



System of Environmental Economic Accounting

Closing regional workshop of the United Nations project to support Member States in developing and strengthening integrated environmental-economic accounting for improved monitoring of sustainable development

Information note for participants

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Seminar Environment Statistics which will take place in Nairobi (Kenya), from **11-13 December 2017**. The Seminar will be held at the Sarova Stanley hotel (Junction of Kenyatta Avenue and Kimathi Street, Nairobi, Kenya).

This information note will assist you in the planning and logistics of your travel to Nairobi, Kenya.

1. Visa

Visa is the responsibility of the participant and/or his/her Government. UNSD is not responsible for requesting the visa. Visa fees and airport taxes are not reimbursable by UNSD. If you need a visa, please contact UNSD administrative support for a personalized invitation letter.

2. Health requirements

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required if you are arriving in Kenya from an infected area. For advice on vaccinations recommended for visitors to Kenya, please contact your doctor.

3. Accommodation

The participant is responsible for arranging accommodation reservations with the hotel of choice. Please note that most hotels require a credit card to confirm a reservation; the participant should plan accordingly. We recommend you stay at the same hotel where the workshop will be held.

Hotels in the vicinity of the workshop are:

- Sarova Stanley (<https://www.sarovahotels.com/stanley-nairobi/>)
- Sarova Panafric (<https://www.sarovahotels.com/panafric-nairobi/>)
- Hilton Hotel (<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kenya/hilton-nairobi-NBOHITW/index.html>)
- Intercontinental Hotel (<https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/us/en/nairobi/nboha/hoteldetail>)

4. Workshop times

The regional workshop will begin 9:00am in the morning and end at 17:00 in the evening. Please be on time. There will be morning and afternoon coffee/tea breaks and a lunch provided for the participants.

5. ICT Services

The venue of the seminar is equipped with WiFi.

6. General information about Kenya

- **Climate:** The coast is hot with an average daytime temperature of 27-31 degrees centigrade whilst the average daytime temperature in Nairobi is 21- 26 degrees centigrade. Nairobi can become cold enough for coats and fleece; July and August mark the Kenyan winter. Temperatures elsewhere depend on altitude. Typically, January-February is dry, March-May is wet, June-September is dry, October-December is wet.
- **Religion:** Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam and traditional beliefs.
- **Language:** English (official), Kiswahili (national), multiple ethnic languages (Bantu, Cushitic and Nilotic language groups). Literacy: 85% of population over age 15 can read and write.
- **Currency & exchange rates:** Most hotels offer forex facilities, though sometimes at disadvantageous rates. Forex facilities remain open at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport daily from 7am to midnight. As a general guide to exchange rates, the following rate applied as of November 2017 for 1 US\$ is 103.64 Kenya shillings.
- **Banking:** Foreign currency can be changed at banks, foreign currency bureaux or hotels. Banks in major centres are open from 09.00 to 15.00 Mon-Fri. 09.00 to 11.00 on the first and last Saturday of each month. Banks in coastal towns open and close half an hour earlier.
- **ATMs:** ATM s are available country wide with 24-hour access. Most accept international VISA cards.
- **Credit cards:** All major international cards are accepted. Credit card fraud occurs in Kenya, as in most other parts of the world, and the usual precautions should be taken.
- **Travellers' cheques:** Travellers' Cheques are accepted at most banks, bureaux and hotels.
- **Shopping and business hours:** 08.30 to 12.30 and 14.00 to 17.30 Mon-Sat. Many businesses work Saturday mornings.
- **Time:** GMT +3 all year-round. Kenya maintains an almost constant 12 hours of daylight. Sunrise is typically 06.30 and sunset at 18.45.
- **Electricity:** 220-240 volts AC, with standard 13-amp three square-pin plugs.
- **Water:** Kenyan tap water is not safe to drink. Bottled water is readily available.
- **Post offices:** Opening hours are 08.00 to 17.00 weekdays and 09.00 to 12.00 on Saturdays. Stamps can be purchased at post offices, stationery and souvenir shops and hotels.

7. Contact details

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