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## INFORMATION NOTE

# World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026

*Theme: Reimagining Africa's Health Systems:  
Innovation, Integration, and Interdependence*

**Venue:** United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), Kenya

**Date:** 27th - 29th April, 2026.



## Dear Delegate,

We are pleased to welcome you to the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026 in Nairobi, hosted by the Aga Khan University in partnership with the World Health Organization.

Under the central theme, "Reimagining Africa's Health Systems: Innovation, Integration, and Interdependence," this strategic convening brings together global leaders, policymakers, and changemakers to address the continent's most pressing challenges, from the rising burden of chronic diseases to the evolving health financing landscape. By fostering African-led solutions and cross-sector collaboration, this meeting ensures that the continent's perspectives play a decisive role in shaping the global health agenda and building equitable, resilient health systems for the region and beyond.

This information note provides essential guidance to support your participation, including key details on travel, accommodation, and local logistics. We hope it helps ensure a smooth, comfortable, and enriching experience as you prepare to join us in Kenya.

### 1. MEETING VENUE

The World Health Summit Regional Meeting will take place at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

#### Address

United Nations Office Nairobi (the UNON Complex)

United Nations Avenue, Gigiri

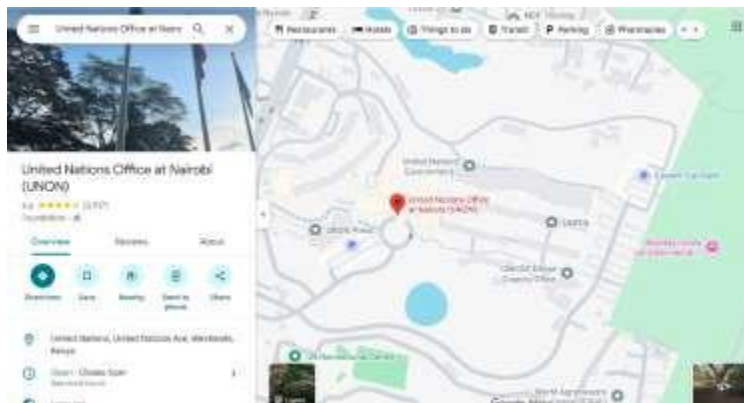
P.O. Box 67578-00200,

Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: +254 (0)20 762 0000

Website: <https://www.unon.org/>

Please click here: [United Nations Office at Nairobi \(UNON\)](#) for the location on Google Maps.



## 2. MEETING PACKAGE

The meeting package shall include a conference pack, teas, lunch and access to all WHSRM 2026 sessions in accordance with the agenda, for all registered attendees.

Kindly note that the Registration Fee does not include your hotel accommodation.

### 2.1 Dining Options at UNON

In addition to the meals provided within the meeting package, participants may access several dining options within the UNON complex:

UNON Main Cafeteria – Operated by Safari Park Hotel, located next to the main roundabout within the compound.

Good Food Company / Sevens Restaurant – Located next to Conference Room 1 at the UNEP and UN-Habitat New Office Facilities (NOFs), specifically in Block 1 and Block 4.

Furthermore, participants may explore additional restaurants like the River Cafe Located at the New Office Blocks 1 to 6, within walking distance of the UN complex to suit other catering preferences.

## 3. VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Any foreign national wishing to visit Kenya must hold a valid passport or travel document recognized by the Kenyan government. This passport or document must have at least two blank pages and remain valid for at least six months beyond the intended entry date.

The visa validity period varies depending on the type of visa, with stays ranging from a few days to three months. In certain instances, the issuance of a visa can extend its duration to one year, permitting single, double, or multiple entries.

However, as of 1 January 2024, foreign nationals, regardless of nationality, can enter Kenya without a visa for tourism or business travel for stays up to 90 days. Despite that, you must obtain a new Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) prior to your trip.

Nonetheless, possessing a visa does not guarantee the right of entry into Kenya. Upon arrival, immigration authorities may verify your reason for entering Kenya, assess your financial means, and confirm your plans for departure. Immigration authorities conduct these checks to ensure adherence to Kenya's immigration regulations. The issuing authority has the discretion to determine the length of stay, validity period, and number of entries based on your profile, the type of visa requested, and your purpose for travel.

Please carefully review the information below and begin the visa application process at least one month prior to your travel date:

### 3.1 Useful Resources

- Do I need a visa to enter Kenya? - [https://etakenya.go.ke/en/pages/TA\\_INTRO](https://etakenya.go.ke/en/pages/TA_INTRO)
- What kind of visa do I need? - <https://immigration.go.ke/visa-section/single-entry-visa/>
- Apply for an electronic travel authorisation eTA to Kenya - <https://etakenya.go.ke/en>

### 3.2 Requirements for Entering Kenya

You will need the following when travelling to Kenya:

- Valid passport with at least two blank pages and a validity of 6 months
- Proof of your return or onward flight
- Adequate financial resources to cover your expenses during your stay
- Proof of accommodation, such as a hotel reservation or a letter of invitation from a host in Kenya
- Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
- International certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis (ICVP) (yellow fever certificate) if coming from yellow fever-endemic countries.

## 4. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Travellers wishing to travel to Kenya must show proof of vaccination status, i.e.,

- I. COVID-19 vaccination certificate or negative COVID-19 test results conducted within 72 hours before departure, regardless of the route of entry. Children under five (5) years of age are exempt from this requirement.
- II. If unvaccinated and there is no proof of a negative PCR test certificate, travellers arriving at any point of entry shall be subjected to a rapid antigen test at their own cost of 30 USD. Any person who tests positive on antigen RDT will be subjected to a PCR test at their own cost of 50 USD and self-isolate.
- III. International certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis (ICVP) (yellow fever certificate) if coming from yellow fever-endemic countries.

Please find more FAQ's on health requirements regarding your entry to Kenya here: <https://www.health.go.ke/travel-related-faqs>

#### 4.1 Medical Services at UNON

The UNON Medical Clinic emergency and first aid assistance, including on-call (24-hour) ambulance services are available. The UNON Joint Medical Service Clinic is located within the UN Complex in Gigiri, Nairobi. The medical service will be available in cases of emergency.

The UNON clinic is located in Block F ground floor behind the UNSACCO Offices. Meeting delegates can receive necessary care at the UNON Clinic on a walk-in basis. The clinic can also be reached using the following telephone numbers:

**24hrs Help line/emergency line:** +254 724255378, +254 (0) 20 7625999

**Office hours:** +254 (0) 20 762 2629, +254 (0) 20 762 1267

**Email:** unon-jms-medical@un.org.

Emergency services are available on 24hr basis while other clinic services can be accessed by participants during the designated periods for conference meetings within the UN complex.

### 5. TRANSPORTATION (Getting Around Nairobi and the UNON)

#### I. Taxi

Do not hail a taxi from the street. Delight cabs (+254 722 104242) and other reliable taxi services, such as [UBER](#), [InDrive](#), [Little Cab](#), and [Bolt](#), are available at all major hotels, shopping centres, malls, etc.

Other recommended taxi companies are listed below:

- Hilltop: +254 (0)20 272 3270
- 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 78001

Taxi rates start around \$1.5 and may reach \$30 for longer routes in Nairobi.

#### II. Cars

Many travellers bring their vehicles into Kenya as part of overland trips and expense notwithstanding, it's a great way to see the country at your own pace. Otherwise, there are numerous [car-hire companies](#) that can rent you anything from a small hatchback to a 4WD.

#### III. Matatu and Motorcycles (Boda boda)

Local matatus and motorcycles are the main means of getting around for local people, and any reasonably sized city or town will have plenty of services covering every major road and suburb.

Fares start at around \$0.4 and may reach \$10 for longer routes in Nairobi.

#### IV. UN bikes

Getting around the vast UNON complex is easy with UN bikes. Delegates can find these bicycles with their orange-trimmed wheels stationed at various points around the grounds, including near the entrance. This free bike-sharing scheme was introduced by UNON in 2018 exclusively for use inside the complex and can be used by staff and visitors alike.

#### 6. TRAVEL AND SAFETY TIPS

Nairobi is a fairly safe city; however, as in all major cities, care and caution should be taken.

- Packing: Warm layers are essential for chilly early mornings and nights, especially in open vehicles. For a visit to the national parks, a lightweight, breathable waterproof jacket and sturdy boots are essential, as safari trails can become slippery and muddy during the rainy season.
- It is not recommended to walk alone on the streets after dark.
- Please ensure to leave your laptops/electronic equipment in safe custody at all times.
- In all cases, it is a good idea to carry a copy of your passport when you are out and about.
- Stay updated with the latest developments through reliable local news sources and official channels.
- The wet season sees an increase in mosquitoes; ensure you have high-quality insect repellent and consult a professional regarding malaria prophylaxis.
- Food and waterborne illnesses are common, avoid tap water, buy only sealed bottled water from reputable stores (not street vendors), and avoid raw foods except peeled fruits/vegetables. Maintain good hand hygiene.
- Use Trusted Transportation: Use registered taxis, reputable transportation services recommended by your accommodation.
- Crowds: This is the "low season," meaning you will likely find lower prices at luxury lodges and fewer tourists in the national parks.
- Emergency Contacts: Keep a list of emergency contacts handy, including the contact information for your embassy or consulate and the conference organisers.

#### 7. EXCHANGE RATE

The official currency unit of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (Ksh). The abbreviation is KES.

**Bank notes:** You will find notes of 50-100-200-500-1000

**Coins:** The coins in circulation are 1-5-10-20

##### 7.1 How to pay?

In Kenya, you can pay for goods and services by cash, credit card, or mobile money. When paying with a credit card, the current exchange rate is applied.

## **7.2 Where to change currency?**

In establishments where credit card payments are not accepted, it is advisable to pay in Kenyan shillings. Exchange offices located in tourist areas across Kenyan cities are generally the best places to change currency.

For convenience, three banks within the UNON complex cater to all banking and foreign exchange needs. They are located on the lower concourse next to the Delegates Lounge and operate on weekdays from 08:30 or 09:00 to 16:00.

Participants can also access four ATMs on the lower concourse, which are available 24 hours a day and dispense either Kenyan shillings, US dollars, or both. Additionally, two ATMs are located at the UN Commissary at the northern end of the complex.

Alternatively, currency exchange services are available at the airport upon arrival, as well as in major hotels.

## **8. Time Zone**

Kenya follows EAT (Eastern Africa Time), which is 3 hours ahead of UTC (UTC+03:00).

## **9. WEATHER CLIMATE**

In April, Kenya's weather is defined by the peak of the long rainy season, featuring humid days and cooler, damp nights. While rain is frequent, it often occurs in heavy bursts during the late afternoon, frequently leaving the mornings clear for travel.

Across the nation, the average daytime temperature ranges from 20°C to 32°C (68°F to 90°F) depending on the region, while the overnight low settles around 14°C to 24°C (57°F to 75°F). Nairobi, the capital, and the central highlands see a milder range of 14°C (57°F) to 24°C (75°F), with noticeably higher humidity.

## **10. LANGUAGES**

Kenya has two official languages, English and Swahili. English is the language of business, higher education and government, while Swahili is the national language. However, learning a few words of Kiswahili will be helpful for building up rapport with the local population during your visit. Some useful words and phrases include jambo/ hujambo/ salama (Hello), habari gani (How are you?), nzuri (Fine), nafurahi kukuona (Nice to meet you), asante sana (Thank you very much), starehe (You're welcome), tafadhali (Please), samahani (Excuse me), and sawa (OK).

## **11. TELECOMMUNICATION**

The dialling country code for Kenya is +254. To make calls from your mobile phone, do not forget to contract the "International" option with your telephone operator. The network is generally very well covered in Kenya.

It is also possible to buy a Kenyan SIM card, provided that you have previously had your mobile phone unlocked. You can also find top-ups at any kiosk.

### **11.1 Internet**

Generally, all hotels in Kenya have a broadband connection, and many establishments offer free WI-FI connection: restaurants, cafeterias, airports, etc.

Additionally, a free Wi-Fi facility will be available in the UNON complex and all meeting rooms. To access the internet, please select the open wireless network connection named '**VISITORS**' or '**DELEGATES**'. "DELEGATES" should be used in the meeting rooms and around the UNON conference facility.

## **12. POWER OUTAGE AND ELECTRICAL VOLTAGE**

### **10.1 Voltage and frequency of use**

In Kenya, the voltage is 240V. The frequency is 50 Hz.

### **10.2 Type of socket**

Kenya uses type G sockets. Type G is the plug that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern, as illustrated in the image below



## **13. SAFETY AND SECURITY**

The UNON Department of Security and Safety (UNDSS) operates 24/7 within the UNON premises. UNDSS is in charge of every aspect of the day-to-day security on the compound as well as the personal security of everyone working at or visiting the complex.

They can be reached by telephone number is (+254) 020 7622999.

### **13.1. Zero Tolerance towards harassment**

The United Nations has a zero-tolerance policy for any form of harassment, including sexual harassment, and will deal with such complaints promptly. Please refer to the [United Nations Code of Conduct](#) and report any incident to the Security and Safety Section either in person or by phone.

### **13.2 Firearms/Weapons**

No weapons are allowed inside UNON complex at any time. Authorized armed security personnel are not allowed access to conference rooms.

### **13.3. Loss of badge or personal items.**

The loss of badge or any personal item in the meeting venue must be reported to the badging centre and/or the **UNON Division for Safety and Security** available at the main lobby. There is also a lost and found kiosk by the security desk in the main lobby.

## **14. ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY**

UNON compound accessibility

UNON continues to work to upgrade the UN complex to acceptable international standards, and to provide equitable accessibility. At the present time, however, due to the age and expanse of the complex, ease of movement for persons with mobility challenges remains a challenge within the external areas. As such, for large scale meetings, transportation via electric or other vehicle type to support the transfer of meeting participants with mobility challenges between the inner entrance of the Visitors Pavilion on UN Avenue and the Main Lobby/Roundabout at peak traffic times, may be facilitated by UNON. Delegates are requested to inform the World Health Summit Regional Meeting Secretariat of the event if any of their representatives will require specific accessibility support.

### **14.1 Accessibility to conference rooms**

The Conference Room 2 for the 2026 World Health Summit Regional Meeting is wheelchair accessible from the lower concourse (Service area parking besides banks and travel agency) or via ramps (2 of them) connecting from the main lobby. Conference area toilets are accessible for wheelchairs.

Please note that there are no tactile markings on the floor for visually impaired persons in the entire conference area.

### **14.2 Accessible seating in the conference rooms**

Upon request by a delegation for accessible seating in meetings with formal seating arrangements, the World Health Summit Regional Meeting Secretariat will adjust the seating order to allow the requesting delegation to move to the nearest accessible seat relative to its originally assigned position. The seating order of the remaining delegations will be shifted accordingly.

Where more than one delegation requests accessible seating, each will be assigned to the closest available accessible seat relative to its original position. The seating order of the remaining delegations will then be adjusted by the corresponding number of positions, excluding those newly occupied.

The Secretariat will inform all delegations of any changes to the seating arrangements in the conference rooms.

## 15. EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

Nairobi is a vital, modern city full of interesting places to see and things to do. The Nairobi experience is not complete without a visit to some of the following places:

- **[Nairobi National Park](#)** -Safari in the city. Nairobi National Park is the only national park to border a city of this size. It is 113 square kilometres of plains, cliffs, and forest, home to large herds of Zebras, Wildebeests, Buffalo, giraffes, Rhino, Cheetah, and Lions living wild within 20 minutes of the town centre.
- **[The Giraffe Centre](#)** -Get close up and personal with the Rothschild giraffes. Hand-feeding these magnificent creatures is a unique experience. They take food straight from your hand with their long blue tongues. This is a must-see and hands-on experience.
- **[Nairobi National Museum](#)** -The Nairobi National Museum boasts a fascinating range of cultural and natural historical exhibits. There are huge galleries of stuffed wildlife, displays of Kenya's tribal group culture, recreations of rock art, and an exhibition of hominid fossils from Lake Turkana in North Kenya.
- **[Karen Blixen Museum](#)** -This museum is the original farmhouse where the writer Karen Blixen (author of *Out of Africa*) lived between 1914 and 1931. Lovely gardens surround it and is a famous piece of Nairobi's cultural history.
- **[David Sheldrick Animal Trust](#)** -You'll see young orphaned African animals being reared as close to their natural environment at David Sheldrick's. Depending on when you visit, there's a good chance you'll be able to pet a baby elephant and watch it suckle an elephant-sized bottle.

## 16. MEETING REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Participants must register online on the 2026 World Health Summit Region Meeting Website: <https://www.whsnairobi2026.com/> prior to the opening of the meeting. Badges will be distributed at the venue from Thursday 23 April. Please provide your confirmation letter for ease of registration check-in and identification document.

For identification and security purposes, all attendees are required to wear their name badges at all times throughout the meeting.

## 17. GREENING THE MEETING

The WHS Regional Meeting 2026 is committed to environmental sustainability in line with UNON's greening efforts. To help reduce the meeting's environmental footprint, please note the following:

- The meeting will be paperless, printed documents will not be provided. Please bring your laptop or tablet and download all documents in advance.
- Please bring a refillable drinking container (cup, mug, or bottle) for use at the café/restaurant and hydration stations throughout the venue.
- Recycling bins are available at various points across the venue, please make use of them.



For a full overview of the sustainability measures in place and suggested actions you can take as a participant, please refer to the **WHS Regional Meeting Greening Document**, shared alongside this Information Note.

Thank you for your support in **#greeningUNON!**

## **18. CONTACT DETAILS**

We have taken proactive measures to ensure your safety and comfort throughout the meeting. Our recommended accommodation is also situated in safe and accessible locations within the event location.

The city offers a rich cultural experience and is eager to host this transformative event. We look forward to your active participation and contribution to the meeting's objectives. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [secretariat.whsrm26@whsnairobi2026.com](mailto:secretariat.whsrm26@whsnairobi2026.com)

Thank you, and see you in Nairobi, Kenya!.

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