

OPEN DIGITAL HEALTH SUMMIT



NAIROBI-KENYA

1 - 3 DECEMBER 2024

VENUE

The Summit will be held at Argyle Grand Hotel, **Mombasa Road, Nairobi, Kenya**. The Summit will be conducted in English.

OVERVIEW

Kenya, a country in East Africa with a population of more than 47.6 million is the 28th-most-populous country in the world and 7th most populous in Africa. Its capital and largest city is Nairobi. Nairobi is situated on the south of Kenya, 1661 m (5450 ft) above sea level. Nairobi is the most populous city in East Africa and is currently one of the most prominent cities in Africa politically and financially. Nairobi is established as a hub for business and culture and has the informal titles of “The Green City in the Sun”, “Safari Capital of the World” and “Place of cold waters”.

Kiswahili is the national language while English is the official language. In major towns and tourist areas a visitor should be able to get along quite well in English.

REGISTRATION

Please register for this meeting on the INDICO platform at: [Open Digital Health Summit: "Accelerating Full-STAC on FHIR" \(1 December 2024\): Overview · Indico.UN](#) (The platform works best with Google Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge. You may encounter difficulties with registering if using other web browsers).

A. If you have already created an account in INDICO:

Open the Google Chrome or Firefox and copy/paste the URL address: [Open Digital Health Summit: "Accelerating Full-STAC on FHIR" \(1 December 2024\): Overview · Indico.UN](#)

1. Login into INDICO
2. Click on "Register now"
3. Check your profile details to ensure that they are still valid
4. Complete the remaining information
5. Click on register

B. If you have not yet created an account in INDICO:

Open the Google Chrome or Firefox and copy/paste the URL address: [Open Digital Health Summit: "Accelerating Full-STAC on FHIR" \(1 December 2024\): Overview · Indico.UN](#)

1. Click on the Login button on the top-right of the screen.
2. Click on and fill out the account creation form. Then click on Confirm.
3. You should receive an email with an Activation link from noreply.accreditations@unog.ch .
4. Click on that activation link.
5. Your account is now activated.
6. Register for the meeting following the steps at A.

Please note you will need to upload a scanned copy of a valid passport, copy of an official bank statement or a copy of a pre-printed check. This is needed for the travel and for the payment of the per diem.



VISA AND IMMIGRATION

Participants holding a UN Laissez-Passer (UNLP) will be able to request a visa upon arrival. All other participants travelling on national passports are being informed that Kenya has a digitized visa application requiring that all entry visas be applied for online. Participants are responsible for having in their possession a valid passport for at least 6 months and entry visa for Kenya. VISA invitation letter from Kenya can be download from Indico (registration system mentioned at the beginning of the information note)

Online Visa application link: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>

Step by Step Guide on the simple online visa application:

1. Create an account as 'Visitor'
2. Once verified go to Directorate of Immigration
3. Fill in the e-Visa Application
4. Choose Single Entry visitor type
5. Indicate the reason of travel as Visit
6. Upload the Invitation letter
7. Visa Fee is 50 USD
8. Once approved print out the e-Visa approval

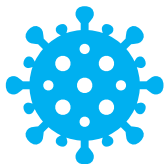
For further information on Kenyan Visa requirements, you may visit the Kenyan Immigration website www.immigration.go.ke.



TRAVEL

Funded participants will be contacted by our WHO Tunis office for the planning of your travel. Non-funded participants are responsible for their travel organization.

Visitors to Kenya are required to complete a customs declaration form; this is usually provided in transit by the airline. Baggage is generally inspected on arrival. Participants should be aware of Customs, quarantine, wildlife, currency, and duty/tax free regulations. Check with the Kenyan Diplomatic Mission in your country of origin to confirm this.



COVID-19 AND OTHER DISEASE PREVENTIVE MEASURES

[Please visit this website](#) for the latest information on the vaccination requirements for entry into Kenya.

Yellow fever vaccination certificate is mandatory to enter Kenya.

COVID-19 Requirements

All travelers 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 travelers 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.

1. Register here -> Jitenge platform: ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/
2. See requirements here -> [COVID-19 Travel Requirements | Kenya Civil Aviation Authority](#)



TRANSPORTATION

Free transport from the airport to the hotel (and vice versa) can be organized by Argyle hotel . To ensure the availability of airport transport upon your arrival at the airport, participants are advised to organize directly with the hotel and communicate their arrival details to them. The transfer from the airport to the hotel is around 10 minutes.

Multiple cab services are available for guests who want to explore different areas around Nairobi.

Virgin Tours (254-20) 2734932
Jatco Taxis (254-20) 4448162 Cell phone: 0722648383, 0722725131
Hilltop Taxis (254-20) 2723218 or 2723270
JIMCAB (254-20) 7122565/ 7121205/7120344 - Cell phone: 0722711001; 0711 082153

The most commonly used apps are Uber, Bolt, and Little Cab. These apps are available on Google Play Store and Apple Store. Payments can be made in cash, online credit/debit card, or through mobile money services.



ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been blocked for participants at the Argyle Hotel where the meeting will take place for the duration of the meeting. It is the **responsibility of participants to make their own booking.**

Funded and non-funded participants can benefit from our special rate of USD 140/night including breakfast. To reserve a room, please write to the hotel (reservations@argylehotelkenya.ke) and request for the reservation to be made under the 'Open Digital Health Summit'.

The special rate is also valid during the Global Digital Health Forum (GDHF) that will take place at the JW Marriott in the centre of Nairobi from 4 to 6 December.

If you encounter any difficulties with the hotel/airport transfer booking, please contact Peninah Wakaba: peninah@fullstac.health - Tel: +254 719351109

If you have any dietary restrictions, please inform the hotel when making the booking.

The contact details for the hotel are the following:

Website: [Argyle Grand Hotel – The Essence of Luxury Travel \(argylehotelkenya.ke\)](http://argylehotelkenya.ke)

The hotel accepts Visa cards, credit cards, and cash as payment methods.

Guests have a variety of entertainment options within and around the Argyle Hotel, including bars and restaurants. For those wishing to explore further, online taxi services are recommended for convenience and safety.



Per diem

The current WHO per diem rate for Nairobi is changing regularly (end of October 2024 is USD 267). Per diem estimate can be checked on the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) (un.org). We will consider the per diem for the date of the payment end November: participants can arrive the day before the meeting and depart the day of the end of the meeting or the morning after. Lunch is included in the WHO daily conference package and therefore 10% will be deducted from the per diem for the meeting dates (3 days).

WHO usually pays the per diem 10 days before departure. All funded delegates/participants should ensure that they are paid their per diem before departure. No per diem should be paid locally.

Insurance

WHO does not provide insurance for travelers who are non-WHO staff. Participants should note that WHO cannot be held liable or responsible for any claim arising out of death, injury, sickness, or other disability.

Similarly, excess baggage charges or charges for insurance of baggage are the responsibilities of participants. Likewise, taxi charges, airport taxes, portage, expenses incurred in obtaining visas and passports are not reimbursed by the Organization.

Participants coming from a country that requires (mandatory) pre-departure COVID-19 test with RT-PCR to their country must have health insurance coverage amount USD 10,000 or equivalent with other currencies with coverage period until departure date from Kenya +7 days.

Financial Transactions

The local currency in Kenya is the Kenyan shilling (KES) divided into 100 cents. Coins are of 50 cents and of KES 1, 5, 10, 20 and 40. Notes are of KES 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000. Travelers can bring into or take out of Kenya currency notes up to the equivalent of US Dollars 5000 and KES 800 000 without making a customs declaration. Currency notes in excess of the above amounts can still be brought in or taken out of Kenya upon making a declaration. It is illegal to mutilate Kenya currency notes.

Major credit cards are widely accepted in Nairobi, and ATMs are readily available. It's advisable to have some local currency for small purchases.

Most establishments in Kenya accept Visa and Mastercard. Guests who register for a local SIM card can also pay for services using mobile money platforms like M-Pesa (available through Safaricom). Cash payments are also widely accepted.

Banking and Forex Services

24-hour banking and forex services are available at the airport, Imara Mall, Capital Centre, and Gateway Mall. The Argyle Hotel offers in-house forex services from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM EAT. ATMs are also conveniently located near the hotel for easy access to banking services. For current exchange rates, please refer to the [Central Bank of Kenya's website](#).



COMMUNICATIONS

As in most places, telephone charges from the hotel room can be very high. To be reachable, you can carry your cell phone with you, set it to roaming, or purchase an eSim card before departure or local sim card at the airport on arrival or around the city. The most popular mobile network providers in Kenya are Safaricom and Airtel.



WEATHER AND TIME

Nairobi enjoys a fairly moderate climate. December in Nairobi is generally warm and dry. Average temperatures range from 12°C (54°F) to 24°C (75°F). Light clothing is recommended, with a jacket for cooler evenings.

The local time is GMT +3 hours.



ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Kenya is 220-240 volts, 50 cycle AC. Recommended plugs are 2-pin round or 3-pin square.



MEDICAL SERVICES

Each room at the Argyle Hotel is equipped with a panic button for emergencies. The hotel has an in-house doctor available, and they have partnered with nearby hospitals, including AAR Hospital, Mater Hospital, and Nairobi Hospital, to ensure swift medical assistance when necessary.

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| The Nairobi Hospital | (254-20) 2722160 or 2714400 |
| The Aga Khan University Hospital | (254-20) 3662000 or 374000 or 3662025 |
| Kenyatta National Hospital | (254-20) 2726300 |



SECURITY

Security Phase in NAIROBI 1

Phase I: is in effect for the entire country except for the areas listed under Phase Three.

Phase III: is in effect for the entire NorthEastern province; all areas North of Loyengalani and Marsabit Town in Marsabit District, and the entire Moyale District in Eastern Province. All areas North of Lodwar and the road running Northeast from Lodwar to Ferguson's Gulf on Lake Turkana District in Rift Valley.

While Nairobi is generally considered a safe city, we recommend that guests remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings, especially in public areas. Please ensure that your personal belongings are secured. In case of emergencies, you can contact the Kenya Police Helpline at 999, 112, or 911.

KEY CONTACT PERSONS

For any assistance that you may require, the following are some important key contact persons in Nairobi, Kenya:

- The World Health Organization Office in Kenya
United Nations Office in Nairobi (complex), United Nations Avenue, P.O. Box 45335-00100
Tel. +254 20 7620300 / +254 (0) 722509403
- Mr. Leonard Cosmas, HIS/M&E Officer, WHO-Kenya
cosmasl@who.int - Tel. +254 720619536
- Mr. Eric Maira, Digital Health Officer, WHO-Kenya
mairae@who.int - Tel. +254 711496978
- For specific questions on the venue, accommodation, and transportation, please contact Peninah Wakaba : peninah@fullstac.health - Tel: +254 719351109
- For overall questions on logistics, please contact Sylvia Mwelu
sylviamwelu@kehia.org – Tel +254 716981631
- UNDSS Radio Room - Tel +254 (0) 707722503/5
- Police - Tel 999 or 112
- Diplomatic Police - Tel +254 (0) 708589522