



Republic of Kenya

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## **Information for Participants**

High-Level United Nations Conference on  
South-South Cooperation  
1 – 3 December, 2009  
Nairobi, Kenya,

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE NAIROBI

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## 1. Venue

The venue of the High-Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation scheduled to take place in Nairobi, Kenya from 1st – 3rd December, 2009 will be at the United Nations Office, Gigiri, Nairobi.

## 2. General

Kenya lies astride the equator on the East coast of Africa and is bordered to the north by Sudan and Ethiopia, Somalia to the East, Uganda to the West and Tanzania to the South. Lake Victoria, which is Africa's largest fresh water lake, lies to the west of the country while Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak lies to the south. The Indian Ocean lies to the east. Kenya is a renowned tourist destination famed for her great wildlife and the famous Game Safari. [www.magicalkenya.com](http://www.magicalkenya.com)

## 3. Credentials

Delegates are kindly requested to bring their official credentials, duly signed by the appropriate authorities of their governments/agencies/organizations, and present them to the conference officials at the registration desk.

## 4. Registration and identification badge

Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the conference.

For identification and security reasons, all participants are required to wear badges at all times during the conference and at official social functions.

## 5. Immigration requirements:

All travellers arriving in Kenya should have a valid passport. It is strongly recommended that delegates who require visa to enter Kenya apply for such Visa before their departure to avoid delay in the Airport : Delegates are supposed to submit the following document to Kenya's Missions abroad: Two visa application forms, Two passport size photos, Two copies of applicants bio data page of the passport, An equivalent of US\$25

### **Delegates who are nationals of the following Countries do not require visas to enter Kenya:**

The Bahamas	Brunei	Fiji Island	Jamaica	Namibia	St. Lucia	Sierra Leone	Trinidad and	Vanuatu
Barbados	Darussalam	Gambia	Lesotho	Nauru	St. Vincent	Swaziland	Tobago	Zimbabwe
Botswana	Cyprus	Grenada	Malawi	Papua New	Samoa	San Marino	Tuvalu	Zambia
Burundi	Ethiopia	Grenadines	Mauritius	Guinea	Seychelles	Tanzania	Uganda	
	Dominica	Ghana	Maldives	Rwanda	Singapore	Tonga	Uruguay	

### **Delegates who are nationals of the following Countries are required to obtain entry visa to Kenya. Visas for these nationals can be issued on arrival:**

<i>(gratis )</i>	<i>Bangladesh</i>	<i>Bosnia-</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>China (China</i>	<i>Costa Rico</i>	<i>Egypt</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>Guatemala</i>
<i>Albania</i>	<i>Belarus</i>	<i>Herzegovina</i>	<i>Cape Verde</i>	<i>Peoples</i>	<i>Cuba</i>	<i>Equador</i>	<i>French Guyana</i>	<i>Guinea</i>
<i>Algeria</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Brazil</i>	<i>Central African</i>	<i>Republic)</i>	<i>Czech</i>	<i>Equatorial</i>	<i>Gabon</i>	<i>Guinea Bissau</i>
<i>Angola</i>	<i>Benin</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Columbia</i>	<i>Denmark</i>	<i>Guinea</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Haiti</i>
<i>Argentina</i>	<i>Bhutan</i>	<i>Burkina Faso</i>	<i>Chad</i>	<i>Comoros</i>	<i>Djibouti</i>	<i>Eritrea</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i> HOLDERS of</i>
<i>Australia</i>	<i>Bolivia</i>	<i>Burma</i>	<i>Chile</i>	<i>Congo</i>	<i>Dominican Rep</i>	<i>Former States of</i>	<i>Greece</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>
<i>Bahrain</i>		<i>Cambodia</i>	<i>(Nationalist)</i>	<i>(Brazzaville)</i>	<i>DRC</i>	<i>Estonia</i>	<i>Greenland</i>	<i>Special</i>

<i>Administrative Region (HK SAR)</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>Laos</i>	<i>Mauritania</i>	<i>Niger</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>Slovan</i>	<i>Togo</i>	<i>Vatican City</i>
<i>Holder of Palau Pacific Isles Region (HK SAR)</i>	<i>Israel</i>	<i>Liberia</i>	<i>Mexico</i>	<i>Norway</i>	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>Spain</i>	<i>Tunisia</i>	<i>Venezuela</i>
<i>Hungary</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Libyan</i>	<i>Moldavia</i>	<i>Oman Administ rative</i>	<i>Qatar</i>	<i>Special Sri Lanka</i>	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>Vietnam</i>
<i>Iceland</i>	<i>Ivory Coast</i>	<i>Liechtenstein</i>	<i>Monaco ,</i>	<i>Pakistan</i>	<i>Reunion</i>	<i>Sri Lanka</i>	<i>Turkmenistan</i>	<i>Yemen</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>Mongolia</i>	<i>Palau Pacific</i>	<i>Romania</i>	<i>St. Christopher</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>Yugoslavia - and also former states of Yugoslavia</i>
	<i>Kampuchea</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>Morocco</i>	<i>Island Panama</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Sudan</i>	<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	
	<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>Macedonia</i>	<i>Mozambique</i>	<i>Paraguay</i>	<i>Salvador</i>	<i>Surinam</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>	
	<i>Kirghistan</i>	<i>Madagascar</i>	<i>Nepal</i>	<i>Peru</i>	<i>Sao Tome</i>	<i>Sweden</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	
	<i>Korea (South)</i>	<i>Malagasy</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>Phillipines</i>	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>Switzerland</i>	<i>Uzbekistan</i>	
	<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>Nicaragua</i>		<i>Slovak</i>	<i>Thailand</i>		

### **Nationals of countries on referral visas**

<i>Afghanistan</i>	<i>Cameroon</i>	<i>Mali</i>	<i>Senegal</i>	<i>Palestine/Stateless (on Travel Document)</i>
<i>Azerbaijan</i>	<i>Iraq</i>	<i>North Korea</i>	<i>Somali</i>	
<i>Armenia</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nigeria (Residing outside Nigeria)</i>	<i>Syria</i>	
	<i>Lebanon</i>		<i>Tajikistan</i>	

## **6. Health Requirements**

A health certificate is not a requirement for travel to Kenya unless traveling from a Yellow fever zone. A yellow fever vaccination certificate issued 10 days before arrival is required from delegates who have been in or have passed through any of the following yellow fever prone countries during the 6 weeks preceding the scheduled date of arrival in Kenya:

**Africa:** Angola, Bolivia, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African republic, Chad, Congo, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao-Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia.

**America:** Boliva, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela.

No immunizations are required by law to enter Kenya if you are travelling directly from Europe or the US. Several vaccinations are **highly recommended**, they include: Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Hepatitis A and Diphtheria.

Like in other tropical zones of Africa, the mosquito species that transmits malaria fever is prevalent in the Coastal region of Kenya and the areas around the Lake Victoria Basin. Areas around the Nairobi city and the Central highlands have low prevalence of the mosquito species. The malaria fever incidence is therefore confined to the Coast and the Lake Victoria Basin. However, simple precautionary measures such as sleeping under a mosquito net will preclude the probability of contracting the fever especially during a short stay within the city and its environs of central Kenya.

A number of cases of the new H1N1 flu have been confirmed in isolated places within Kenya in the last few months. The situation has been brought under control and the spread of the flu effectively controlled. As a precaution, World Health Organization (WHO) approved procedures will be observed at the point of entry (Airport) into the country.

The best choice in vaccines for your trip depends on many individual factors; please consult your doctor on specific information regarding your health needs prior to departure.

## **7. Safety**

Kenya is no different from any other destination in the world. Avoid displaying expensive possessions; walking through unlit urban areas at night, and follow the guide's instructions in the bush. It is also recommended that you leave valuables and airline tickets in the hotels safe.

## **8. Weather**

Kenya enjoys a tropical climate experiencing moderate temperatures averaging about 22°C throughout the year. It is hot and humid at the coast, temperate inland and dry at the north and northeast parts of the country. The long rains occur from April to June and short rains from October to December. The rainfall is sometimes heavy and when it does come it often falls in the afternoons and evenings. The average annual temperature in the capital city, Nairobi (altitude 4,980 feet) is 77°F maximum and 56°F minimum. The hottest period is from February to March and coolest in July to August. However, due to the climate change at times the weather is unpredictable.

## **9. Banking and Foreign exchange**

All major convertible currencies and travelers cheques can be exchanged for the Kenyan currency at the prevailing bank rates. There are numerous Banks, automated teller machines (ATMs) and forex bureaus both at the airport and in the city of Nairobi. The ATMs accept many credit cards and debit cards. Banks at the city centre open for business between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm Mondays through Fridays, and between 9.00 am and 12.00 pm on Saturdays. Bank branches situated at the airport are open for longer hours. Visitors can exchange money at any bank or forex bureau without any restrictions. The forex bureaus are recommended since their rates are considered competitive. The hotels may also exchange major foreign currencies. The Kenyan currency is the Kenya shilling. The exchange rate to dollar is approximately Kshs. 76 (as at 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009).

## **10. Airlines reservations**

A number of international airlines operate regular services to and from Nairobi City. The Kenya Airways (KQ) the Kenya's national carrier serves many destinations in the most parts of the world. It is, therefore, strongly recommended that participants secure their return/onward air passage prior to their departure for Nairobi. Travel services for flight reconfirmation are available at the conference site.

## **11. Electricity**

Electric power voltage in Kenya ranges from 220 - 240AC accessible via 13-amp and is accessed through square pinned sockets.

## **12. Privileges and immunities**

Without prejudice to the privileges, immunities and facilities accorded to all participants, it is the duty of every participant to respect the laws and regulations of the Government of Kenya and to refrain from interference in the internal affairs of the country.

No person is allowed to enter or photograph an area designated as prohibited or restricted. Breach of such regulations should be avoided at all times. Such areas include all military establishments, installations and vehicles, Government buildings, offices and official residences, if in doubt, seek advice

### **13. Hotel accommodation**

A list of hotels and available apartments has been compiled. Please see the website on hotel accommodation. Delegates are advised to contact the hotels directly, arrange for their room reservations and advise the Secretariat in Nairobi of their reservations. Please book early to avoid inconveniences.

### **14. Reception on arrival**

Provided that advance notice is given, participants will be met on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and will be assisted with the formalities regarding immigration and customs clearance. Consequently, expected date and time of arrival in Nairobi with flight details should be notified as soon as possible to the National Organizing committee. Any subsequent changes should also be notified. The above information is in addition to official notification by governments/organizations etc to the UN concerning the composition of delegations.

Advance information should be provided on security personnel accompanying dignitaries including firearms (make, serial number, etc). In the event of dignitaries using special aircraft(s), prior notice is required by the National Secretariat for necessary clearance.

### **15. Transport**

Transportation on arrival and departure as well as for all official and social functions organized by UN and the host Government will be provided. A bus shuttle service will be available to and from the selected hotels to the UNONon all days of the conference.

A special hospitality desk will be arranged at the conference site to provide all travel/tour related information to the delegates. Delegates may also book optional sightseeing tours and post conference tour at the counter. Most of the hotels also provide information regarding tours, including on the famous safari.

Please note that, Kenya recognizes most visitors' domestic driving license provided they are valid, in English or a companion by an authorized translation. Otherwise an international driving license with an attached photograph is preferred. Driving in Kenya is on the left side of the road. All vehicles and motorcycles sounding a siren take precedence, in which case other drivers are required to move to the side of the road and stop.

### **16. Documents**

Participants will get copies of the working documents for the conference at the time of registration or they may be downloaded online from the Special Unit for South- South Cooperation. Documents that participants wish to circulate should be handed to the secretariat in good time to enable necessary consultation and preparations. Participants are also advised to consult with the Secretariat on any matter pertaining to the issuance or distribution of documents at the Conference session.

### **17. Contact Persons**

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