

# INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



## Global Observance of World Habitat Day

6 October 2025

Location: UN-Habitat Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya

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This note contains important information about the Global Observance of World Habitat Day (WHD) and is designed to help you plan and make the most of your time. Please read carefully and do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions about your attendance.

## VENUE

The conference will be taking place at UN-Habitat Headquarters, located in Nairobi, Kenya.  
REGISTRATION AND BADGE

### Registration

Participants are encouraged to register for the event through GEMS using the link provided: [UN- Habitat GEMS | UN-Habitat GEMS](#). Badges will be issued upon arrival at the UNDSS Pass and ID desk, which will be located inside the United Nations Complex. All participants are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with photo) to obtain their badge used during online registration. Participants are asked to wear their badge during the entire meeting, and to show their badge upon request.

Please register before 2 October 2025 (18:00 UTC +03:00 Kenya time) prior to your arrival [here](#) if not yet done.

### Broadcasting

The Global Observance of World Habitat Day will be streamed online on UN Web TV and connection links will be included in the detailed agenda found on World Habitat Day [webpage](#).



## CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference related events will be held in English.

## CONFERENCE FACILITIES

All conference facilities and meeting rooms are equipped with WIFI.

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

### AIRPORT

Most international flights into the country arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, located in Nairobi. The airport is approximately a 35-minute drive and 25 kilometers from the [United Nations Office at Nairobi](#).

## VISA ARRANGEMENTS

It is the participant's own responsibility to obtain a visa for the Republic of Kenya. Participants required to be in possession of a visa are advised to obtain one as early as possible. A valid visa should be obtained in advance from the Kenyan Embassy/High Commission in the participants' country of residence or the nearest Kenya Embassy in the region. The information provided here acts only as guidance.

A valid passport, which must be valid for at least six months from the date of arrival, and an electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) are required for entry into Kenya. Information on how to apply is available on the website of the [Kenya Electronic Travel Authorisation \(eTA\) application system](#).

Participants are warned of the many pseudo sites purporting to offer the service of a Kenya visa and only apply using [www.etakenya.go.ke/en](http://www.etakenya.go.ke/en).

## INSURANCE

The organizers are not responsible for the medical, accident and travel insurance. Participants attending the event are not covered by insurance for any illness or injury resulting from any situation or action not connected to their participation at the global observance of World Habitat Day. All participants are strongly encouraged to have sufficient medical insurance coverage.

Travel Insurance is not provided by the United Nations, and all participants are encouraged to purchase such insurance coverage, including self-funding their travel arrangements.

## TRANSPORTATION

Taxi and ride-hailing services such as Uber and Bolt are widely available in Nairobi and offer a convenient and reliable way to get around the city. Fares are generally affordable, and both apps allow users to request rides, track their driver in real time, and pay securely via card or mobile payment.

These services are especially useful for airport transfers and traveling during late hours.

## ACCOMMODATION

Participants are advised to choose accommodation from the [recommended list of hotels](#).

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

The country is regarded as a secure tourist destination, offering many opportunities to explore, discover, and enjoy your surroundings with ease.

## ABOUT NAIROBI

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Nairobi is the capital and largest city of Kenya. It is the regional commercial hub with a population of about 4.8 million. Other major cities include Mombasa, which is the main seaport of the Indian Ocean, and Kisumu on the Lake Victoria front. The economy of the Republic of Kenya has the largest GDP in East and Central Africa.

### LANGUAGE

The two official languages, English and Swahili, are used in varying degrees of fluency for communication with other populations. Today, English is the official language in Kenya, while Swahili enjoys the status of the national language.

### CLIMATE

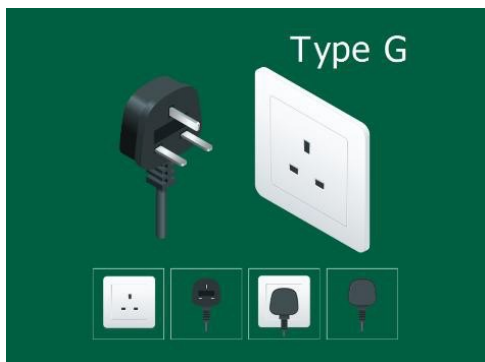
During early October, Kenya's climate is moderate to hot, with moderate rainfall experience. 24°C to 27°C (75°F to 81°F) and nighttime lows around 13°C to 16°C (55°F to 61°F). You can expect cool mornings and evening and warm afternoons.

## TIME

The time in Nairobi, Kenya is (UTC+03:00). According to the Kenya business regulations, the commercial shops and centers open from 9am until 10pm, while restaurants open from 10am to 12am.

## POWER SUPPLY

In Kenya, Type G power plug is used. The standard voltage is 240 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. Type G has three rectangular prongs in a triangular pattern.



## FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND CURRENCY

Kenya's official currency is the Kenyan Shilling (Ksh)

The exchange rate (approximately): USD 1.0 = Ksh 129

EUR 1.0 = Ksh 150

Please note that the exchange rate is defined on daily basis and changes might occur many times during the day.

Exchanging money: Foreign currency can be changed at the Jomo Kenyatta Airport, which has 24-hour services. Banks and foreign currency exchange bureaus also offer these services. Banks with ATM services in major centers across the city are open Monday - Friday from 09.00 to 16.00hrs with some opening from 09.00 to 12.00hrs on Saturdays. Some ATMs can dispense foreign currency in US dollars. There are some malls that have banks that operate on Sunday and public holidays.

Payment methods: We recommend settling expenses while in Nairobi, Kenya with cash, M- pesa, Visa or Mastercard.

## SIM CARDS

Kenya uses the country code is +254. Upon your arrival at [Jomo Kenyatta International Airport](#), we advise that you should acquire a SIM card from the dedicated airport SIM card retail outlet. We recommend using a SIM card from Safaricom or Airtel.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- **Kenyan Police**  
999,112
- **St. Johns Ambulance**  
+254 721 225 285
- **Kenya Diplomatic Police**  
+254 708 589 522, +254 731 170 666, +254 725 542 965, +254738 701 229, +254 772 092626

## HOSPITALS

For any medical needs, participants can be assured that Nairobi, Kenya offers a selection of well-established and reputable hospitals with high standards of care. In the event of illness or medical attention, it is advised to visit esteemed medical institutions due to their effective communication while facilitating a smooth and comfortable healthcare experience.

## CONTACT US

Please feel free to contact us on our email address: [unhabitat-whd@un.org](mailto:unhabitat-whd@un.org)

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