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Eleventh Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa

01-03 September 2023

Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi

Information note for participants



Introduction

The eleventh Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa sessions will be held virtually and in person at the **Safari Park Hotel from 01-03 September 2023**. The hotel is located on Thika Road, opposite Kasarani stadium.



Below you will find general information to help plan your travel to Nairobi and your participation in the Conference.

Additional information is available on the web page of the Economic Commission for Africa that is dedicated to the Conference: <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/CCDA-XI>.

Conference overview

The theme of the eleventh Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa is “African Solidarity for Global Climate Action”.

The Conference will use a paper-smart event model, with all documentation being provided on an Internet portal that is accessible to mobile devices, tablets and laptops via Wi-Fi. Limited printing will only be done upon request.

For more information, please refer to the provisional programme, which is available on the event website: <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/CCDA-XI>.

Conference venue and hotel accommodation

The Conference will be held at:

Safari Park Hotel
Address: Kasarani, off Thika Rd
Telephone: (+254) 737 12 4025 | (+254) 725 224 450
E-Mail: enganga@safariparkhotel.co.ke
Website: <https://www.safaripark-hotel.com/>

Although we recommend the Safari Park Hotel, participants are kindly requested to directly contact the hotels listed below to arrange, confirm and guarantee their bookings. To receive preferential rates, they should say that they are attending the Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa. Participants will be responsible for bearing all costs associated with their accommodation.

Please note that the Conference organizers will not be able to provide hotel accommodation for those who fail to arrange their accommodation directly with the recommended hotels.

Visa and immigration requirements

Kenya has signed a reciprocal visa waiver treaty with a number of countries. This means citizens of these nations are exempt from obtaining a visa for Kenya for short stays.

Foreign passport holders who are not citizens of these countries will need to get a visa to travel to Kenya. All nationalities can now [obtain a Kenya eVisa](#) through a simple online application.

Which Countries Can Enter Kenya Without a Visa?

At present, citizens of over 40 countries are able to travel to Kenya visa-free. Most of these nationalities are permitted a visa-exempt stay in Kenya of up to 90 days, although South African and Malaysian passport holders are only allowed a total stay of 30 days. Although they do not need a visa for Kenya, the majority of these foreign citizens are still required to **have a passport valid for at least 6 months** on arrival to gain entry to the country. However, citizens of Uganda and Rwanda can enter Kenya simply by presenting a valid national ID card. Additionally, **holders of diplomatic or service category passports** from the following countries do not need a visa for Kenya:

- Brazil
- China
- Cuba
- India (Diplomatic passports only)
- Israel
- Iran
- Turkey

However, ordinary passport holders from these countries are not visa-exempt for Kenya. Luckily, all of these nationalities are **eligible to apply for a Kenya visa online**.

Which Countries Do Not Need a Visa for Kenya?

Ordinary passport holders who are citizens of the following countries are currently visa-free for Kenya: **Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brunei, Burundi, Cyprus, Dominica, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Kenya, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe** .

What if I Am Not Visa-free to Enter Kenya?

Travelers who are not-visa free for Kenya will be required to have an approved Kenyan visa to enter the country. At present, it is necessary to apply for a Kenya visa online before traveling to the country, as it is no longer possible to [obtain a visa on arrival for Kenya](#).

Kenya eVisa for travelers who are not visa exempt

The Kenyan government introduced the Kenya eVisa system for passport holders from over 160 countries worldwide in 2015, to facilitate the process of obtaining a **visa for Kenya for tourism, business, transit, or medical purposes**.

All foreign citizens who are not visa-free for Kenya are required to [submit a Kenya visa application online](#).

An approved Kenya eVisa allows the holder to **enjoy a stay of up to 90 consecutive days** in the country. It is a single-entry visa valid for 3 months from the date of issue.

Kenya Visa Application Requirements for Non-visa-exempt Citizens

It is necessary to have the following to meet the [online Kenya visa requirements](#):

- **Passport with minimum validity of 6 months** from the intended date of arrival, containing at least one blank page
- **Confirmed flight ticket** for return or onward travel
- **Proof of sufficient funds** (such as bank statements) to cover the entire stay in Kenya
- **Evidence of hotel bookings** or other proof of accommodation in Kenya

Once these requirements have been met, the applicant is able to **complete the Kenya eVisa form online**. It only takes a few minutes to fill in the application using basic personal, passport, and travel details.

It is also necessary to **supply a current email address at which to receive** the approved eVisa, and to pay the online Kenya visa fee using a valid credit or debit card authorized for online payments.

Applicants are advised to submit their Kenya eVisa form at least 7 business days in advance of their intended date of entry to allow for sufficient processing time. Once they have received their **approved visa sent by email**, they should [print a copy to present to border officials](#) on arrival.

Airport reception and transport

The host Government will provide a meet-and-greet service at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, where there will be a dedicated Conference protocol desk labelled with the Conference banner will be clearly visible.

All participants will be responsible for their own daily transport to and from the venue and on arrival at the airport and at the end of the Conference.

Registration and accreditation

Online registration

All participants attending in person must complete the online registration form referred to in the invitation letter well in advance, and no later than 29 Aug 2023 to facilitate the issuance of badges. Note that, in order to receive a badge, participants must upload a passport photo to the online portal. Participants will also be able to upload essential information that will facilitate logistical preparations for the Conference. All participants registering online will receive a confirmation email to facilitate visa processing.

Those participating online will be required to complete a Zoom registration form, after which they will receive the links needed to attend the Conference sessions.

Badges

For security reasons, those attending in person will be required to show a valid Conference badge in order to gain access to the Conference venue and meeting rooms. Conference badges, which

must be worn at all times, will be issued at the registration desk in the Safari Park Hotel on 01 September. The loss of a badge should be reported immediately to the registration counter.

Conference languages

The working languages of the Conference are English and French. All official sessions will have interpretation in these two languages.

Local language

The official language of Kenya is English and Swahili, which is used in most written communication, including newspapers. Swahili is the most common language spoken and the most widely understood national language.

Currency

The unit of currency is the Kenya Shillings (KES). It is issued in 1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50 bank notes and 40, 20, 10, 5 and 1 coins. Currency exchange points are available at banks, the airport and at major hotels. Daily prevailing exchange rate of major international currencies can be obtained from the Central Bank of Kenya website; <https://www.centralbank.go.ke/rates/forex-exchange-rates/> . Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels.

Electricity supply and voltage

The standard voltage in Kenya is 220-240 supply voltage and 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp, three-pin (United Kingdom) sockets shown below.



Mobile telecommunications services

There are three major mobile phone operators: Safaricom, Airtel Kenya, and Telkom Kenya.

Many foreign mobile telephone companies offer roaming services to their customers in Kenya.

Health requirements

Yellow fever

Delegates coming from yellow fever endemic countries shall have valid vaccination certificates (vaccinated ten (10) days) before departing for destination country.

Coronavirus disease

As you are aware, the world was seriously hit by COVID – 19. As such, we seriously take note of the threat of the pandemic both to our health and livelihoods. In order to protect the participants from the risk of contracting any form of illness, we will heavily rely on your strict adherence and all participants must be vaccinated. We will require you to carry your COVID Certificate or any COVID test done not more than 10 Days.

Procedures for media accreditation

All members of the media must obtain accreditation from the host Government and the Conference secretariat.

Note for media professionals travelling to the Conference from outside Kenya

All invited sponsored and self-sponsored media professionals travelling to Kenya will be required to register online, using the link provided in the invitation letter. The official invitation letter will facilitate entrance into Kenya. Invited media professionals must submit a letter of assignment and one valid official identification document (such as a press card, work identification document, driving licence or passport) to denekews.uneca@un.org as proof of media affiliation. These items should also be presented on arrival at the registration counter at the Conference venue.

A media centre will be set up at the venue to facilitate coverage of the Conference. More information will be communicated directly to registered members of the media.

Media equipment: To facilitate customs clearance, media professionals travelling to the Conference from outside Kenya will be required to complete an equipment form. The form will be sent to invited members of the media with the official invitation letter.

Note for media professionals based in Kenya

Media professionals who are based in Kenya may apply for on-site registration. They will need to present a letter of assignment and their passport at the designated media desk, beginning on 01 September 2023.

Facilities and services

Internet

The Economic Commission for Africa has adopted a paper-smart approach for the eleventh Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa. Participants will be encouraged to use electronic media as much as possible and every effort will be made to reduce the number of documents printed. To help achieve these objectives, the Conference will offer high-density wireless connectivity, enabling multiple devices to connect simultaneously.

Security advisory

The Government of Kenya will provide 24-hour security for all high-level officials attending the Conference. The Safari Park Hotel and the Conference venue will be monitored and guarded by police officers.

Conference participants are, moreover, strongly encouraged to read the security information provided by their hotels to ensure their personal safety.

At the Conference venue, please ensure that you:

- Wear your Conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it.
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated or destroyed.
- Do not bring children or other unauthorized persons into the Conference facilities.
- Look after your valuables.
- Check that you have all your documents and personal items before you leave the Conference halls and meeting rooms.
- Inform the Security and Safety Service or a security officer on duty if you lose anything valuable.

At your hotel, please follow this safety advice:

- Make a habit of locking the door when you enter or leave your hotel room.
- Before going out, deposit money, jewellery, cameras and other valuables in your hotel room safe, or leave them at the reception desk and obtain a receipt.
- Contact the Security and Safety Service if you observe anything suspicious or out of the ordinary.

Hotels

Below is a list of hotels available at negotiated rates:

Hotel	Contact	Physical Address or Location	Negotiated Price
SAFARI PARK HOTEL & CASINO	+254 737 12 4025 enganga@safariparkhotel.co.ke https://www.safaripark-hotel.com/	Kasarani, off Thika Rd	Single accommodation on bed only US\$ 135 Single accommodation on bed and breakfast US\$ 160 Twin accommodation on bed only US\$ 160 Twin accommodation on bed and breakfast US\$ 190.
Safari Park Hotel	+254 709 732 000 http://www.nairobisafariclub.com/ info@nairobisafariclub.com	Kasarani, off Thika Rd	
Sunstar Hotel Nairobi	+254 702 58 7909 +254 702 587909 frontoffice@sunstarhotelnairobi.com info@sunstarhotel.com		Single standard 65USD Double Deluxe 80 USD Twin Room 110 USD Superior Room 100USD
The Luke Hotel	info@thelukehotel.co.ke www.thelukehotel.co.ke +254 702 878787 Nairobi Hotel +254 700 878787 Thika Hotel +254 725 354 864	The Luke Garden Estate, Along Garden Estate Road, Exit 7, Off Thika Hwy, Nairobi Cravers Grill Emko Plaza, Garissa Road, A3 Thika	Deluxe Kwanza Block 5200 KES Super Deluxe 5700 KES Suites with lounge 8000 Double Deluxe 7900KES Super Deluxe 8400KES suites with lounge five available 10,000KES Twin Deluxe: 9000 KES Super Deluxe 10,000 KES Suites with Lounge 13,000KES
La Mada Hotel	Phone: +254 722 202564 +254 733 640339 Email: sales@madahotels.com https://madahotels.com/	Thika Road Nairobi	104 USD
Sportsview Hotel Kasarani	+254 794 382887 https://www.sportsviewhotel.com/ info@sportsviewhotel.com	Icipe Road off Thika Road Nairobi KE, Nairobi	
Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club	+254 20 8647000 http://www.windsorgolfresort.com/reservations@windsor.co.ke	Ridgeway Rd PO Box 45587. Nairobi, Kenya 00100	
Magna Hotel and Suites	+254 205 138000 booking@magna-hotel.com	Gigiri, United Nations Crescent Nairobi, Kenya	

Tribe Hotel	+254 207 200000 / +254 732 186000 http://www.tribehotel.com/ reservations@tribehotel-kenya.com	Limuru Road, Gigiri Nairobi	
Villa Leone Guest House	+254 712 680 542 https://www.villaleonenairobi.com/ salesvillaleone@gmail.com	UN Avenue, Daisy Drive, Gigiri	

Emergency contact information

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Host Government and other emergency contacts

Police Stations

Police emergency numbers (24 hours)-991

Nairobi area traffic police-0202721683

Kenya police service HQ-020341411

Central police-020225685

General information about Kenya

The Republic of Kenya derived its name from Mt. Kenya, the tallest mountain in the Country and the only snowcapped mountain on the equator. Its capital and largest city of Nairobi (Nyrobi meaning “the place of cool waters in Maa”) which has over five million inhabitants.

Other major cities include Kisumu and Mombasa, which is the coastal capital and the largest port on the East African Coast. Towns such as Eldoret and Nakuru are important historical and cultural destinations on the tourism belt.

Location

Kenya is located in East Africa and is bordered to the South by Tanzania, to the West by Uganda to the North by Ethiopia and to the East by the Indian Ocean. The country covers 582,646km² and has a population of over 47.6 million in the 2019 census.

Climate

Kenya enjoys tropical climate, which is pleasant, favourable and characterized by plenty of sunshine all year round. In September, the temperature ranges from an average high of 24.6°C (76.3°F) and an average low of 14.2°C (57.6°F). The climate of inland cities, such as Nairobi, is

temperate. It is recommended to prepare for dry and rainy days, and to check the weather before travelling.

Time zone

The time zone in Nairobi, and Kenya in general is GMT/UTC +03:00, which is three hours ahead of Universal Time Coordinated.

