



**2023 Africa Meeting of the
Econometric Society
Nairobi, Kenya, 1-3 June 2023**

Welcome to Nairobi!

**INFORMATION
FOR PARTICIPANTS**



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

To register for the conference, use the link below:
<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/events/3729/registrations/new>

Important Dates to note and the conference registration fees:

Registration opens: March 1, 2023
Registration deadline for presenters only: March 24, 2023

Early registration - before April 23, 2023:

Onsite: Regular fees: US\$250
Students' fees: US\$150
Online: Presenters: Regular fees: US\$150
Students' fees: US\$100
Non-presenter fees: US\$50

Late registration - after April 23, 2023:

Onsite: Regular fees: US\$300
Students' fees: US\$200
Online: Presenters: Regular fees: US\$200
Students' fees: US\$150
Non-presenter fees: US\$50



CLOTHING

The temperatures in Nairobi in June are comfortable with low of 14°C and high up to 23°C. We have 14-23°C on average. It is forecast that there would be no rains in the month of June. However, carry your pocket umbrella so that you don't get caught in poor weather.



TRANSPORT TO THE HOTEL

Delegates are to organize for their own airport transfers with their hotels of choice for accommodation.

On arrival into Nairobi Airport (JKIA), after baggage collection hall, the guests are advised to look out for a licensed taxi service (yellow car) or airport shuttle for transfer to their hotel.

For safety and security reasons, the car doors should always be locked and windows only be opened up to 2 inches when not using air conditioning.

For your budgeting purpose we have estimated taxi charges from the airport to be USD 30 one way and between the hotels to be USD 15 one way.



HOTEL

The venue of the conference is the Radisson Blu Hotel, Upper Hill. The AERC has negotiated a rate on a 'Bed & Breakfast' basis at USD 130 per night.

Delegates are to book and pay for their own accommodation with their hotels of choice. The organizing committee has prepared a list of some of the hotels close to the Conference venue. Kindly contact the hotels and book for your accommodation.

1. Mercure Nairobi Upper Hill <https://all.accor.com/hotel/COD5/index.en.shtml> 0.1 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
2. Cozy Nest Westbreeze Upper hill <https://westbreeze.hotelsmixnairobi.com/en/> 0.5 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
3. The Fairview <https://www.ihg.com/spnd/hotels/us/en/nairobi/nbofn/hoteldetail> 0.9 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
4. Sarova Panafric Hotel <https://www.sarovahotels.com/panafric-nairobi/> 0.9 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
5. Nairobi Serena Hotel <https://www.serenahotels.com/nairobi> 1.0 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
6. The Heron Hotel <http://www.theheronporticohotelnairobi.com/> 1.1 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
7. Hillpark hotel <https://hillparkhotelsandresorts.com/> 0.3 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
8. The Sarova Stanley <https://www.sarovahotels.com/stanley-nairobi/> 1.1 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
9. Best Western Nairobi upper hill https://www.bestwesern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-nairobi/best-western-nairobi-upper-hill/propertyCode.75162.html 0.5 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill
10. Kivi Milimani Hotel <https://kivimilimanihotel.com/index.html> 1.2 miles from Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill

The booking of accommodation for the AFES conference at the Radisson blu hotel in upper hill, participants can access the negotiated AFES rate by sending an email to Joy Kitivo - joy.kitivo@radissonblunairobi.com and Fiona Onunda - fiona.onunda@radissonblunairobi.com when making the booking



MEETING VENUE

The conference sessions will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel located in Upper hill, Nairobi.

Website: www.radissonblu.com/hotel-nairobi

Reference person: Fiona Onunda

Email: fiona.onunda@radissonblunairobi.com

M: +254 726 749697



NAME TAGS

All participants will be issued with name tags by the AFES Secretariat. To facilitate access to the meeting rooms and for security and other reasons, all participants are advised to wear their conference name tags at all times.



SECRETARIAL & OTHER ASSISTANCE

Secretarial services and other assistance (typing, e-mail, photocopying and communications) are available for a nominal fee at the hotel's Business Centre located on the 1st Floor. The AFES Secretariat will be based in the hotel. Any other assistance required from AERC can be sought here.



PAYMENTS & CURRENCY CHANGE

The Kenya shilling (KES) is the mostly accepted currency in Kenya. You are advised to change the money you wish to spend from your currency to KES as most shops will only accept KES. The rate of 1 KES to the US dollar ranges between 120 and 126 KES but bound to fluctuate. The Preferred Mode of Payment is cash although many hotels, major service providers and larger shops will accept Visa and Master cards. ATM Machines are available 24 HRS at all major banks, and you can use your ATM debit card on Kenya's ATM machines. However, you will incur a small international transaction fee when you use your ATM debit/credit card. For those of you who wish to settle your personal bills with credit cards, the hotel accepts Visa, Dinners, Amex and Master Card



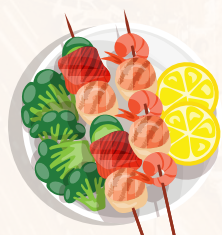
COFFEE/TEA BREAKS

Coffee and tea will be served each morning and afternoon at the hotel at a central place during the sessions and is already prepaid for all participants.



LUNCH

Lunches will be served next to Kilimanjaro 1/2 the plenary conference hall located on the ground floor in the hotel. The lunches have already been paid for all participants.



EVENING MEALS

Participants may have their evening meals at the hotel's restaurant at their own cost. There is also a wide range of restaurants not too far from the hotel that cater for all tastes and budgets. It is recommended that participants use a licensed taxi service when moving around in the city (this can be organized by the concierge at the hotel), especially at night. Participants are expected to settle their bills for evening meals directly with the hotel.



MEDICAL/HEALTH

Delegates are advised to take health insurance cover before traveling to the Conference. A standby ambulance will be on call to take delegates to their hospitals of choice in the unlikely event of medical emergency, but the delegates will be expected to pay for their medical/health services or employ their medical cover.



VACCINES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends yellow fever vaccination at least 10 days before travel and being in possession of a valid yellow fever vaccine card for travelers aged nine months or older who are going to areas in Kenya to prevent yellow fever. Malaria and flu vaccines are also recommended.



VISA REQUIREMENTS

The information given below is subject to change – make sure to visit the government website before your travel <http://evisa.go.ke/single-entry-visa.html>.

Entering Kenya is generally pleasingly straightforward, particularly at the international airports. The eVisa online system makes it easier to access visa information and even apply for your visa online. To check your visa eligibility please visit <http://evisa.go.ke/eligibility.html>.

A single-entry visa valid for 90 days will cost US\$ 51 while a transit visa valid for 72hrs will cost about US\$ 21.



SECURITY

Like in any other city in the world, participants are advised to take the necessary security precautions for their personal belongings. You may seek assistance from the hotel regarding items that require safekeeping.

CONFERENCE TOURISM

The Organizing Committee appreciates the importance of Conference Tourism and will partner with a tour operator based at the hotel venue to show you our Magical Kenya either before or after the Conference.

Nairobi alone has numerous tourist attractions including the Giraffe Center, the Nairobi Animal Orphanage, the Nairobi National Park, the Nairobi National Museum and many more.

In Mombasa and Malindi, soak up the sun along the beautiful coastline. Both towns offer myriad opportunities for snorkelling, scuba diving, surfing, and other sea-based activities. Take a dolphin-watching boat tour in Mombasa or check out the Mombasa Marine National Park just offshore. In Malindi, sunbathe along the beautiful white sands of Watamu Beach, or visit the Falconry of Kenya which rehabilitates injured birds.

Take a tour to Lake Nakuru to see the infamous pink flamingos that gather in giant flocks on the water. Or head to Maasai Mara observe the Great Wildebeest Migration (along with tons of elephants, zebras, hippos, lions, cheetahs, and other animals).

In Hell's Gate National Park, book a mountain biking tour through the volcanic gorges and witness ancient lava flows up close. In addition to biking, there are lots of opportunities for hiking among the volcanic rocks and geothermal geysers. Nearby, catch a glimpse of the towering Mount Kenya at Mount Kenya National Park where you'll see picturesque glaciers and snow-capped peaks.

With the newly inaugurated Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), one can now travel to the Kenyan Coast and back to Nairobi conveniently. There shall be a tours desk at the Conference venue to facilitate delegates who wish to take safaris and sites visits.

For customized tour excursions and packages please contact Beverly Akivoga of African Hartebeest through either email - sales@africanhartebeest.com or telephone +254 722 821 302.



LANGUAGE

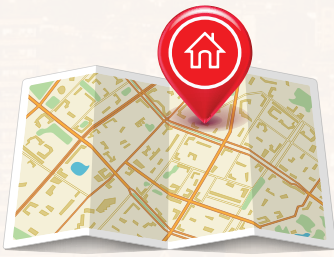
Swahili and English are the official languages in Kenya.

Swahili is the national language while English is the business language. Kenyans speak other local languages as well.



ELECTRIC VOLTAGE

Current is 220/240AC 50HZ. Electrical sockets in Kenya accept the kind of 3-pin plug.



FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE CITY OF NAIROBI

The main way to get around the city and its outskirts is either by taxi or by public shuttles locally referred to as 'matatus'.

The taxi charges within the city range anything between \$4 and \$20 within the city center. We have UBER, TAXIFY and LITTLE CAB among other online taxi services operating in Nairobi. It is advisable that delegates download these mobile Apps because they are cheaper, more secure and more reliable. Another option is to use branded local taxis (with a yellow line) or those commissioned by the hotel as a security precaution.

The matatus that pry defined routes across the city and its outskirts charge in the range of \$1 to \$2 equivalent and will only accept Kenya shillings.



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The following are some emergency numbers. However, make a point to constantly visit <http://www.nairobi.go.ke/emergency-services> for updates.

Police lines

- CID Headquarters, Nairobi: (020) 2723090/2713311
- Central Police Station, Nairobi +254(020) 222222/ (0)721 33799
- Parklands police station: +254 020 742238 /632222/ (0)721-364 999
- Fire and Ambulance 020-2222181 / 020-2222182 / 020-2344599

Health Emergency Services

- AMREF Flying Doctors Service: Wilson Airport, Nairobi. Tel: + 254 (0) 731 811 811 / 706 811 811 / 20 699 2000. Radio Frequencies: HF: 9116kHz LSB / 5796 kHz LSB
- AAR Emergency Ambulance: Fourth Ngong Avenue, George Williamson House, 2nd floor, Nairobi. Tel: (020) 271737/4. 0709 701000
- St. John Ambulance: Parliament Rd, Nairobi. Tel: +254(0)721 225 285 or (020)2210000

Hospitals and Health Centers

- The Aga Khan Hospital: 3rd Parklands Avenue, Nairobi. +254(020) 3662000/ (020) 3740000
- Nairobi Hospital: Argwings Kodhek Rd, Nairobi. Tel: +254(020) 2722160/ 703082000
- Kenyatta National Hospital: Hospital Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi. Tel: +254 (0)709 85400/ 0730 643000 (020) 2726300. Hotline: 020 2737390
- MP Shah Hospital: Maharaja House, 1 Shivachi Rd, Nairobi Open 24 hours. Tel: +254 (0)722 204427



CONFERENCE CONTACT PERSON

Conference secretariat: AFES2023@aercafrica.org.



**2023 Africa Meeting of the
Econometric Society
Nairobi, Kenya, 1-3 June 2023**

Welcome to Nairobi!

**INFORMATION
FOR PARTICIPANTS**