



# Logistics Note

## United Nations/Kenya Conference on Space Technology Applications for Wildlife Management and Protecting Biodiversity

Organized by the

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and the

**Government of the Republic of Kenya**

Co-hosted by the

**The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Regional  
Development Authorities**

and the

**United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

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## **Logistics Note**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The United Nations/Kenya Conference on Space Technology Applications for Wildlife Management and Protecting Biodiversity is co-organized by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources & Regional Development Authorities (MENR & RDA), on behalf of the Government of Kenya, to address the use of space based solutions for wildlife management and protecting biodiversity. The conference will be hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at the United Nations Offices at Nairobi (UNON) in Gigiri, Nairobi, from 27 to 30 June 2016. The National Organizing Committee is planning a one-day excursion to the Nairobi National Park on 1 July 2016.

More information about the conference can be found at:

[http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2016/conference\\_kenya\\_biodiversity.html](http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2016/conference_kenya_biodiversity.html)

### **II. VISITORS TO KENYA**

#### **1. General Information**

The Republic of Kenya is located on the Eastern coast of Africa, on the Equator. It is a land of striking landscapes, ranging from snow-capped Mount Kenya to rich farmlands, barren deserts and tropical beaches. It borders Somalia, Ethiopia and South Sudan to the North, Uganda to the West, Tanzania to the South, and the Indian Ocean to the East. Kenya's capital city is Nairobi. Other major cities are Mombasa, the main port on the Indian Ocean, and Kisumu on Lake Victoria. Kenya is one of the world's most popular tourism destinations attracting millions of tourists over the past years. The country is endowed with attractive tourist sites, rich culture, striking geographical diversity and landscapes ranging from beautiful beaches, to animal parks and archaeological sites.

#### **2. Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi**

Located in the Embakasi suburb 15 kilometres from Nairobi's central business district and 25 kilometres from United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri.

#### **3. Time Zone**

Kenya is **GMT + 0300 hours**

#### **4. Visas**

It is the delegate's own responsibility to obtain a visa for Kenya. The information provided herein acts only as guidance. A valid passport, not expiring for at least six months from date of arrival is required for entry into Kenya. A valid entry visa is also required for most countries and may be obtained in advance from the Kenyan Embassy/High Commission in your country of residence. In the absence of either, the British Embassy will generally represent Kenya in the issuance of visas. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.immigration.go.ke/Information.html>



Please note that visas are not required for citizens of: Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Burundi, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Comoros (required but can be obtained on arrival), Costa Rica (if you have a valid Permanent Resident Card or Visa to US, Canada, UK or any European country), Dominica (not to be confused with Dominican Republic), Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Grenada, Ghana, Haiti, Jamaica, Lesotho, Macau, Malaysia, Malawi, Micronesia, Namibia (Tourist Visa Not required, Business Visa required), Nauru, Panama, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.  
(<https://www.kenyaembassy.com/visanotrequired.html>)

Kenya is discontinuing issuance of Visas on arrival and therefore delegates requiring visas are encouraged to apply for a visa online on this link:  
<https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5>

Visas may also be obtained upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. The fee is USD 50.

Nationals of the following countries require special advance visa clearance by the Kenyan authorities (as of Jan 2015): Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Formerly N. Korea), Eritrea, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia, Syria, Tadjikistan and Stateless persons.  
(<https://www.kenyaembassy.com/dcservices/appforrefvisaonline.aspx>)

## **5. Health**

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is mandatory for travelers coming from countries where yellow fever may occur. Immunization against yellow fever is recommended for travelers from other countries. The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Kenya can be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's web site at the following link:  
[http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/kenya?s\\_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/kenya?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001)

Malaria risk exists throughout the year in Kenya; though there is little risk in Nairobi and the highlands, therefore it is advised that you take precautions while travelling out of these areas. Any medical costs incurred during their stay in Kenya shall be borne by the meeting participants; it is therefore strongly recommended that the participants arrange for their own health insurance. (See IV3. Emergency Numbers which include numbers of nearby hospitals).

Kenya has temporarily lifted restrictions from previously Ebola stricken countries. However, visitors entering Kenya may still be required to undergo screening upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

## **6. Security**

United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office at Nairobi and the Kenyan Authorities are working closely together to ensure that all precautionary measures are taken for delegates' safety and security. However, participants are personally responsible for their movements. If you intend to stay in a hotel, you



are advised to choose accommodation from the recommended list of hotels available at:

<https://dcs.unon.org/sites/default/files/Hotel%20%20Guest%20House%20Rates%202016.pdf>

For your own safety, kindly read and follow the below listed tips:

- Avoid crowded areas such as malls
- When walking, keep to the main roads and avoid shortcuts down back alleys and the like. However, where possible, take a taxi rather than walking
- Never walk at night in the city centre even for a short distance – always take a taxi
- Be wary of people loitering outside hotels
- Ignore street children and people coming up to you in the streets with hard-luck tales. They may be pickpockets or part of an elaborate fraud. The best thing to do is just to walk on and ignore them
- Do not carry large sums of money. Avoid carrying credit cards, wearing expensive jewelry, watches or the like when walking in the streets.
- Do not accept food and drinks from strangers; visitors have been known to be drugged and then robbed.

## **7. Weather**

June tends to be cool in Nairobi. The average temperature is 21.5°C but can drop to 11°C, especially at night. It would be advisable to carry a light jacket and an umbrella. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at:

<http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=251>

## **8. Electricity**

Electrical sockets in Kenya supply electricity at 220 - 240 Volts, 50 Hertz. Kindly note that Kenya uses the 13A 3 pin wall switch socket outlet ("Type G"/ British BS-1363).

## **9. Official Languages**

The official languages of the Republic of Kenya are English and Kiswahili.

## **10. Money and Banking**

### **Currency and exchange rates**

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (KES). The current exchange rates are:

**1 US Dollar = KES 102.00 1 EUR = KES 110.00**

Foreign currency can be changed at JKIA, banks, foreign currency Exchange Bureaus or hotels. Banks in major centres are open from 0900 to 1600 hrs. on Monday to Friday and from 0900 to 1200hrs. on Saturdays.



The following currency exchange places are available near or at the UN compound in Nairobi.

- **Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB)** can be found on the ground floor in the UN complex, next to the Delegates Lounge.
- **Standard Chartered Bank** is also available in the complex, located opposite KCB Bank
- **Emerald Garden** from the main gate of the United Nations, cross the road, turn right and walk about 200m. You will find the building to your left.
- **Warwick Center** from the main gate of the United Nations, cross the road, turn left and walk about 100 m. The building will be to your right.

### **ATMs**

ATMs are available country wide with 24-hour access. Within the UNON complex, there are two ATMs on the lower concourse; one next to the Kenya Commercial Bank and the other near the UNFCU (United Nations Federal Credit Union).

Major international cards are accepted. Credit card fraud occurs in Kenya as in most other parts of the world. The usual precautions should therefore be taken.

### **Travelers' cheques**

Travelers' cheques are accepted at most banks, foreign currency exchange bureaus, hotels and stores in major malls.

**Tipping** is appreciated; however, most hotels and restaurants do include a service charge.

## **III. UNON COMPLEX**

### **1. About the UN Gigiri Compound**

The Gigiri compound accommodates almost 3,500 staff members (of the total more than 5,200 UN staff based in Kenya).

The 140-acre UN Gigiri compound is a peaceful place, offering the chance of observing local wildlife such as red duikers, squirrels, marsh mongoose, sykes monkeys and olive baboons. Easily spotted bird species include: crowned cranes, Egyptian geese, crested eagles, green pigeons and hoopoes.

A physical tour of the UNON compound may be arranged through the UNON Visitors Centre: [un.tours@unon.org](mailto:un.tours@unon.org)

You may also wish to take a virtual tour at [http://visitors.unon.org/sites/default/files/untours/index.html#/scene\\_01\\_karibu](http://visitors.unon.org/sites/default/files/untours/index.html#/scene_01_karibu)

More information can be found at <http://visitors.unon.org/>



## **2. Access to the complex**

Access to the UN Gigiri Complex is via UN Avenue. Pedestrian access is through the Pavilion north of the main vehicle access.

All participants need to be registered prior to the meeting to be allowed access. Registered participants will be screened and are advised not to bring weapons, ammunition, inflammable items or sharp objects. The participants will be issued with conference photo badges and are advised to wear the badge at all times during their visit to the complex. The main vehicle access gate is located opposite the US Embassy. Only vehicles with an official UN Decal will be allowed into the complex and are subject to screening. Vehicle Decals will be issued during registration.

## **3. Registration**

### **3.1 Pre-Registration for participation**

<https://register.unoosa.org/civcrm/event/info?id=60&reset=1>

#### **Confirmation and validation email**

Following your submission, UNOOSA will validate and send you a confirmation of your registration. (Please ensure you submit your personal email address).

### **3.2 On-site Registration**

Delegates will be able to register, have their photo taken and collect their badges at the Visitors' Center Pavilion on the following days:

- Friday, 24 June 2016: 07:00 – 14:30hrs
- Monday, 27 June to Friday, 30 June 2016: 08:00 – 17:00hrs

To avoid long queues on the day of the official opening, delegates are strongly encouraged (if possible) to pre-register and collect their badges before the official start of the event on Monday, 27 June 2016.

#### **VIP Badges for Ministers and Heads of Delegations**

Ministers may be issued with non-photo badges, provided they are pre-registered. Their badges will be available for collection as of Friday, 24 June, 2016 from the registration tent just beyond the main entrance to UNON.

#### **Delegates Based in Nairobi**

Delegates based in Nairobi who already have a pass issued by UNON can use this pass during the Conference. However, all Permanent Representatives/Deputy Permanent Representatives and other focal points are advised to pre-register as a member of their respective delegations should they wish to have their names to appear on the list of participants.



#### 4. Vehicles and firearms

For vehicles which will need to enter to the complex please email Inspector Andrew Bakhoya ([andrew.bakhoya@unon.org](mailto:andrew.bakhoya@unon.org)) and Ms. Janet Okal ([janet.okal@unon.org](mailto:janet.okal@unon.org)) 48 hours in advance with the following information:

- Registration number
- Vehicle type
- Driver name and ID number

For firearms which will be brought into the complex, please inform Inspector Andrew Bakhoya ([andrew.bakhoya@unon.org](mailto:andrew.bakhoya@unon.org)) and Ms. Janet Okal ([janet.okal@unon.org](mailto:janet.okal@unon.org)) at least 48 hours in advance with the following information:

- Firearm type and serial number
- Bodyguard name and ID number

#### 5. Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi facility will be available in the UN compound and meeting rooms. Select the Wireless Network connection named 'VISITORS' or 'DELEGATES'.

#### 6. Canteen Services and Restaurants

There are several caterers within the UN compound contracted to provide food and beverages for breakfast, lunch as well as snacks during coffee breaks for staff and visiting delegates. In addition, there are several restaurants and bars within walking distance from the UN complex (listed in the order of distance from the main UN gate):

- **Emerald Garden** – Thai food  
Directions: From the main gate of the United Nations, cross the road, turn right and walk about 200 m. You will find the restaurant to your left.  
Website: <http://emeraldgarden.co.ke/> (Online reservation services available)  
Tel: + 254 (0) 710886688 / 710887888
- **Warwick Centre**  
Directions: From the main gate of the United Nations, cross the road, turn left and walks about 100m. The building will be on your right.
- **Four Café Bistro** – Mediterranean food  
Website: <http://www.four.co.ke>  
Tel: +254 (0) 721445444
- **Osteria** – Japanese and Italian food Tel: +254 (0) 701570468
- **Mediterraneo**– Italian food  
Website: <http://www.mediterraneorestaurant.co.ke/room/mediterraneo-gigiri/> Tel: +254 (20) 7123000
- **Java Coffee House** – Sandwiches and salads  
Directions: From the main gate, turn left and walk to the end of the road. Turn left on Limuru Road. It is next to the Petrol Station on your left.  
Website: <http://javahouseafrica.com/>



Tel: +254 (0) 721425403

- **Big Square** – Burgers  
Directions: From the main gate, turn left and walk to the end of the road.  
The restaurant is at the corner to your right.  
Website: <http://big-square.co.ke/>  
Tel: +254 (0) 714782380 / 707970968
- **Village Market** – Food court – It is a 3 minutes taxi drive  
Website: <http://villagemarket-kenya.com/>
- **Lord Errol** – French – It is 5 minutes taxi drive.  
Website: <http://www.lord-erroll.com/> (online registration services available)  
Tel: + 254 (20) 7122433, 7121308, 7122302, 7122636

## 7. Postal/ Courier Services

- **The Post Office** is available in the UNON complex
  - Open Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 17:00hrs
- **DHL** courier mail service, lower concourse, next to the Post Office
  - Open Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 17:00hrs
  - Tel: +254 (20) 7622580, 7622579

## 8. Medical Services

The UNON Medical Clinic emergency and first aid assistance, including on-call (24-hour) ambulance services are available. On-site medical assistance is available during all meetings, conferences and events. The UNON clinic also offers general medical assistance, vaccinations and a broad range of medical services.

Location: Block F, room 117

Tel: +254 (20) 762 2267 Emergency line: +254 (20) 7625999

Open Monday – Thursday: 10:00 to 12:30hrs and 14:00 to 16:00hrs

Friday 08:30 to 13:30hrs and during meeting hours.

No service is available on weekends. For assistance over the weekends, please dial the 24-hour UNON control room: +254 (20) 762 6666

## 9. Travel Agencies

For participants interested in arranging a sightseeing tour or safaris during their visit to Kenya, the following agents are available to provide assistance:

**BCD TRAVEL** (on the compound) Tel: + 254 (20) 7622492

Email: [ummi@bcdtravel.co.ke](mailto:ummi@bcdtravel.co.ke)

**EXPRESS TRAVEL** (on the compound)

Tel: + 254 (20) 7624992

Email: [pushpak.pradhan@expresstravelgroup.co.ke](mailto:pushpak.pradhan@expresstravelgroup.co.ke)





#### **IV. OTHER INFORMATION**

##### **1. Accommodation in Nairobi**

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservation. If you intend to stay in a hotel, you are advised to choose accommodation from the recommended list of hotels available at:

<https://dcs.unon.org/sites/default/files/Hotel%20%20Guest%20House%20Rates%202016.pdf>

or go to: <https://dcs.unon.org/>

and click “hotels/guest house” on the main menu in left corner.

##### **2. Shuttle and Taxi Services**

Many hotels provide courtesy shuttle services to/from airport and in some cases from the hotel to the UN compound. Visitors should pre-advise their hotel of their transportation needs. In the absence of a courtesy bus, visitors may use reputable taxi companies. Recommended taxi companies are listed below:

- Hilltop +254 (20) 272 3270
- Jaycab Taxis +254 (20) 721 0520, or +254 (0) 733 750455/ 723 239750
- Jatco +254 (20) 444 8162, or +254 (0) 733 701494/ 722 648383
- Jim Cabs +254 (20) 712 2565, or +254 (0) 737 333222/ 722 711001
- Kenatco +254 (20) 250 6790, or +254 (0) 705 780011/ 705 780016

##### **3. Emergency numbers**

- UNON Security +254 (20) 7626666
- Kenyan Police +254 999 or +254 (20) 2724201
- Diplomatic Police +254 (0) 726283030 or +254 (0) 735356506
- Nairobi ▪ Hospital +254 (20) 2845000
- Aga Khan Hospital +254 (20) 3662000
- St. John Ambulance Service +254 (20) 2210000/2241000