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Committee of Permanent Representatives, 29 Nov – 1 December 2017

Science-Policy and Business Forum, 2 - 3 December 2017

United Nations Environment Assembly, 4 - 6 December 2017

Sustainable Innovation Expo, 4 - 6 December 2017

## Information for Participants

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly will take place in the United Nations Office at Nairobi in Gigiri, Nairobi, 4 - 6 December 2017. This year's Assembly will also launch the interactive Leadership Dialogues, which will provide participants with an opportunity for high-level engagement and discussion on how to achieve a pollution-free planet.

This session will be preceded by the following meetings and fora;

- 27 - 28 November: Civil society will host the **Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum** at its 17th session which aims at facilitating the preparations of civil society towards the Assembly, discussing the main UNEA themes in a multi-stakeholder setting and to prepare their inputs to the Assembly. The Forum is self-organized by Major Groups and Stakeholders, with the assistance of UN Environment. Participation in the 2017 Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum is open to representatives of Major Groups organizations accredited to UN Environment, non-accredited organizations, member states and representatives of international organizations.
- 29 November - 1 December: The Committee of Permanent Representatives will hold its third **Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives Meeting**.
- 2-3 December: The **Science, Policy and Business Forum** with the theme, 'Science for Green Solutions'. The Forum will provide unique opportunities to operationalize and promote great ideas driven by science to address planetary challenges and to support the achievement of the 2030 Development Agenda. Goal driven, the Forum will build communities, consensus and solutions around key issues, tearing down traditional barriers **between science, business, people and policy**.

In parallel to the Assembly from 4-6 December, the **Sustainable Innovation Expo** will take place and will showcase innovative technology from the public and private sector to address the world's environmental challenges.

More information about the session can be found at:

<http://www.unep.org/environmentassembly/>

## II. VISITORS TO KENYA

### 1. *General Information*

The Republic of Kenya is located on the Eastern coast of Africa, and is bisected by the Equator. It is a land of striking landscapes, ranging from snow-capped Mount Kenya to rich farmlands, barren deserts in the north and tropical sandy beaches on the western Indian Ocean coast and the shores of lakes Turkana and Victoria.

Kenya borders Somalia to the North East, 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 with a population of about 4 million. Other major cities are Mombasa, the main seaport on the Indian Ocean, and Kisumu on the Lake Victoria front. 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, biological diversity, striking geographical diversity and landscapes ranging from beautiful beaches, to wildlife reserves and archaeological sites.

## **2. 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 the United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri.

Delegates arriving through JKIA in Nairobi may request for assistance from UN Environment staff, who will be at UN Environment Assembly branded counters.

There will be a counter before Immigration for assistance with visa formalities and a counter after Customs, in the arrival area, to assist with transportation and accommodations inquiries and other support.

JKIA telephone numbers:                   + 254 (0)20 682 2111  
  + 254 (0)20 661 1000  
  + 254 (0)20 661 2000

UN Environment arrival protocol support: Mr. Collins Josiah [Collins.Josiah@unep.org](mailto:Collins.Josiah@unep.org)

## **3. Time Zone**

Kenya is **GMT + 0300 hours**

## **4. Visas**

It is the delegate's own responsibility to obtain a visa for Kenya. The information provided herein acts only as guidance. A valid passport, not expiring for at least six months from date of arrival is required for entry into Kenya.

A valid entry visa is also required for most countries and may be obtained in advance from the Kenyan Embassy/High Commission in your country of residence. In the absence of either, the British Embassy will generally represent Kenya in the issuance of visas. For more information. Please visit:

<http://www.immigration.go.ke/Information.html>

Please note that Kenya is discontinuing issuance of Visas on arrival and therefore delegates requiring visas are encouraged to apply for a visa online on this link: <http://evisa.go.ke>

If needed, but under exceptional circumstances, it is still possible to obtain visas upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. The fee is USD 50 for a one time (single) entry. Please note that visas are not required for citizens of: The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cyprus, Dominica (not to be confused with Dominican Republic), Fiji Island, Ghana, Grenada, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia (for less than 30 day stay), Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Swaziland, South Africa (for less than 30 days stay), Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Please see Category 1: <http://www.immigration.go.ke/Information.html> `

Nationals of the following countries require a referred visa<sup>1</sup> acquired in advance through a Kenyan Embassy: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, State of Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan and Stateless persons. Please see Category 3: <https://www.immigration.go.ke/information.html>)

## **5. Health**

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required only if you are arriving in Kenya from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. For advice on other vaccinations recommended for visitors to Kenya, please contact your doctor or the UNON Joint Medical Service. Useful information can be obtained from the WHO website <http://www.who.int/ith/en/>

Malaria is common throughout the year in many parts of Kenya. Nairobi, the capital city is generally free of malaria. It is recommended to consult your doctor about malaria prophylaxis if travelling beyond Nairobi. Adequate safeguards against mosquito bites are advised (insect repellent, bed nets, clothing with long trousers and covering the arms).

Food and waterborne diseases including diarrhoea are common. Drinking water directly from the taps is not advisable. Drink only bottled water with unbroken seals. Avoid raw foods other than fruits and vegetables you have peeled yourself. Wash hands frequently with soap and water.

Medical costs incurred in Kenya will be responsibility of the meeting participant directly; it is therefore strongly recommended that you arrange own travel health insurance prior to arrival.

The UNON Joint Medical Service will be available in cases of emergency during the Assembly 2017 and its associated meetings. The clinic is in Block F ground floor, Tel. +254 (0)20 762 2267. The emergency contact line is: +254 (0)20 762 5999 or +254 724255378.

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<sup>1</sup> A referred visa is whereby UN Environment writes a letter to the Embassy of Kenya/Government of Kenya specifically for the invitee, for them to produce in order to be provided with a visa. Nationals of these countries may not have sufficient diplomatic relations with Kenya hence this stipulation which is from the Government of Kenya.

## **6. Security**

The United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) and the Kenyan Authorities are working closely together to ensure that all precautionary measures are taken for delegate's safety and security. However, participants are personally responsible for their movements. If you intend to stay in a hotel, you are advised to choose accommodation from the recommended list of hotels available at: <http://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/21731>

For your own safety, kindly read and follow these tips:

- When walking, keep to the main roads and avoid shortcuts down back alleys and the like. However, where possible, take a taxi rather than walking (refer to section with information on recommended taxi service)
- Ignore street children and people coming up to you in the streets with hard-luck tales. They may be pickpockets or part of an elaborate scam. The best thing to do is just to walk on and ignore them.
- Do not carry large sums of money. Avoid carrying credit cards, wearing expensive jewelry, watches or the like when walking in the street.

## **7. Weather**

December tends to be warm in Nairobi, except for occasional cold fronts due to a changing weather pattern. The overall daily temperature is very high at 27°C (80°F). With the tropical nature of the region, the humidity tend to be high and visitors should take that into account and be sure to drink plenty of fluids as well as wear weather-appropriate light clothing. The average low temperature for December falls to 23°C (73°F) but can drop to 13°C (xx°F), especially at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/ke/nairobi/224758/december-weather/224758>

## **8. Electricity**

The electrical currents in Kenya are 220 - 240 Volts, 50 Hertz. Kindly, note that Kenya uses the 13A 3 [square] wall switch socket outlet.

## **9. Official Languages**

The official language of the Republic of Kenya is English and the national language is Swahili.

## 10. Money and Banking

### *Currency and exchange rates*

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

**1 US Dollar = KES 103**

**1 EUR = KES 122**

For more information; <https://www.centralbank.go.ke/rates/forex-exchange-rates/>

Foreign currency can be changed at JKIA, which has 24hr service, banks and foreign currency exchange bureaus. Banks with ATM services in major centers across the city are open from 09:00 to 16:00hrs Monday to Friday and from 09:00 to 12:00hrs on Saturdays.

There are some malls that have banks that operate on Sunday and public holidays. However, ATM services are more widely available at designated booth locations in the various malls, selected convenience stores at gas/petrol stations.

The following places are available near the UNON compound in Nairobi for currency exchange:

- **Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB)** is located on the ground floor in the UNON complex, next to the Delegates Lounge.
- **Standard Chartered Bank** is also available in the complex, located opposite KCB Bank
- **Emerald Gardens' Bureau de Change:** walk from the main gate of the United Nations, cross the road, turns right and walk about 200m. You will find a chinese pagoda building to your left, where the Forex Bureau de Change is located on the first floor houses and other banking facilities.
- **Warwick Center** from the main gate of the United Nations, cross the road, turn left and walk about 100 m. The building will be to your right, in a complex of shops, banks, restaurants and offices.
- **Gigiri Square is** Next to Warwick Center, but before the Mediterraneo Restaurant, on the same side of the road, housing Kenya Commercial Bank, Equity Bank, and I&M Bank.
- **Village Market** Is a shopping complex and a 3minute taxi drive from the main gate of the United Nations. There are several banks and forex bureau at Village Market. It is also a popular exotic eatery with an assemblage of food courts.

### **ATMs**

ATMs are available country wide with 24-hour access. Within the UNON complex there are four ATMs on the lower concourse; two next to the Kenya Commercial Bank, one is near the UNFCU (United Nations Federal Credit Union) and the last one is next to Standard Chartered Bank. There are also two ATMs (KCB and UNFCU) at the UN Commissary on the northern end of the UN Gigiri Complex.

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.

### ***Travelers' Cheques***

Travelers' cheques are accepted at most banks, foreign currency exchange bureaus, hotels and stores in major malls.

**Tipping** is appreciated. However, most hotels/restaurants include a service charge.

## **III. UNON COMPLEX**

### **1. *About the UNON Gigiri Complex***

The Gigiri complex accommodates approximately 3,500 staff members inclusive of the service coordinators. However, during major conferences, the population at the Gigiri complex can exceed 5,000 people.

The 140-acre UN Gigiri complex is a peaceful place, adjacent to the famous Karura Forest, where the Nobel Laureate, Prof. Wangari Maathai, sought refuge when this green asset was a subject of land sub-division by the then Kenya Government.

The Karura Forest complex (about 2,000 hectares) is a unique public facility under the management of the Kenya Forest Service. Well-demarcated nature walks and jogging lanes provides the best environment for recreational activities, including physical training. The forest offers a chance to observe local wildlife such as red duikers, squirrels, marsh mongoose, Sykes monkeys and olive baboons. Several bird species can be spotted, including. Easily spotted bird species include: crowned cranes, Egyptian geese, crested eagles, green pigeons and hoopoes. Other colorful butterflies and animals, such as reptiles and amphibians are frequently sighted.

While at the UN Complex in Gigiri, please refrain from feeding the Sykes' monkeys. They are wild animals and should not be fed with any left overs foods meant for human consumption. This is bad for their digestive systems and their teeth, apart from getting them acquire food snatching habits and conflicts with humans.

The UN Gigiri Complex has a variety of unique natural habitats and thematic artefacts to see on an organized tour. It also boasts of an ecologically balanced

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