Science Centres in East African Community

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Introduction

• Science centres hubs for informal education activities, engage in hands & minds on experiences.
• Africa has been lagging behind
• South Africa leads in number of science centres
• Mohamed Hassan advocated for more science centres in Africa during 6SCWS.
East African Community
Population profile

• Of 170 million, 50% are under 18 years old.
• An important and dynamic force in society.
• Challenges: unemployment, illiteracy, lack of essential services & low access to information.
• Diminished future hope, high crime, particularly among youth.
Status of East African Science Centres

• National Museums changed to hands on
• In 2012, Science Centre Kenya started
• Partnership of:
  – Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization
  – Ministry of Education
  – Kenya Wildlife Service
• Capacity building is critical
• Walton Program at Arizona State University
• Australian Award
Science Centre Kenya Vision

“A brighter future for Kenya’s youth through STEM.”
Progress

• Indoor and outdoor space
• Outreach program
• Conceptual design has been done
• Funding to date from KALRO
SCK and NSC Collaboration

• Apart from Science Centre Kenya:
  - The Discovery Centre
  - Source of the Nile Science Centre (NSC) in Uganda-2017

• There are also collaborative plans by SCK & NSC for advocacy in the region.
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