



## LOGISTICS NOTE

### East Africa Region Global Health Security Summit (EARGHSS 2025)

28th – 30th January 2025, Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort, Convention Centre, Mombasa, Kenya  
Securing Health and Prosperity, One Community at a Time

On behalf of the Convening Partners, it is my honor to inform you that the **East Africa Region Global Health Security Summit (EARGHSS 2025)** will take place from 28th to 30th January 2025 at the Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort, Convention Centre, Mombasa, Kenya.

This summit is organized in collaboration with the **Ministry of Health, Jumuiya Economic Development Secretariat, Kenya Vision 2030, the Global Center for Health Security at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Eastern Africa Regional Coordination Centre (EA-RCC) of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), and Amref Health Africa**. The summit will serve as a critical platform to address the pressing health security challenges in the Eastern Africa region.

#### 1. Travel Dates

- **Arrival:** Please plan your arrival in Mombasa, Kenya, on 27th January 2025 for smooth registration and the welcome reception.
- **Departure:** Please plan to depart after the summit on 31st January 2025. 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 Mombasa Moi International Airport to the Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort will be provided.

#### 2. Travel Requirements for International Delegates

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

- **Official Invitation Letter from the Secretariat.**
- **Valid passport**
- **Yellow fever certificate.**
- **Return ticket to and from Nairobi/Mombasa, Kenya.**

#### 3. Immigration Formalities

##### eTA Application

The eTA (electronic Travel Authorization) is mandatory for all foreign visitors to Kenya. It is mandatory to use the Government's official eTA website to submit your application. Applications submitted via third-party websites will be automatically denied. The eTA system is also available as a mobile app on Google Play (Kenya eTA). You cannot process the eTA on any other website. Apply via the official website: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>.

##### Passport Guidelines

Visitors to Kenya must have a passport that:

- **Is valid for at least six (6) months from the date of arrival.**
- **Has a minimum of two blank pages remaining.**

If your passport expires in less than six months, it must be renewed, as immigration may deny entry upon arrival.

##### eTA Application Requirements

To submit your eTA application, you will need to provide the following:

- Valid passport for at least six (6) months after your planned date of arrival into Kenya, with at least one blank page.
- A selfie or passport-type photo.
- Contact information, including email address and phone number.
- Details of your arrival and departure itinerary.
- Accommodation booking confirmation(s).
- Invitation letter from the inviting organization (provided by the Secretariat).
- Copy of the registration of the company (if applicable).

#### Custom Regulations

General Information: Delegates are required to declare any food items, seeds, plants or any other regulated agricultural products in their possession at the ports of entry. Delegates are also expected to comply with any applicable Laws, Regulations as well as any applicable standards and procedures pertaining to such items.

The following items are prohibited at all Kenya entry points:

- Narcotic drugs, Stimulants, Psychotropic substances, etc.
- Drones and Satellite Equipment.
- Firearms such as pistols, revolvers and machine guns, and bullets or parts thereof.
- Explosive, Gunpowder, Materials for chemical weapons, Germs such as anthrax, etc.
- Counterfeit, Altered or Imitated Coins, bank notes or securities, and forged credit card.
- Obscene or immoral materials and child pornography.
- Articles which infringe upon intellectual property rights (patent, utility, model, design, trademark, copyright etc.)

#### Temporary Importation

To comply with the import customs regulations of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, participants should declare the following items they may bring with them into the country:

**Laptops (if it is more than one); Desktop Computer, Printer, Scanner, Video Camera, or any other conference equipment.**

In order to get assistance with the temporary importation of the above items, and any other queries regarding customs, delegates can contact customer service at **Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) via email address: [jkiapassengerclearance@kra.go.ke](mailto:jkiapassengerclearance@kra.go.ke) or mobile number: +254711099999.**

#### 4. Registration

Delegates can register pre-summit online at [www.ghssafrica.org](http://www.ghssafrica.org). Upon arrival, delegates will receive a Conference Package containing the conference program and other useful materials.

#### 5. Accommodation, Meals & Meeting Venue

- **Accommodation:** Delegates will have the option to be hosted at the Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort or other selected hotels nearby, based on availability and preference.
- **Meals:** Accommodation includes bed and breakfast.
- **Lunches & Coffee Breaks:** Lunch and coffee breaks will be served at the conference venue. Meal tickets will be provided during meal times
- **Meeting Venue:** The Pridelnn Paradise Convention Centre will host the summit sessions from 28th to 30th January. Sessions will start at 8:30 am daily.

#### 6. Location, Weather & Dress Code

- **Location:** The summit will be held in Mombasa, a coastal city.
- **Weather:** Expect warm and humid weather with temperatures around 28-32°C (82-90°F).
- **Dress Code:** We recommend smart casual, lightweight cotton clothing to stay comfortable in the tropical climate.

#### 7. Costs for Your Own Account

Please be aware that all personal expenses, including extra drinks, phone calls, laundry, local transport, and any additional services not included in the conference package, will be your responsibility. Payments for these services must be made directly to the hotel before departure.

#### 8. Check-In and Check-Out

- **Check-In:** Check-in at the Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort is from 2:00 pm on 27th January 2025.
- **Check-Out:** Check-out time is 12:00 noon on 31st January 2025.





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#### 9. Additional Services Offered

- **Wi-Fi:** Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in all hotels and conference areas.
- **Electrical Outlets:** The hotels will have three-point plugs for charging your devices (laptops, phones).

#### 10. Places to Visit in Mombasa and Surrounding Areas

While in Mombasa, delegates can explore some of the local attractions:

- **Fort Jesus:** A historic Portuguese fort located in the heart of Mombasa, offering insights into the region's colonial past.
- **Old Town:** A charming area of narrow streets with Swahili architecture, offering a glimpse into Mombasa's multicultural heritage.
- **Mombasa Marine National Park:** A beautiful marine park offering opportunities for diving and snorkeling.
- **Haller Park:** A nature reserve offering a variety of animal and bird species, ideal for wildlife enthusiasts.
- **Mombasa Beaches:** You can relax or enjoy water sports at the pristine beaches such as Diani Beach, Shanzu, and Nyali Beach.

#### 11. General Information

- **Weather:** The average temperatures in Mombasa are between 21°C and 27°C.
- **Local Time:** East African Time (EAT).
- **Currency & Credit Cards:** The local currency is Kenyan Shillings (KES). Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.
- **Emergency Number:** 911. There will also be a standby ambulance at the venue for any emergencies.
- **Country Code:** +254.
- **Electricity:** The standard voltage in Kenya is 240V, with 50Hz AC electricity. The standard plug type is Type G (three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern). Please ensure you have the correct adapter to charge your devices.
- **Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public areas, including the conference venue and hotels.

#### 12. Health Care Protocols

- Medical personnel shall offer on site emergency medical services during the summit. On site medical clinic shall be provided during the summit
- **Medical Insurance:** Participants are strongly advised to obtain international medical insurance coverage from a reputable insurance provider at your own cost. This is essential in the event of any health issues during the summit
- **Vaccination:** Delegates are responsible for complying with any travel measures stipulated by the country of departure and destination, and the respective airline.
- **Yellow Fever Vaccination:** Delegates coming from yellow fever endemic countries should have valid vaccination certificates (vaccinated ten (10) days) before departing for destination country. (See Annex IV for Yellow Fever Guidelines) for more information on health protocols please consult MOH- Arriving in Kenya.
- Delegates to consult their medical practitioner for recommendations for other vaccinations and precautions that may apply to you.
- **Chronic Medical Conditions:** Delegates diagnosed with chronic medical conditions must ensure they bring a sufficient supply of their medications, as preferences or specific brands may not be available in Mombasa.
- **Hotel Medical Services:** Be sure to get the contact information for the doctor on call at your hotel upon check-in as a precaution.
- **Referral Hospitals:** There are five (5) key hospitals in Mombasa namely **Coast General Hospital, Mombasa Hospital, Aga Khan Hospital, Premier Hospital and Pandya Hospital.** In Nairobi there are four (4) **National referral hospitals namely Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenyatta University Teaching, Research and Referral Hospital, Nairobi Hospital and Aga Khan Hospital** will be accessible for all VVIPs, VIP and other delegates. Contact Officer is **Ms. Jacklyne Obayo +254 724343365**

- **Yellow Fever Vaccination:** A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required from visitors coming from or passing through Yellow Fever endemic regions. Visitors must be vaccinated at least 10 days prior to entry into Kenya. If you are unable to provide proof of vaccination upon arrival, you will be immunized at the airport clinic at your own cost.
- **Health Clinics:** All delegates are encouraged to undergo normal health checkups such as diabetes, blood pressure, post-travel recovery, simple stretches, ice/soft tissue manipulation related problems and counselling services.

#### 13. Currency & Banking

- **Currency in Use:** The currency used in Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (KES). The current approximate exchange rate is 1 KES = 0.0077 USD
- **Credit Cards:** MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, and supermarkets.
- **Currency Exchange:** Money can be easily exchanged at the hotel, local banks, and the forex bureaus. ATMs are available at major bank branches, and they accept Visa cards but will dispense cash in Kenyan Shillings (KES).
- **Declaration of Cash:** Cash that exceeds USD 10,000.00 or its equivalent or precious metals weighing above 100 grams should be declared to the customs office at the airport. Declaration of the said items upon arrival will avoid a hustle during departure.

#### 14. Security Advisory

Your safety and well-being are of utmost importance. Please review the following guidelines:

- **Personal Security:** Keep your personal belongings secure. Avoid walking alone at night or in unfamiliar areas. Always keep your valuables (e.g., cash, passport, laptop, and mobile phone) with you or store them in the safe provided in your room. Alternatively, register your valuables with the hotel management for safekeeping at the main vault.
- **Emergency Contacts:** Dial 911 for emergencies. There is on-site security and a standby ambulance at the venue.
- **Local Laws:** Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs.
- **Wildlife Safety:** Always follow the guidance of local authorities when visiting parks, reserves, and wildlife centers.
- Only use recognized taxi services. Ubers and Bolt services are also widely available.
- Be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity to authorities immediately.
- Always keep emergency contact numbers on you.
- Monitor local media for updates: <https://nation.africa/kenya>.
- Ensure your travel documents are up to date and easily accessible.
- Review your personal security plans to ensure preparedness.
- While it is not possible to guarantee anyone's safety, remaining alert and aware of your surroundings can help minimize risks.

**Travellers beach hotel: Hillary Siele, 0722592826.**  
**Pride inn flamingo: Antony Mbaja, 0793080107.**  
**Pride inn Paradise: Antony kashero, 0719440025.**  
**Serena beach hotel: Aphaxard chege, 0734699840**  
**Sai rock hotel: Zameer Khan, 0703872499.**

**Should you need further assistance or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Secretariat.**

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