a call for students of University of Nairobi to submit **essays** on the theme for consideration. The authors of top 5 essays will be selected to participate in the policy debate as **panelists**.

The essays should meet the following criteria:

- i. Include **full name, university, school/department, registration number, email, and mobile phone number** of the author(s).
- ii. Not exceeding **1000 words**.
- iii. Student will submit one essay **only**.
- iv. Select **only one agenda from the “Big Four”** i.e. **Food Security and Nutrition, Manufacturing (Job creation), Affordable Universal Health Coverage** or **Affordable housing** in the context of COVID-19 and address the following questions.
  - What is your **understanding** of the ‘Big Four’ Agenda and what problem does the agenda seek to address?
  - **How does** COVID-19 affect the realization of the Agenda?
  - **What does** it take to achieve the selected Agenda amid COVID-19?
  - What **role** does technology and innovation play in achieving the selected Agenda?
  - What innovative **ideas** can be used to fast track the attainment of Agenda?

**The deadline for submission of essays is 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** The subject of the email should read: “**UoN Call for Essays and Panelist.**” Essays will undergo a review process and **successful applicants will be notified of the acceptance of their essays and their participation as panelists.** Successful essays will be published on the KIPpra website and a certificate of participation awarded to participating students.

All Submissions to be addressed to: Dr. Nancy Nafula - Email: [mentorship@kippra.or.ke](mailto:mentorship@kippra.or.ke) and cc: Mr. Johnson Kinyua - Email: [careers@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:careers@uonbi.ac.ke)