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“Empowering EAPP Regional Energy Markets: Paving the Way for the Day-Ahead Market Launch in 2025”

LOGISTICS NOTE



Conference Venue

The Eastern Africa Power Pool Regional Trade Conference will be held at the Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa in Mombasa from 9th - 11th December 2024.

Sessions will be held in the Johari Conference Room.



Travelling to Mombasa, Kenya

Visa

Before leaving their home country, participants should complete all formalities regarding entry and transit visas, which they may require for the journey to Kenya. Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) applications for Kenya should be submitted at least 3 days prior to travel to ensure adequate time for authorization.

Travellers can submit their applications up to three (3) months prior to travel. It is mandatory to submit your application using the Government's official website: www.etakenya.go.ke/en. Applications submitted via third-party websites will be automatically denied.

Participants are responsible for their own visas to enter Kenya, including transit visas (where applicable). The invitation letter issued can be used for visa application purposes. Participants requiring visas are advised to apply as early as possible to allow adequate processing time.

How to Apply

All visitors including infants and children who intend to travel to the Republic of Kenya must have an approved Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) before the start of their journey.

Persons who are exempt from obtaining the Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)

- Holders of valid Kenya passports or one-way emergency certificates issued by Kenya Missions abroad.
- Holders of Kenya permanent residence, valid work permits and passes.
- Holders of valid United Nations conventional travel documents issued by the Government of Kenya.
- Members of the diplomatic missions and international organisations accredited to Kenya.

- Citizens of the East African partner states; These countries include Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. (Exempted for Six (6) months).
- All passengers in transit through Kenya arriving and leaving by the same aircraft or transferring to another aircraft and who do not leave the precincts of Airports in Kenya.

Please have the following documents ready before starting your application.

For all travellers

- Valid passport for at least six (6) months after your planned date of arrival into Kenya, with at least one blank page.
- Selfie or passport-type photo.
- Contact information, email address and phone number.
- Details of your arrival and departure itinerary.
- Accommodation booking confirmation(s).
- Credit card, debit card or other means of payment.
- Based on your country of residence and citizenship, Financial assets/banks letter(s) may also be required.

Based on your purpose of visit, the following may also be required:

- Conference invitation/participation letter.
- Vaccination(s) or test results certificates.

For Diplomatic travel

- A diplomatic, official and service passport.
- An official letter from the country of origin/Organization/ Foreign Affairs.

Processing time is three (3) working days, but in some cases it may take longer. To apply for an e-Visa follow this link to create an account: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>

For more information, visit:

Website: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>

Telephone: +254-202-222-022

Email: support@etakenya.go.ke

Vaccination

Be prepared to show proof of a yellow fever immunisation card before boarding any aircraft into Kenya. Yellow fever is a viral disease caused by the yellow fever virus, which is transmitted to humans primarily through the bite of infected mosquitoes, particularly the *Aedes aegypti* species.

The virus belongs to the *Flaviviridae* family, and it is prevalent in certain tropical and subtropical areas of Africa. Yellow fever symptoms can range from mild to severe and may include fever, headache, muscle pain, nausea, and fatigue. Travellers to regions where yellow fever is endemic are often recommended to get vaccinated. Additionally, efforts to control mosquito populations and reduce exposure to mosquito bites are crucial in preventing the spread of the disease. Ensure that you are vaccinated at least 10 days before your departure.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements and covering the cost. We have provided a list of hotels close to the conference venue. We suggest booking as early as possible to secure the best possible rate.



HOTELS IN MOMBASA	ROOM	ROOM RATE	BOOKING CODE	CONTACT
SAROVA WHITESANDS SPA & RESORT	Single Pool Facing room	USD \$160 Bed & Breakfast	EAPP/12/2024	Contact - Mathew Gichohi: Email: matthew.gichohi@sarovahotels.com Phone: +254 722 620 641 Website: https://www.sarovahotels.com/whitesands-mombasa/
	Single Sea Facing room	USD \$200 Bed & Breakfast		
	Single Premier Facing room	USD \$240 Bed & Breakfast		
	Single Pool Facing room	USD \$190 Half board room		
	Single Sea Facing room	USD \$230 Half board room		
	Single Premier Facing room	USD \$270 Half board room		
TRAVELLERS BEACH HOTEL & SPA	Single Standard Room	USD \$125 Bed & Breakfast	EAPP/12/2024	Contact - David Onyango: Email: sales@travellershtl.com Phone: +254 723 373 883 Website: http://www.travellersbeach.com/
	Single Standard Room	USD \$135 Half board Room		
PRIDE INN PARADISE BEACH RESORT	Single Pool Facing room	USD \$205 Half board	EAPP/12/2024	Contact - Edmond Otieno: Email: edmond.otieno@prideinnparadise.com Phone: +254 721 785 981 Website: https://www.prideinn.co.ke/
	Double Pool Facing room	USD \$255 Half board		
SEVERIN SEA LODGE	Single Standard Room	USD \$109 Half Board	EAPP/12/2024	Contact - Alfonse Kisili Email: reservations@severinsealodge.com Phone: +254 746994520 Website: http://www.severinsealodge.com/
	Single Deluxe Room	USD \$152 Half board		

Weather

December in Mombasa marks the beginning of the hot season, with temperatures ranging from 23°C (73.4°F) to 32°C (89.6°F). Expect warm to hot average high temperatures at 32°C (89.6°F) and comfortable lows at 23°C (73.4°F). With an average relative humidity of about 75%, December experiences rainfall for approximately 11 days, accumulating around 90mm (3.54") of precipitation. Throughout the year, Mombasa encounters rainfall on 112.1 days, accumulating a total of 1089mm (42.87") of precipitation.

Electricity

In Kenya, the associated plug type is G, which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Kenya operates on a 240V supply voltage and 50Hz.



Currencies

Kenya uses the Kenyan Shilling (KES) as its official currency. In Mombasa and major towns, ATMs are easily accessible, and credit cards are widely accepted. Sarova Whitesands Hotel is conveniently located near Nyali Centre Mall and City Mall Nyali, both housing numerous ATMs, banks, shops, and forex bureaus.

The Central Bank of Kenya provides daily indicative foreign exchange rates for public reference. For additional details, please visit <https://www.centralbank.go.ke/rates/forex-exchange-rates/>



Telecommunications and Internet

Kenya boasts multiple mobile phone providers, including Safaricom, Airtel, and Telkom. SIM cards are readily accessible upon providing identification (ID/passport) for registration. Mombasa enjoys extensive 4G coverage, ensuring reliable connectivity.

M-pesa, derived from “M” for mobile and “pesa” in Swahili for money, facilitates mobile transactions such as depositing, withdrawing, transferring money, and making payments for goods and services. Users can register for M-pesa at any Safaricom or Airtel Shop (located in malls), presenting their ID/passport. These services incur a small transactional fee. M-pesa is versatile, allowing users to pay for services ranging from taxis and supermarket purchases to restaurant meals and mobile credit top-ups.

Airport/SGR Transfers

Please note that participants are responsible for arranging their own airport/SGR transfers to and from the event venue. Local transportation options include taxis and ride-hailing services (Uber and Bolt), which typically cost around \$20-\$35.

Some hotels offer transfer services for their guests upon request. It may be helpful to compare the transfer rates of the hotels with those of independent providers.

For group or individual transfer arrangements, you can also reach out to Event Designers Limited, the event management company organising the conference. For inquiries, send an email to info@events-designers.com.



Security

We are working closely together with the Kenyan Authorities to ensure that all precautionary measures are taken for participants' safety and security at the event venue. 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.

For your own safety, kindly read and follow the listed tips:

- Maintain a high state of vigilance at all times.
- Petty theft, pickpockets and purse snatching are common crimes when opportune. They can occur at any time of the day and night.
- Do not carry large sums of money. Avoid carrying credit cards, wearing expensive jewellery and watches when walking in the streets.
- When walking, keep to the main roads and avoid shortcuts down back alleys. Where possible, take a taxi rather than walking.
- Avoid walking alone at night, even for short distances– always take a taxi.
- Do not accept food and drinks from strangers; visitors have been known to be drugged and then robbed.

Translation Services

English to French and English to Arabic translation will be provided for the whole period of the conference.



For all logistical questions, please contact:

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