



**Consultative Meeting on the Development of an African
Strategy for Ocean Governance,
United Nations Office at Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya
29 - 30 November 2018**

INFORMATION NOTE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Kenya is a country in the East Africa Community along the coastline on the West Indian Ocean. Nairobi is Kenya's capital city with a population of about 4 million people. It is one of the world's most popular tourism destinations attracting millions of tourists over the past years. **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)** in Nairobi is the main international airport located 15 kilometers from Nairobi central business district and 25 kilometers from the United Nations Office at Nairobi, Gigiri.

WEATHER

Nairobi is located in the tropics and at this time of the year has an average daytime temperature of 26°C and night-time temperature around 18°C.

ORGANISATION OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING

The meeting is organized by UN Environment Programme as the Secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment. The meeting will begin at **9:00 hrs and end at 17:30** hrs daily.

INTERPRETATION

Due to financial constraints, the meeting will only be conducted in the English language.

MEETING DOCUMENTS

All meeting documents are available at:

<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/conference/consultative-meeting-development-african-strategy-ocean-governance>

MEETING VENUE

The meeting will be held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, UN Avenue, Gigiri. The United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) is one of four major United Nations offices in the world, with many different UN Agencies. UNON Complex is located next to the Karura Forest in the Gigiri district of Nairobi, along United Nations Avenue.

VISA ARRANGEMENTS

It is the participants own responsibility to obtain a visa for Kenya. The information provided herein acts only as guidance. A valid passport, not expiring 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 or residence. For more information, please visit <http://www.immigration.go.ke/information.html>. Participants requiring visas are encouraged to apply for e-visa on the following link: <http://evisa.go.ke>

DESIGNATED HOTELS

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservation. If you intend to stay in a hotel, you are advised to choose accommodation from the recommended UN list of hotels available at:

[Nairobi Hotels](#)

Or: [Guest houses near the UN Compound](#)

TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL AND VENUE

Participants are expected to find their own transport to the hotels and venue of the meeting.

DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

Each UN Environment Programme sponsored participant will be paid DSA at the UN the rate of USD\$ 282 per day. For collection of DSA, all sponsored participants are reminded to bring their boarding passes and passports **on the first day of the meeting, 29 November 2019**.

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The official currency of Kenya, is Kenyan Shilling (Ksh). The current exchange rate is currently around 98 Ksh to the US Dollar. Foreign currency can be changed at JKIA, banks and foreign currency exchange bureaus. Banks across Nairobi are open from 09:00 to 16:00hrs Monday to Friday and from 09:00 to 12:00hrs on Saturdays. All major credit cards are widely accepted in Kenya. For more information; <https://www.centralbank.go.ke/rates/forex-exchange-rates/>

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required only if you are arriving in Kenya from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. 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, however, generally free of malaria. It is recommended to consult your doctor about malaria prophylaxis before travelling to Nairobi.

INTERNET ACCESS

Free Wi-Fi facility will be available in the UNON complex and all meeting rooms. Select the wireless network connection named 'VISITORS' or 'DELEGATES' to enjoy internet access.

SHUTTLE AND TAXI SERVICES

Many hotels provide courtesy shuttle services to/from airport and in some cases from the hotel to the UNON complex. In the absence of a courtesy bus, visitors may use reputable taxi companies. Recommended taxi companies are listed below:

Hilltop +254 (0)20 272 3270 J

Jaycab Taxis +254 (0)20 721 0520 or +254 (0)733 750455/ (0)723 239750

Jatco +254 (0)20 444 8162 or +254 (0)733 701494/ (0)722 648383

Jimcab +254 (0)20 712 2565 or +254 (0)737 333222/ (0)722 711001

Kenatco +254 (0)20 250 6790 or +254 (0)705 780011/ (0)705 780016 3.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

UNON Security +254 (0) 20 762 6666

Kenyan Police +254 999 or +254 (0) 20 272 4201

Diplomatic Police +254 (0) 726 283 030 or +254 (0) 735 356 506

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St. John Ambulance Service +254 (0) 20 221 0000/224 1000

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