

PRACTICAL MEETING INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

SWIOFC-Nairobi Convention Partnership meeting on the Fisheries-Environment Nexus

26-30 September 2022, Mombasa, Kenya

Hosted by the Government of Kenya

1. Meeting dates and venue

The SWIOFC-Nairobi Convention Partnership meeting on the Fisheries-Environment Nexus will be held from 26 to 28 September, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily with an adjoining session on the EAF Nansen Programme 14:00-17:00 on the 28 of September.

Programme for the meetings are provided separately.

The meetings will be held in:

Bahari Beach Hotel

Address: Kongowea Mt Kenya Rd, off Links Rd, Mombasa, Kenya (see map in section 13)

Tel: +254733477022 / +254 722 206 933

Email: info@baharibeach.net / bahari.reservations@gmail.com

Web: www.baharibeach.net

For booking of accommodation at the venue, please see instructions in section 4 below.

2. Security

All participants are strongly advised to check the information available from each country's travel advice pages before travelling.

United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) will be in contact with meeting organisers and all participants will be updated if there are any new security warnings.

3. Contacts

Azevedo Timoteo, SWIOFC Programme Assistant – for all matters related to administration and practical organisation of the meeting and assistance for participants invited by the SWIOFC Secretariat:

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The contact point at the venue responsible for the conference booking is will be **Polly Karimi**, sales and marketing:

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Telephone/WhatsApp: +254725288843

The contact point at the FAO representation in Kenya (Nairobi) in case of emergency is **Anne Kinuya**, Assistant FAOR (Administration)

E-mail: anne.kinuya@fao.org

For assistance with border entry issues:

John Manyara, Security and Protocol Adviser

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4. Accommodation

Participants are required to book their own accommodation. Preliminary reservations have been made to accommodate participants at the conference venue Bahari Beach Hotel. Participants wishing to stay at the conference venue are requested to confirm their booking by contacting hotel reservations and let them know you are with the “FAO Conference booking” on:

Beatrice, hotel reservations

Email: bahari.reservations@gmail.com

Tel/WhatsApp: +254 713394097

The agreed rates for accommodation at the venue for conference participants are:

7500 KSh bed and breakfast per night for a single standard room

8500 KSh half-board for a single standard room

Participants not wishing to stay at the venue can make their own bookings at other hotels but will then be required to arrange and pay for local commute between the venue and their hotel of choice. Below is a list of alternatives hotels:

S.No	Hotels	Single Standard	Distance from Venue	Contact Number	Contact address	Contact email address
1.	Bahari Beach Hotel	USD 103	0 KM	+254733477022 +254722206933		bahari.reservations@gmail.com
2.	Voyager Beach Resort	USD 120	0.4 KM	+254706612070 +254799863970		dealers@theholidaydealers.com
3.	Nyalı Sun Africa Beach Hotel & Spa	USD 100	3.5 Km	+254703048000 +254205028000		info@sunafriahotels.com
4.	Mombasa Beach Hotel	USD 80	0.4 KM	+254722203143		mbhreception@kenya-safari.co.ke
5.	Ayodya Suites Nyalı	USD 90	0.6 KM	+254774797880		Ayodyasuites@gmail.com

5. Arrival and entry formalities

All foreign delegates are required to possess a valid passport (validity for at least 6 months) and the necessary visa to enter Kenya. Please ensure that you have applied and secure visa in your home country. Participants that need a Visa (check table below) can apply for an online visa (e-Visa) <http://evisa.go.ke> and should share the receipt for online payment of the Visa with the FAO protocols officer john.manyara@fao.org so that he can help as needed.

Nationality	Visa requirement	Other requirements
Zimbabwe	NOT REQUIRED.	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Madagascar	REQUIRED (MUST APPLY ONLINE)	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Mauritius	NOT REQUIRED	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Seychelles	NOT REQUIRED	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Comoros	REQUIRED (MUST APPLY ONLINE)	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
South Africa	NOT REQUIRED	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Tanzania	NOT REQUIRED	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Kenya	Not Applicable	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Somalia	REQUIRED (MUST APPLY ONLINE)	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Maldives	NOT REQUIRED	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Yemen	REQUIRED (MUST APPLY ONLINE)	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT
Mozambique	NOT REQUIRED BUT PLEASE CONFIRM BY APPLYING FOR EPASS	VALID NATIONAL PASSPORT

Visa Requirements (if required see list above)

- Passport First page (Valid travel document not less than six months.)
- Applicant photo (A clear photograph.)
- Accommodation (Hotel bookings or Invitation Letters from family and Identity card / Passport / Alien card / Entry permit of the host.)
- Return Tickets (Return air ticket)
- Passport Front Cover (Passport Front Cover)

COVID certification

To enter the country you also need to carry a certificate of COVID vaccination with a QR code on indicating that the full vaccination has been completed or a negative COVID PCR test report completed no more than 72 hours before departure.

All travelers above the age of 12 years arriving into the country through any point of entry will be required to show proof of either COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test conducted not more than 72 hours before departure. NB: Vaccination means having received the prescribed doses of specific vaccine latest shot at least fourteen (14) days before arrival (not including the day of vaccination). Travelers below the age of twelve (12) years shall be exempt from the requirements of a vaccination certificate or Pre departure PCR test.

Any traveler above the age of twelve (12) arriving at any point of entry with no proof of vaccination or a PCR test or those with flu-like symptoms shall be subjected to a rapid antigen test at their own cost of 30 USD. Any person who tests positive on antigen RDT will be subjected to entry PCR test at their own further cost of 50 USD and self-isolate as per MOH

guidance on isolation. Any traveler arriving at any port of entry into Kenya with flu-like symptoms will be required to fill the passenger locator form on the 'jitenge' platform: https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration and to undergo rapid antigen test at own cost regardless of age or vaccination status. If positive on antigen test they will be required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test own cost.

Passengers traveling out of the country, will be required to abide by the particular travel, health and COVID-19 related requirements of the transit and destination country. Pre-departure RDT or PCR testing may be considered at the discretion of any of the airlines departing from or terminating in Kenya.

Documents check-list for entering Kenya

- valid passport (expiring no less than 6 months from entry)
- Kenya e-Visa (if required see list above)
- Covid vaccination certificate (if vaccinated)
- negative PCR test result (if non-vaccinated)
- travel insurance with Covid-19 coverage (optional)

6. Reimbursement for costs of travel and accommodation

Supported participants will receive a per diem to cover costs for their accommodation, transfer to and from the airport, and meals excluding lunch during the meeting days.

Per diem will be paid in Mombasa during meeting days by a representative of the FAO for eligible participants invited by the SWIOFC Secretariat and by a representative of UNEP for eligible participants invited by the Nairobi Convention Secretariat.

Participants are kindly advised to carry contingency funds to cover costs before receiving the per diem.

7. Local Transport

Participants are required to arrange their own transport to and from the airport. Please contact the conference venue or hotel that you are staying at to ask their assistance in arranging this or book a taxi through recommended companies for local transport in Mombasa:

1. Pewin Cabs Ltd; Mombasa Control Room Email: mombasa@pewin.co.ke
Telephone: +254 709 801 000 +254 711 268 111
2. Jim Cab Taxis; Control Room Mombasa Email: jimcabmombasa@jimcab.co.ke
Telephone: +24 737 333 222 +254 714 333 777
3. KENATCO Taxis Ltd; Mombasa Control Room: Email: mombasa@kenatco.co.ke
Telephone: +254 720 108 222 or +254 734 214 074 +254 41 222 7503
4. Universal Cabs Ltd; Mombasa Control Room Email: mombasa@universalcabs.co.ke
Telephone: +254 729 602 892 or +254 731 525 145 +254 20 809 2377
5. Glory Car Hire Services Ltd Mombasa office Email: info@glorykenya.com
Telephone: +254 722 388 729 or +254 703 666 777

8. During the Event

The Meeting Organizers will offer coffee breaks, lunch and conference facilities.

The Bahari Beach Hotel serves a wide variety of cuisine. For those requiring other options, there is a choice of restaurants in the local neighbourhood. Please request advice from the local staff at the hotel reception.

9. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available in the conference area. Internet service outside the conference will be at participants own expense.

10. Currency

The currency in Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (KES). The current exchange rates are given below (as of 09 September 2022). All major currencies are exchangeable at banks and at the hotel. Major credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most shops.

Recent conversion rates according to <https://www.xe.com/>:

1 Kenyan Shilling = 0.0083 US Dollar	1 USD = 120.5 KES
1 Kenyan Shilling = 0.0084 Euro	1 EUR = 118.8 KES
1 Kenyan Shilling = 0.15 South African Rand	1 ZAR = 6.8 KES

11. Information on Mombasa

There are some interesting sightseeing places in Mombasa, however, caution is strongly advised. Please do not walk outside the hotel alone at night and please take advice from the hotel or the hosts in case you would like to visit any sightseeing areas.

Mombasa, located on the eastern coast of Kenya, is a city of many faces. Dubbed Kisiwa Cha Mvita, the Island of War, the city itself offers many different versions of itself. However, it has lately become known as one of the more popular places in the region for fantastic vacations. With a population of one million, a port and an airport, Mombasa is the second largest city in Kenya and an important tourist center.

Information on tourism and other issues can also be found at <https://www.mombasa-city.com/>

12. Climate

Visitors should keep in mind that the area is in the Southern Hemisphere meaning the seasons are reversed from what they are in the Northern Hemisphere. In Mombasa, winter begins in June with summer beginning in December. However, because the city is located just to the south of the equator, it is still firmly located within the tropics and there are no big temperature swings from one season to another - so all seasons are warm with tropical rains and high humidity values.

June, July and August make up this season and while it is considered winter in the Southern Hemisphere, it is still a good time to visit as the rain begins to taper off and temperatures remain warm thanks to the tropical nature of the area.

Average afternoon high temperatures remain very consistent over the three months with highs reaching 27°C (81°F). Average overnight lows are also consistent with temperatures of 20°C

(68°F) hardly winter weather! Overnight lows might be cool enough for a light jacket or long sleeves, but the afternoons are still warm enough for any number of outdoor activities.

13. Location of the conference venue in Mombasa

