

Information for Participants

59th Session of the IPCC

**UNON, Nairobi, Kenya
25 - 28 July 2023**

I. INTRODUCTION

The fifty-ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will take place at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) in Gigiri, Nairobi from 25 to 28 July 2023.

The Republic of Kenya is located on the Eastern coast of Africa, right on the Equator. It is a land of striking landscapes, ranging from snow-capped Mount Kenya to rich farmlands, arid and semi-arid regions 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, Kisumu on Lake Victoria and Nakuru in the Rift Valley. 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, cultural and biological diversity and landscapes ranging from beautiful beaches to national parks and archeological sites.

The Gigiri compound accommodates some 3,452 staff members (of the total 5,208 UN staff based in Kenya).

More information about the Session can be found at <https://www.ipcc.ch>



II. REGISTRATION

The registration of participants to this meeting will open at the venue as follows:

Registration for participants to the Session will be open on site as of Monday, 24th July from 14:00 to 17:00, and as of 08:00 from Tuesday 25th July to Friday 28th July 2023.

24 th July:	14:00 – 17:00
25 th July:	08:00 – 17:00
25 th – 28 th July:	09:00 – 16:00

*Please pre-register each designated participant no later than Monday, **17 July 2023 (midnight CEST)** at the following website: <https://apps.ipcc.ch/register>, using the unique credentials sent to all Focal Points in advance of the session. Please upload a photo for each registered participant in the format specified.*

III. VISITORS TO KENYA

1. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Participants are recommended to arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi. The airport is located in the Embakasi suburb 15 kilometers from Nairobi's central business district and 25 kilometers from United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri.

Please note the unpredictability of traffic in Nairobi. The airport is located 25 km from the airport to the UN compound and depending on the route and traffic conditions, it can take some time.

2. TRANSPORTATION

Participants will be responsible for coordinating their own transportation to and from the airport. Please consult the [airport website](#) for more information, including transportation facilities.

Many hotels provide courtesy shuttle services to/from airport and in some cases from the hotel to the UNON complex. Visitors should advise their hotels in good time 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 (0)20 272 3270

Jaycab Taxis +254 (0)20 721 0520 or +254 (0)733 750455/ (0)723 239750

Jatco +254 (0)20 444 8162 or +254 (0)733 701494/ (0)722 648383

Jimcab +254 (0)20 712 2565 or +254 (0)737 333222/ (0)722 711001

Kenatco +254 (0)20 250 6790 or +254 (0)705 780011/ (0)705 78001

Ride-hailing services including Uber, Bolt and Little Cab are available and may be used at your discretion

3. TIME ZONE

Kenya is GMT + 0300 hours.

4. VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO KENYA

A valid entry visa is required for most nationals and needs to be obtained in advance. Kenya visa is only available online. A visa on arrival is no longer possible. Delegates, needing visas, are encouraged to apply online on this link: <http://evisa.go.ke>. A valid passport, not expiring for at least six months from date of arrival is required for entry into Kenya.

It is the delegate's own responsibility to obtain a visa for Kenya. The information provided herein acts only as guidance.

Please visit: <http://immigration.go.ke/?s=visas> for more information on immigration. The different categories of visa and list of countries that do not require visas to enter Kenya are listed on the site below: <https://evisa.go.ke/eligibility>

Please also note, it is of utmost importance for those delegates that need to secure a visa to do so as soon as possible.

A frequently asked question about visas is available [here](#).

If you experience difficulties obtaining a visa, please contact the IPCC focal point for Kenya using the following details:

Ms. Patricia Nying'uro

Email: p59kenya@gmail.com

5. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND COVID-19-RELATED ISSUES

Up-to-date information on international travel and health requirements are provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the following websites:

- <https://www.who.int/travel-advice>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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. 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.

In keeping up with guidance from World Health Organization (WHO) and Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and insights based on analysis and monitoring of pandemic in Kenya, the Ministry of Health has lifted its measures with effect from 3rd May 2023. All travelers arriving into the country through any port of entry are no longer required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccine or pre-departure COVID-19 test. Only travellers arriving into Kenya with flu like symptoms will be expected to fill the passenger locator form on the "Jitenge" platform. They will also be required to take the COVID-19 antigen test upon arrival at their own cost. Those who turn positive will be required to take a further COVID-19 test at their own cost. Those with severe symptoms shall thereafter be allowed to isolate as per the prevailing isolation requirements for mild, moderate and severe diseases.¹

Please note that WMO/IPCC shall not be held responsible for any health problems or accidents that the participants may have. Participants are responsible for making all necessary arrangements for life, health and other forms of insurance as they consider appropriate.

¹ These measures are in place at the time of preparation of this information note (15 May 2023). Please consult the Kenyan Ministry of Health website for an updated COVID-19 measures.

Medical Services at UNON

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.

Open Mondays – Thursdays: 10:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:00

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

Location: Block F, room 117

Tel: +254 (20) 762 2267

Emergency line: +254 (20) 762 5999

No service is available on weekends.

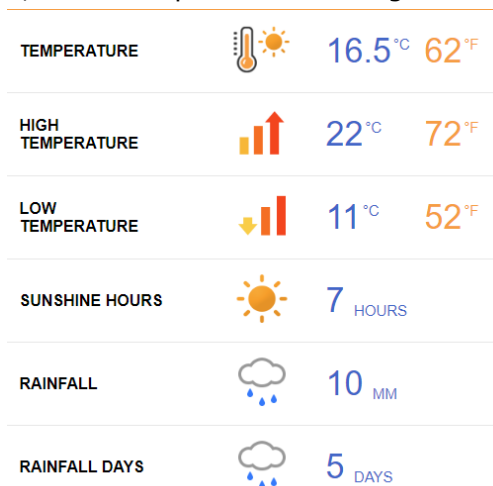
For assistance over the weekends please dial the 24-hour UNON control room +254 (20) 762 6666.

6. WEATHER

Nairobi has a subtropical highland climate. At 1,795 meters (5,889 ft) above sea level, evenings may be cool, when the temperature can drop to 10°C (50°F). The sunniest and warmest part of the year is from December to March, when temperatures average the mid-twenties during the day. The mean maximum temperature for this period is 24°C (75°F).

There are two rainy seasons, but rainfall can be moderate. The cloudiest part of the year is just after the first rainy season, when, until September, conditions are usually overcast with drizzle. As Nairobi is situated close to the equator, the differences between the seasons are minimal. The seasons are referred to as the wet season and dry season. The timing of sunrise and sunset varies little throughout the year for the same reason.

Averages for July for Nairobi are indicated in the figure on the right.



7. CURRENCY

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

1 USD = KES 136

1 EUR = KES 150

Please note that these rates can vary with time and with the agent exchanging currency. Please check www.xe.com for the most up-to-date exchange rates.

Foreign currency can be changed at JKIA, banks, including those within the UN Complex, foreign currency exchange bureau or at hotels. Banks in major centers are open from 09.00 to 15.00 Monday to Friday and from 09.00 to 12.00 on the first and last Saturday of each month.

ATMs

ATMs are available country-wide with 24-hour access. ATM machines are also available within the UNON complex.

Credit cards

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

Tipping

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

Please carry cash (small changes) when taking taxis and transportation as the driver may not have the necessary changes to return to you. UBER works in Nairobi and is widely used.

8. ELECTRICITY

Power systems are 240 volts and 50 Hz.

Participants are advised to bring their own plug adapters to plug into power sockets, if needed. Information on the appropriate plugs may be found on the Internet ([Power plug & outlet Type G \(worldstandards.eu\)](http://www.worldstandards.eu)).



9. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

Please note that the list of recommended hotels is available on the event website.

10. INTERNET SERVICES

Free Wi-Fi facility will be available in the UN compound and meeting rooms. You will be given details of the wireless network connection when you register on-site.

11. WORKING LANGUAGES

The official languages of Kenya are English and Kiswahili.

During the session, simultaneous interpretation in the six UN official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) will be provided in the main conference room.

12. 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