



1st International Accreditation Conference

Information Pack

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Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS)

11th to 13th November 2025

Mombasa, Kenya



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**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD IN MOMBASA, KENYA FROM 11TH – 13TH NOVEMBER 2025**

Dear Invited Guest/Stakeholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Management of the Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS), we are honoured to invite you to the 1st International Accreditation Conference. The conference will be held from **11th to 13th November 2025** at the **Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa** in **Mombasa, Kenya**.

Please find the following contained in this Information Pack:

- Conference programme and registration;
- Information on the conference logistics;
- Accommodation details; and
- Visa and entry requirements into Kenya.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1 Venue

The 1st KENAS International Accreditation Conference will take place at:

Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa

Off Malindi Road,

Mombasa County

Phone: +254 719 022 000 | +254 709 111 000

P.O Box 90173

Email: whitesands@sarovahotels.com

Website: www.sarovahotels.com/whitesands-mombasa



Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa is a contemporary 5-star hotel located 14 kms away from Mombasa town, along the Bamburi Beach, North Coast of Mombasa off the Indian Ocean, a few minutes after Nyali City Mall.

2 Registration

Registration is online via the link <https://iacweb.kenyaaccreditation.org/>. The registration fee is:

- a) Early Bird – KES 35,000 or xx USD valid until 31st October 2025
- b) Normal Rate – KES 40,000

The registration fee is exclusive of VAT.

Upon registration and payment participants will receive a QR code which will be verified at the registration desk of the conference venue.

3 Conference

Upon verification at the conference venue, registered delegates will be eligible for meals, i.e. Lunches, tea and snacks during health break. Verified delegates will have access to the conference halls (Plenary and breakout sessions). There will also be exhibition parlours and for which they are eligible to access.

4 Opening Ceremony

There will be an Opening Ceremony on Wednesday 12th November 2025, graced by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investments. KENAS will be honoured to have all delegated in attendance.



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5 Travel Arrangements: Kenya Airways Partnership

KENAS, in collaboration with Kenya Airways, is pleased to offer exclusive discounted fares for delegates attending the International Accreditation Conference (IAC) 2025.

- Promo Code: **IAC25KE**
- Discount: **Up to 12% off the base fare**
- Event Venue: **Mombasa, Kenya**
- Travel Validity: **5th – 20th November 2025**
- Sales Period: **Open until 13th November 2025**

Key Details:

- Offer valid on Kenya Airways–operated flights only
- Applicable for return journeys
- Discount applies to net base fares only (excluding taxes and surcharges)
- Subject to fare availability and standard terms and conditions*

For booking visit:

www.kenya-airways.com/en/promotions/international-accreditation-conference/

6 Local Transfers (Airport & SGR transfers)

Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa is located 21 Kms from the Moi International Airport, in Mombasa, 24.2 Kms from the Miritini SGR Station, Mombasa, and a 7-hour drive from Nairobi (498 Kms). Taxis are readily available at a cost if needed.

For booking with SGR to/from Nairobi and Mombasa, visit <https://metickets.krc.co.ke/>.

7 Accommodation

Reservation may be made at the **Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa**. For reservations, send your queries to:

Phone: +254 709 111 000

WhatsApp Number: +254 715 111 666

Email: centralreservations@sarovahotels.com

It is highly recommended to book accommodation as soon as possible.

Delegates are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements directly with the hotel. There are various hotels and accommodation places available within. Below are some of the recommended hotels near the venue:

Name of Hotel	Rates for Bed & Breakfast	Rates for Half Board	Contact Details	Distance from the Venue	Star Rating
Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa	Pool Facing Rooms – Single KES.37,219.88 Sea Facing Rooms – Single KES. 46,524.03	Garden Facing Rooms – Single KES.24,000 Pool Facing Rooms – Single KES.25,000.00 Sea Facing Rooms – Single KES. 29,000.00	Phone: +254 709 111 000 WhatsApp Number: +254 715 111 666 Email: centralreservations@sarova-hotels.com# Website: Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa	0 Kms	4.5
Severine Sea Lodge	KES 17,800	KES 19,000	Phone: +254 746 995 690 Email: reservations@severinsealodge.com Website: Severine Sea Lodge	1.1 Kms	4.5
Voyager Beach Resort	USD.220	USD.236	Contact: Reservations: +254 711 01 99 00 / +254 720 20 11 55 Email: reservations@heritagehotels.co.ke Website: Voyager Beach Resort	5.4 kms	4.0
Neptune Beach Resort	-	KES. 29,150	Contact: +254 734 346 942 +254 785 609 881 Email: bookings@neptunehotels.com Website: Neptune Beach Resort	1.6 kms	4.0
Travellers Beach Hotel and Spa	KES 29,240	KES 32,345	Contact: +254 720 648 708 +254 700 375 575 Email: reservations@travellershtl.com Website: https://www.travellersbeach.com/	<1Km	4.0
Kahama Beach Hotel	Single Room – KES. 6,500	Single Room – KES. 8,500	Contact: +254 720 593 388	0.8 kms	3.9

Name of Hotel	Rates for Bed & Breakfast	Rates for Half Board	Contact Details	Distance from the Venue	Star Rating
	Double Room – KES. 8,000 Triple Room – KES. 11,000	Double Room – KES. 12,000 Triple Room – KES 17,000	+254 734 771 133 Email: mombasa@kahamagroup.com Website: Kahama Hotel		

For some outdoors activities, you can visit: Tamarind Mombasa (Restaurant), Wild Waters, Haller Park, Mamba Village, among others.

8 Transport Between Hotels

Delegates will meet their own travel and accommodation costs.

We highly recommend using online taxi service (e.g., Uber and Bolt) as it is very reliable and affordable. Note that internet is required to make such bookings. All applications use cash in Kenyan Shillings.

9 Visa Requirements

9.1 How to Apply for Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

All foreign travellers must apply for the Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) before entering Kenya

The following are the steps for applying for the eTA:

1. Visit <https://etakenya.go.ke>
2. Click “Apply Now” and follow the instructions.
3. Make sure that all the data has been entered correctly.
4. Submit the application.
5. An email confirming receipt of your application will be sent to you.
6. An email confirming receipt of payment, if applicable, will be sent to you.
7. Upon decision by Immigration officer, an email confirming Approval / Refusal will be sent to you.
8. If your application has been approved, please either print the PDF document that has been attached to the email, or download the document to your mobile device or save it in the “Kenya Travel Authorisation” mobile app. This is your electronic travel authorisation that needs to be shown at all departure and arrival points.
9. If your application has been denied, you will not be able to travel to Kenya for the moment.

Please contact support@etakenya.go.ke to report your situation and obtain further details. You can check the status of your application at any time by visiting the following URL: <https://etakenya.go.ke>.

Note:

1. You are only allowed to travel after your application has been approved by the Government of Kenya.

2. The eTA applications for Kenya are usually processed in 3 days and there is an urgent processing service, however, it is recommended applications be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to travel to ensure adequate time for processing.

9.2 Exemptions from obtaining the Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)

In accordance with the KENYA CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION (AMMENDMENT) RULES, 2025, the following persons are exempted from obtaining the Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA):

- a) Holders of Kenya Permanent Residence, valid Work Permits and Passes.
- b) All persons whose passports are endorsed with valid Kenya reentry passes or any other written authority in lieu of a re-entry pass.
- c) **Citizens of the East African Partner States:** These countries include Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda for a period not exceeding 180 days.
- d) Nationals of the following Countries for a period **not exceeding ninety (90) days**:
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| • Barbados | • Grenada | • Papua New Guinea | • The Bahamas |
| • Belize | • Guyana | • Union of Comoros | • The Gambia |
| • Botswana | • Jamaica | • Samoa | • Tonga |
| • Brunei | • Kiribati | • San Marino | • Trinidad and Tobago |
| • Cyprus | • Lesotho | • Sierra Leone | • The Republic of Congo |
| • Dominica | • Malaysia | • Singapore | • Tuvalu |
| • Eritrea | • Maldives | • South Africa | • Vanuatu |
| • Eswatini | • Malawi | • St. Kitts and Nevis | • Zambia |
| • Ethiopia | • Mauritius | • St. Lucia | • Zimbabwe |
| • Fiji Island | • Mozambique | • St. Vincent and the Grenadines | |
| • Gambia | • Namibia | | |
| • Ghana | • Nauru | | |
- e) Nationals of the following African countries for a period **not exceeding sixty (60) days**:
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| • Algeria | • Chad | • Guinea Bissau | • Nigeria |
| • Angola | • Cote d'Ivoire | • Liberia | • Sao Tome and Principe |
| • Benin | • Djibouti | • Madagascar | • Senegal |
| • Burkina Faso | • Egypt | • Mali | • Seychelles |
| • Cape Verde | • Equatorial Guinea | • Mauritania | • Sudan |
| • Cameroon | • Gabon | • Morocco | • Togo |
| • Central African Republic | • Guinea | • Niger | • Tunisia |
- f) Holders of United Nations Organization, African Union, African Development Bank, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, International Red Locust Control Organization for Central and Southern Africa, Desert Locust Control Organization, COMESA, International

Monetary Fund and World Bank, Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), African Airlines Travel Association (IATA), Environment Liaison Centre International (ELCI), of Union of Radio, Television Network of Africa (URTNA), International Labour Organization (ILO), Preferential Trade Area/Common Market of East & Southern African Bank European Union, CIP (International Potato Centre), African Reinsurance Corporation (ARC), African Housing Fund (AHF), African Export – Import Bank (Afreximbank) Laissez - Passers whilst on official business of the respective organizations.

- g) Holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports from The Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of China for a period not exceeding (30) Days stay.
- h) Holders of Diplomatic, Official, Special, and Service Passports, from The Republic of Turkey, Brazil, India and members of their families holding valid Diplomatic, Official, Special, and Service Passports, while on Transit or Stay not exceeding ninety (90) days.
- i) Serving Members of the British Military.

All delegates are responsible for obtaining their own visas and meeting requirements for entry into Kenya.

9.3 Visa Letters

Should you require an invitation letter for visa purposes, kindly contact:

Ms. Sandra Nekesa

Mobile: +254 792 387 341

Email: nekesas@kenas.go.ke

Please ensure that you send a scanned copy of your **passport biodata page** and **flight details** for faster response.

10 Health requirements

10.1 Yellow fever vaccination certificate

Countries that require Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate for **all travellers older than 9 months or 1 year**:

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| • Benin | • Côte d'Ivoire | • Rwanda |
| • Burkina Faso | • DRC | • Sierra Leone |
| • Burundi | • Gabon | • Niger |
| • Cameroon | • Guinea-Bissau | • Togo |
| • Central African Republic | • Kenya | |
| • Congo | • Liberia | |

Countries that require Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate for **travellers from countries with a risk of Yellow Fever transmission or transit for 12 hours in those countries**:

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| • Algeria | • Libya | • Seychelles |
| • Botswana | • Equatorial Guinea | • Somalia |
| • Cabo Verde | • Eritrea | • South Africa |
| • Chad | • Madagascar | • Sudan |

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| • Djibouti | • Malawi | • Swaziland |
| • Egypt | • Mauritania | • Tunisia |
| • Ethiopia | • Mauritius | • Uganda |
| • Gambia | • Mozambique | • Tanzania |
| • Ghana | • Namibia | • Zambia |
| • Guinea | • Nigeria | • Zimbabwe |
| • Lesotho | • Papua New Guinea | |

All travellers arriving in Kenya from countries where yellow fever is endemic should present a valid yellow fever certificate.

10.2 Yellow Fever Vaccination exemptions

- **Infants aged less than 9 months**, except during an epidemic when infants aged 6-9 months, in areas where the risk of infection is high, should also receive the vaccine.
- **Pregnant women** – except during a yellow fever outbreak when the risk of infection is high.
- People with **severe allergies to egg protein**.
- People with **severe immunodeficiency due to symptomatic HIV/AIDS** or other causes, or who have a **thymus disorder**.

10.3 COVID-19 Requirements

All travellers arriving into the country through any point of entry **shall no longer be required to show proof of either COVID-19 vaccination**; or a pre-departure COVID-19 test.

Only travellers arriving at any point of entry 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 a COVID-19 antigen test upon arrival at their own cost. Those who turn positive for the antigen testing will be required to take a further COVID-19 PCR 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 disease.

11 Time

Kenya is located in the East African Time Zone (UTC +03:00).

12 Electricity Supply

The Kenyan electricity supply is between 220 and 240 volts AC. Most plugs type G, which is the plug that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern.



Socket



Plug



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13 Language

The official languages in Kenya are Kiswahili and English.

14 Currency

The Kenya currency unit is the Kenyan Shilling.

<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=KES>

Acceptance of Visa, MasterCard is almost universal for retailing and most services, including supermarkets, accommodation and departmental stores. There are cash dispensing machines (ATMs) conveniently located and easily accessible.

15 Weather

During this period weather in Mombasa is likely to be wet as this marks the beginning of the rainy season. Daytime temperatures are expected to be around 30-31°C ($\approx$ 86-87 °F) while the nighttime lows tend to be about 23-32 °C ($\approx$ 75-77 °F). Thus, this tends to feel quite warm and muggy especially in the evenings and early mornings.

You may access updated weather updates on the below link to get an idea of current weather conditions (but remember it is often subject to change).

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/ke/mombasa/223233/november-weather/223233?year=2025>

16 Business Hours

Government Offices are opened from 8.00 AM to 5:00 PM while banks are generally open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on weekdays and are closed on weekends and public holidays.

Most shops are open from Monday to Sunday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. There are also several entertainment and tourist spots around the hotel.