



LOGISTICS NOTE

The 2nd East Africa Region Global Health Security Summit (EARGHSS 2026)

27th – 29th January 2026, Safari Park Hotel & Convention Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

Catalyzing Collaboration & Local Manufacturing of Health Commodities for Africa's Sovereign Health Security.



Introduction.

Thank you for choosing to attend this year's **East Africa Region Global Health Security Summit (EARGHSS 2026)**. The summit will take place from **27th to 29th January 2026** at the **Safari Park Hotel & Convention Centre, Nairobi, Kenya**.

This summit is a collaborative action of the EARGSS 2025 emergent institutional formation of the **Africa Center for Global Health Security (ACGHS)** partnership network: **Kenya Vision 2030, Africa CDC's Eastern Africa Regional Coordination Centre (EA-RCC), Ministry of Health, Kenya, Kenya Biovax Institute, Amref International University, University of Nebraska Medical Center – Global Center for Health Security (UNMC-GCHS), Kenya Defence University, University of New Mexico – Project ECHO, Amref Health Africa and Dalberg**.

As you prepare for your trip, we have compiled key information to help guide your travel plans to and from Nairobi, Kenya.

1. Travel Dates

- **Arrival:** Please plan your arrival in Nairobi, Kenya, on 25th or 26th January 2026 to allow smooth registration and participation in the welcome reception.
- **Departure:** Plan to depart after the summit on 30th-31st January 2026. Should you require assistance with travel bookings, please contact the Secretariat.
- **Note:** Any changes to flight bookings will incur a penalty fee, payable directly to the airline.
- **Airport Transfers:** Airport transfers from Jomo Kenyatta

International Airport to Safari Park Hotel will be provided.

2. Travel Requirements for International Delegates

Please ensure you have the following travel documents to enter Kenya:

- Official Invitation Letter from the Secretariat.
- Valid Passport (at least six months before expiry).
- Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.
- Return Air Ticket to and from Nairobi, Kenya.

3. Immigration Formalities

eTA Application

The **electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)** is mandatory for all foreign visitors to Kenya. Applications must be submitted through the **official Government website** only:

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

Some countries are exempt from eTA, please click the eligibility for your specific country by clicking the link below:

<https://etakenya.go.ke/eligibility>

Important notice

- These are **general categories**; for any individual country exemption you should check whether stay duration or other conditions apply.
- Some sources indicate that by **July 2025**, Kenya announced a policy of exempting almost all African countries (except Libya & Somalia) from eTA for stays of 60-90 days.
- Even when exempted from eTA, travellers must still meet passport validity, vaccination, and other entry requirements (e.g., yellow fever certificate) as per normal immigration rules.

Applications made through third-party websites will be denied. The eTA system is also available as a **mobile app** (Kenya eTA) on Google Play.

eTA Application Requirements

To complete your eTA application, you will need:

- A valid passport (minimum six months after arrival date).
- A selfie or passport-sized photo.
- Contact details (email and phone number).
- Travel itinerary (arrival and departure details).

4. Passport Guidelines

Visitors to Kenya must have a passport that:

- Is valid for at least **six (6) months** from the date of arrival.
- Has at least **two blank pages** remaining.
- Accommodation booking confirmation.
- Invitation letter from the Summit Secretariat.
- Company registration (if applicable).

5. Registration

Delegates can pre-register online at www.ghssafrica.org

Upon arrival, participants will receive a **Conference Package** containing the summit program and relevant materials.





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6. Accommodation, Meals & Meeting Venue

- **Accommodation:** Delegates will be hosted at Safari Park Hotel & Convention Centre or nearby partner hotels, depending on availability and preference
- **Meals:** Accommodation includes **bed and breakfast**.
- **Lunches & Coffee Breaks:** Provided at the conference venue.
- **Meeting Venue:** All sessions will take place at **Safari Park Convention Centre** from **27th – 29th January 2026**, starting daily at **8:30 a.m.**

7. Location, Weather & Dress Code

- **Location:** Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya.
- **Weather:** Expect mild and pleasant weather, averaging **18°C to 26°C (64°F to 79°F)**.
- **Dress Code:** Smart casual or business casual attire is recommended. A light jacket is advisable for the cooler evenings.

8. Costs for Your Own Account

Personal expenses such as extra beverages, laundry, phone calls, local transport, and additional hotel services are at your own cost. These must be settled directly with the hotel before checkout.

9. Check-In and Check-Out

- **Check-In:** From **2:00 p.m.** on **25th or 26th January 2026**.
- **Check-Out:** By **12:00 noon** on **30th or 31st January 2026**.

10. Additional Services Offered

- **Wi-Fi:** Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in all hotels and conference areas.
- **Electrical Outlets:** Standard Type G (three-pin) plugs are used in Kenya.

11. Places to Visit in Nairobi and Surrounding Areas

Delegates may explore the following attractions during their stay:

- **Nairobi National Park:** A unique wildlife park located within the city.
- **Karen Blixen Museum:** The historic home of the author of *Out of Africa*.
- **Giraffe Centre:** Get up close with endangered Rothschild giraffes.
- **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust:** An elephant orphanage and conservation center.
- **Nairobi National Museum:** Learn about Kenya's history and cultural heritage.

12. General Information

- **Weather:** 18°C to 26°C (64°F to 79°F).
- **Local Time:** East Africa Time (EAT).
- **Currency:** Kenyan Shilling (KES).
- **Credit Cards:** Visa and MasterCard widely accepted.
- **Emergency Number:** 911 (on-site ambulance and medical

personnel available).

- **Country Code:** +254.
- **Electricity:** 240V, 50Hz AC (Type G plug).
- **Smoking:** Prohibited in all indoor public areas, including conference halls and hotel rooms.

13. Medical Coverage & Health

- **Medical Insurance:** Delegates are strongly advised to obtain international medical insurance prior to travel.
- **Yellow Fever Vaccination:** Required for travelers from or transiting through endemic regions (must be done at least 10 days before travel).
- **Chronic Medical Conditions:** Carry sufficient medication for your stay.
- **Hotel Medical Services:** Each hotel will provide contact details for a doctor on call.

14. Currency & Banking

- **Currency:** Kenyan Shilling (KES). Approx. exchange rate: 1 KES = 0.0077 USD.
- **Credit Cards:** MasterCard and Visa accepted.
- **Currency Exchange:** Available at hotels, banks, and forex bureaus.
- **ATMs:** Widely available in Nairobi; dispense Kenyan Shillings.

15. Security Advisory

Your safety and well-being are our priority. Please observe the following guidelines:

- Keep valuables (passport, cash, gadgets) secure or use hotel safes.
- Avoid walking alone at night.
- Use recognized taxi services or verified apps such as Uber and Bolt.
- Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs.
- Report any suspicious activity to authorities immediately.
- Stay informed by following local news updates: <https://nation.africa/kenya>.
- Ensure your travel documents are secure and accessible.

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