

# CALL FOR PAPERS

The Kenya Sugar Board is pleased to invite submissions for the Sugar Industry Innovation Symposium & Expo 2025 (Tusonge Edition – Together, Unlocking Sugar Optimisation for National Growth and Engagement).

This year's theme, "Towards a Globally Competitive Sugar Industry," calls for bold ideas that can shape the future of the sector through cutting-edge innovation, sustainable solutions and strategic partnerships.

We welcome **concepts and abstracts across the entire sugar value chain**. Participation is open to **all individuals**, institutions, and enterprises with ideas that can transform the industry.



While the Symposium has defined thematic areas (available on our website), submissions are **not limited** to them. You are encouraged to explore any innovative aspect of the sugar value chain, provided it:

- Demonstrates potential to positively impact and advance the industry towards global competitiveness.
- Can be incubated and/or commercialised into a tangible solution.
- Goes beyond descriptive or academic writing.

We discourage **purely academic theses or explanatory papers**. Submissions should instead present a **clear value proposition**, whether a concept, prototype, or solution roadmap.

A finished product is **not required**, but your paper should show a pathway to real-world application.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Papers Submission Deadline: 22nd October 2025

Notification of Acceptance: 30th October 2025

Symposium Dates: 2nd –4th December 2025

# **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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#### **Submission Process**

- >> Register as an innovator at sugarinnovation.go.ke and upload your paper.
- >> File name: Author's last name (e.g. Kyalo.pdf)

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## **Paper Content and Format**

- >> Include title, author(s), corresponding email, telephone contact, and optional institutional affiliation.
- >> Title: CAPITAL LETTERS, centred.
- >> Authors' names: left justified on the line below the title. Affiliations and email addresses: left justified, one line below the names.
- >> Begin with a **brief abstract** (max 150 words) highlighting key results/ideas.
- >> Maximum length: **4 pages** (including graphs and tables).
- >> Format: English, Times New Roman, 11pt, single spacing.



### **Additional Information**

- >> All submissions will undergo a **rigorous review process**. Authors/innovators whose abstracts are accepted will be **invited to** present at the Symposium, with full facilitation (daily stipend and transport) provided.
- >> Companies may also apply for **commercial presentations** (30 minutes each) to showcase products, services, or technologies. For details, please contact **Betty Mwasaru**, **Marketing Liaison** at **bmwasaru@ksb.go.ke** (cc: info@sugarinnovation.go.ke).
- For a full list of **thematic areas** and to learn more about the event, please visit sugarinnovation.go.ke



## **Awards & Opportunities**

- >> The Kenya Sugar Board will recognise the most outstanding innovations with both cash prizes and growth opportunities:
  - **Top Innovator: KES 350,000** + gift hamper, industry linkages, incubation and commercialisation support.
  - First Runner-Up: KES 200,000 + industry linkages, incubation and commercialisation support.
  - **Second Runner-Up**: **KES 100,000** + industry linkages, incubation and commercialisation support.
- >> In addition to the cash prizes, the three award recipients will have the optional opportunity to take up a **six-month internship** and **mentorship** programme at the Kenya Sugar Board.
- >> Further details are available on the **Innovation Awards** page at sugarinnovation.go.ke