

## **Dialogue**

Forest Conservation, Management and Governance for Climate Change Resilience was identified as a key area to the development of Kwale County during previous Dialogue event that was held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Diani, Kwale County. Kwale County is among the most vulnerable regions to climate change in Kenya. The manifestation of climate change is mainly felt in the agriculture, water and forestry sectors. The productive capacity of forest resources in Kwale County is further undermined by population growth, mining, and charcoal burning. Yet the availability and quality of water in Kwale County are strongly influenced by local forests.

It builds on the previous dialogue whose focus was on water resource development, management and access in the face of climate change in Kwale County. It is hoped that at the end of the dialogue, key actors in the forest sector will be empowered to appreciate the place of forest governance in water resource management and climate change resilience in county development planning and budgeting.

This dialogue event will bring together fifteen participants with an aim to discuss and appreciate the nexus between forest conservation, management and governance, on the one hand, and planning for climate change resilience and low carbon development, on the other. Specifically, it seeks to:

- Enhance common understanding of the critical role of forest governance in improving climate change resilience and low carbon development; and
- Foster synergies in planning and prioritization of forest governance in county and national government development planning.