GLOBAL BIOECONOMY SUMMIT 2024

One Planet – Sustainable Bioeconomy Solutions for Global Challenges

23 – 24 October 2024, Nairobi, Kenya

WELCOME GUIDE / INFORMATION NOTE

Travel Protocols, Pre-Arrival

1. Registration

All delegates are expected to register at this link: https://portal.dijito.one/registration-start/global-bioeconomy-summit-2024. The registration fee for individual participant is US$200. There is a limited number of student tickets available at US$100. The registration system captures delegates biodata including passport size photos and copies of respective identification documents (National ID card, Passport, Student ID). Foreign delegates are advised to register using Passports.

Upon completing your full registration, you will receive an invitation letter for the Summit. This letter will be emailed to you and can be used to fulfill entry requirements for Kenya.

2. Entry Requirements for Kenya

Entry into Kenya for foreign delegates is subject to **obtaining Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)** at least seventy-two (72) hours before the travel date. For online application of the eTA, please visit: https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en

Citizens of the countries of the **East Africa Community (EAC)** are exempt from completing the eTA. The East African Partner State countries include Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. Entry to Kenya requires a **national passport** and not a national identification card (ID).

Other Requirements:

- Delegates are responsible for complying with any travel measures stipulated by the country of departure and destination, and the respective airline. **Delegates coming from yellow fever endemic countries should have valid vaccination certificates (vaccinated ten (10) days) before departing for their destination country**.

  Note: Kenya is classified as a country with risk of yellow fever transmission and therefore delegates are required to have a valid yellow fever certificate upon entry.

For more information on health protocols please refer to Kenya's Ministry of Health Incoming Travelers link: https://health.go.ke/incoming-travellers

- Delegates should consult their medical practitioner for recommendations for other vaccinations and precautions that may apply to them.

3. Air Ticket

The dates for GBS2024 are **23 – 24 October 2024**. Plan to arrive on the 22 October and depart 25 October. The main port of entry to Nairobi, Kenya, is the **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA)**.

4. Hotel Accommodation and Summit Venue

Delegates are responsible for reserving and booking their own accommodation. The venue of GBS2024 is Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. Space is limited and delegates are urged to make their hotel bookings early. If you decide to stay at another hotel, you will need to organise your own transportation to the venue.

Self-sponsored delegates are advised to make reference to the Summit booking name (**GBS2024**) and promotion code (**ICIPE_GBS2024)** to enjoy a discounted rate for BB per Night for the 2-day Summit. A discounted rate for HB has also been included for those who may be interested. For more information on rates and the booking process, kindly follow this link: https://urlfupi.com/xfafgnn

The contact persons at the hotel are:
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5. Meals and Refreshments

The Summit package for the 2-day Summit will be taken care of by the organisers. This has been factored in the **Registration fee** and includes meals and refreshments.

6. Airport Transfers

For travelers arriving via Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) between 20 – 22 October 2024, there will be a **GBS2024 "Meet and Greet" information stand to provide needed support**.

Some hotels provide complimentary or paid taxi/shuttle transfer services to key locations, including the Summit venue. Check with your hotel for available options.

Delegates are free to use their own transport arrangement. To get around Nairobi, ride-hailing services such as Uber, Bolt, and Little offer convenient, frequent, and affordable services. Taxis are also available, but as they are not metered fees should be agreed upon before departure. You may also choose to make your travel arrangements through our official travel agent, Hemingways Travels, through this link:
https://mcusercontent.com/ed4367661128409fb5686cb74/files/360bc7ac-89a3-ec55-e5b9-f57034c11534/HTL_ICIPE_AIRPORT_TRANSFER_CHARGES.pdf

7. Language

English will be the main language during the Summit. Translation services are not available.

8. Weather

According to the forecast for Nairobi, Kenya, the temperature in October 2024 are comfortable with low of 15 °C, mean of 20 °C, and high of up to 26 °C.
https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/kenya/nairobi/climate

9. Time

Kenya is within the East Africa Standard Time zone (EAT). It is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +3).

10. Foreign Exchange Currency

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at the banks and Forex Bureaus. The currency of Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (Ksh). It is issued in 1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50 bank notes and 40, 20, 10, 5 and 1 coins. Currency exchange points are available at banks, the airport and at major hotels. Daily prevailing exchange rate of major international currencies can be obtained from the Central Bank of Kenya website: https://www.centralbank.go.ke/rates/forex-exchange-rates/

11. Electricity Supply

The standard electrical current used throughout Kenya is between 220 – 240 volts with a frequency of 50 Hz. The electric plugs and sockets are of the D/G. It is recommended that delegates carry their own adaptors.

12. Stay Connected

There are several options for staying connected to the internet while in Kenya:
- **Travel Packages:** Contact your mobile provider to inquire about available travel packages and their costs.

- **Local SIM Card:** Purchase a local SIM card upon arrival. Safaricom, is a major provider and has a counter at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).
- **eSIM Services:** If your phone supports eSIM, consider using an eSIM service provider.
- **WiFi:** Utilize the WiFi available at the Summit venue and your hotel.

13. Security

Ensure that you have emergency contact numbers with you at all times. Make sure you have your valuables (cash, passport, lap-top, and mobile phone) with you at all times.

14. Important contact details from *icipe*/BioInnovate Africa

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