



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION NOTE FOR DELEGATES TO THE

2026 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN CENTRAL
BANKS (AACB) AND CBK@60 CELEBRATIONS



GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT AACB AND CBK@60 CELEBRATIONS

The 2026 Annual Meetings of the Association of African Central Banks (AACB) will be hosted by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) from September 13th – 18th, 2026, at the Central Bank of Kenya - Institute of Monetary Studies (CBK-IMS) in Nairobi, Kenya. The annual meetings will be hosted alongside the CBK@60 celebrations, and the AI Conference.

Venue of the Meeting

Central Bank of Kenya

Institute of Monetary Studies, Nairobi, Kenya

Mathare North Road,

Off Thika Road (exit 6)

P.O. Box 65041-00618, Nairobi

Telephone: +254 20 8646000

General Enquires: cbkat60@centralbank.go.ke

CBK-IMS accommodation Reservations:
reservations@centralbank.go.ke

Visa and Entry Requirements

- Kenya abolished visa requirements for all foreign visitors from 1st January 2024, and instead implemented an Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) system. Participants are advised to apply for Travel Authorisation by accessing the online application portal the link below (at least 72Hrs before Arrival) or apply on arrival: <https://immigration.go.ke/> or <https://etakenya.go.ke/en>
- Citizens of Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda are exempted from this requirement.
- All participants are reminded to have their yellow fever vaccination card available.
- All diplomatic, official and service passport holders, attending the meetings are also required to apply for the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) online after which they will be issued with courtesy (gratis) ETA.

- Passports should be valid for travel at least six (6) months from the date of ETA application and should have at least one (1) unused page when presented for endorsements.
- Applicants must hold an official letter from the Country of Origin/Organization /Foreign Affairs and a round-trip ticket.
- During the application process, one is required to attach a clear passport bio data page, a clear passport size photograph and air ticket.
- More information on ETA exemptions can be accessed through the link [ETA Exemptions Kenya](#).

Customs Regulations

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 goods will be allowed duty free only in the quantities specified and only if imported as accompanied baggage for passengers who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years:

Spirits, including liquors not exceeding one litre , or wine not exceeding two litres.

Perfumes and toiletries not exceeding in all one litre, of which the perfume should not be more than a quarter.

Cigarettes , cigars , cheroots, cigarillos, tobacco and snuff not exceeding in all 250 grams in weight.

The non -goods should be exported within thirty days or a period not exceeding sixty days from the date the passenger leaves the country , otherwise duty becomes payable.

Medicine is allowed for those who use such.

For professional cameras , a traveler is required to write in advance requesting a reimportation certificate and upon arrival shall be granted a duty exemption.



Arrivals and Transfer Information

A team from the CBK will be available to receive arriving delegates and support ease of transit. All delegates should send their air travel itineraries to **mwagonahFF@centralbank.go.ke** and **anyendado@centrabank.go.ke** so that we can plan accordingly.

The CBK will provide airport transfers from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi to and from the designated hotels. Transport will also be availed to delegates from the designated hotels to

the CBK-IMS each morning, and back each evening during the week of the 2026 AACB Annual Meetings.

Please inform us of any changes in your travel details immediately to cbkat60@centralbank.go.ke

Accommodation

Participants will be in charge of their accommodation costs. Below is a list of recommended hotels in Nairobi. The CBK has negotiated special rates within 13km radius of the CBK-IMS:

Hotel	Room Category	Star	Rate (USD)	Contact for Reservations	Distance from CBK IMS
Nairobi Serena Hotel	Deluxe	5 Star	280	+254 20 282 2000 hannah.nderi@serenahotels.com	9 Kms
	Executive		348		
	Premier		404		
Central Bank of Kenya Institute of Monetary Studies	Standard		65	Tel. +254 20 864000 Email: Reservations@centralbank.go.ke	0 Kms
JW Marriott	Standard	5 Star	335	Reservations: +254 713 472 276 mhrs.nbojw.restaurants@marriott.com	9 Kms
	Club Room		435		
	One Bedroom Junior Suite		890		
	One Bedroom Executive Suite		1,097		
Trademark Hotel	Standard	5 Star	205	+254 730 886 000 reservations@trademark-hotel.com	10 Kms
Kempinski Hotel	Superior	5 Star	210	+254 20 230 8819 reservations.nairobi@kempinski.com	9 Kms
	Deluxe		270		
	Balcony Deluxe		290		
	Executive		310		
	Business		660		
The Tribe Hotel	Standard	5 Star	295	+254 20 720 0000 reservations@tribehotel-kenya.com	10 Kms
Safari Park Hotel	Deluxe Single	4 Star	270	+254 20 363 3000 reservations@safariparkhotel.co.ke	5 Kms
	Deluxe Single		300		
Sarova Panafric	Standard	4 Star	195	+254 20 276 7000 panafric@sarovahotels.com	9 Kms
Park Inn By Radisson	Standard	4 Star	190	+254 709 810 000 reservation.nairobi@radissonblu.com	9 Kms

Hotel	Room Category	Star	Rate (USD)	Contact for Reservations	Distance from CBK IMS
Best Western Premier Westlands	Standard	3 Star	160	+254 719 096000 reservations@bwpremierwestlands.com	9 Kms
IBIS Styles Hotel	Standard	3 Star	170	+254 20 514 7500 hb065-re@accor.com	9 Kms
Fair view Hotel	Standard	3 Star	210	+254 745 179693 reservations@fairviewkenya.com	10 Kms

Note: Daily transport will be provided for delegates residing in the recommended hotels. Delegates who opt to stay elsewhere will have to arrange for their own transport to and from the meeting venue daily.

Local time

Kenya is on East Africa Time (GMT+3).

Telecommunications

The telephone country code for Kenya is +254. Most international visitors can roam on Kenyan telecommunications networks, and wifi is widely available in most public locations.

Weather

Kenya's climate varies across the country, from the tropical humidity of the coast, the dry heat of the savannah, or semi-arid areas and the cool air of the highlands. Temperatures in these areas are constant all year round with an average of 27°C (80°F) at the coast, 21°C to 27°C (70°F to 80°F) in the hinterland. Nairobi lies between 1,500m and 1,700m above sea level, and has a mostly temperate climate in the month of September. The daytime temperatures normally range between 15°C and 27°C (60°F to 80°F).

Most parts of the country experience two rainy seasons: the 'long rains' between March and May, and the 'short rains' between October and December. There is a chance of off-season rains, especially related to the El Niño phenomenon.

Voltage

The standard voltage in Kenya is 220-240 Volts at a frequency of 50 Hz. The power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type G are used (that is, three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern). Kindly check your appliances before travelling to see whether you need a plug adaptor or a voltage transformer. Multi-voltage appliances (laptops, etc.) require a plug adapter.

Accessibility Features at CBK-IMS

- **Physical Access:** Ramps, elevators, disabled parking
- **Visual Support:** Large screens
- **Special Assistance:** Request through registration desk



SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

Security Framework

A multi-agency security team will provide 24/7 coverage:

- National Police Service: Overall security coordination
- Administration Police: Venue and hotel security
- Diplomatic Police Unit: Protection of dignitaries
- Anti-Terrorism Police Unit: Specialized threat response
- Cyber Security: Digital security monitoring
- CBK-IMS Facility Security Personnel: Day-to-day screening and delegates assistance

Security Protocols for Participants

- Access Control: Multi-layer security screening at all entry points
- Prohibited Items: Weapons, sharp objects
- Identification: Badge must be visible at all times
- Emergency Procedures: Follow instructions of security personnel

Personal Security Advice

- Keep valuables in hotel safe
- Use official transport after dark
- Avoid displaying large amounts of cash
- Keep copy of passport separate from original
- Program emergency numbers in phone
- Travel in groups when possible



HEALTH CARE PROTOCOLS

Port Health Information

Vaccination Requirements During Travel to Kenya

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

Please note that Kenya Port Health operates a paperless system. Before disembarking in Kenya, all passengers must complete the Ebola Traveller Health Surveillance Declaration Form online; Universal Health AI Use the WhatsApp number +254 716 717 717 to fill in required information and receive your Travel Health pass instantly delivered on WhatsApp

For more information on health protocols please consult <https://health.go.ke/incoming-travellers>

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

Required Health Preparations

- **Travel Insurance:** Mandatory for all participants
- **Vaccinations:** Yellow Fever recommended,
- **Medications:** Bring adequate personal supply
- **Health Declaration:** Complete online before travel
- **Emergency Contact:** Provide next of kin details

Nairobi Hospitals Contact

Hospital	Telephone	Distance from CBK-IMS	Specialization
Nairobi Hospital	+254 20 284 5000	10 km	Comprehensive, emergency
Aga Khan Hospital	+254 20 366 2000	7km	Cardiac, specialised care
Kenyatta National	+254 20 272 6400	11 km	Public, trauma centre
Mater Hospital	+254 20 690 3000	16 km	Private, general
MP Shah Hospital	+254 20 374 0000	7 km	Private, multi-specialty



SECURITY AND SAFETY INFORMATION

The Government of Kenya will put in place adequate and robust measures to ensure the safety at the conference venue, hospitality venues, and at all the designated hotels; parking areas, and any other area that will be identified for such consideration.

- All persons accessing the Conference venue may be subjected to security screening.
- Appropriate traffic arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth movement of the delegates and visiting dignitaries.
- Parking will be reserved for the VIPs, while Designated parking will be reserved for the other delegates.



FINANCIAL AND BANKING INFORMATION

Currency and Exchange

- **Local Currency:** Kenyan Shilling (KES)
- **Exchange Rate:** ~1 USD = 130 KES (subject to fluctuation)
- **Currency Declaration:** Required for amounts over USD 10,000
- **Exchange Locations:**
 - **Banks:** All major banks
 - **Forex Bureaus:** Multiple forex bureaus available
 - **Hotel Exchange:** Available but less favorable rates
 - **ATMs:** Widely available (Visa/MasterCard/UnionPay accepted)

Banking Services

- **Banking Hours:** 09:00-16:00 (Mon-Fri), 09:00-12:00 (Sat)
- **Mobile Money:** Mobile money is widely accepted. Providers include Safaricom (M-Pesa), Airtel Money, T-Kash (Telkom Kenya), and Equitel (Equity Bank)
- **Credit Cards:** Accepted in hotels, restaurants, major shops
- **Traveler's Cheques:** Not widely accepted, use banks

Forum-Related Expenses

- **Registration Fee:** None for official delegates
- **Lunch/Coffee:** Provided at venue for accredited participants
- **Dinners:** Welcome reception covered; other meals at own expense. There will be an official gala dinner on Thursday, September 17.
- **Transport:** Airport transfers and shuttles free
- **Internet:** Free at venue



CULTURAL ETIQUETTE AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Cultural Norms

- **Greeting:** Handshake common, some use "Sasa" or "Habari"
- **Dress Code:** Business formal for forum sessions
- **Respect:** Elders and authority figures highly respected
- **Photography:** Ask permission before photographing people

Language

- **Official:** English (all forum proceedings)
- **National:** Kiswahili widely spoken
- **Interpretation:** Meetings will be conducted in English, Interpretation to French will be available
- **Common Phrases in Kiswahili:**
 - **Hello:** Jambo / Habari
 - **Thank you:** Asante
 - **Please:** Tafadhali
 - **Goodbye:** Kwaheri





PLACES TO VISIT IN NAIROBI

Sights and Sounds

Nairobi National Park



Just 10 kilometres from Nairobi's city center, Nairobi National Park is the world's only wildlife park set against a modern city skyline, offering a unique safari experience where wildlife roams beneath towering skyscrapers. Home to diverse wildlife and birdlife, the park combines stunning landscapes, exceptional photography opportunities, outdoor recreation, and conservation, creating unforgettable experiences at the edge of the city.

National Museums of Kenya



The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) is a state corporation established under the Museums and Heritage Act, 2006, and mandated to collect, preserve, research, and showcase Kenya's cultural and natural heritage. NMK manages museums, heritage sites, monuments, and invaluable collections across the country, promoting conservation, education, sustainable resource use, and national development for the benefit of present and future generations. Visit the website for a wider selection of sites within Nairobi

Maasai Market



The Maasai Market is a vibrant open-air marketplace where local artisans showcase and sell authentic handmade East African crafts. Named after the iconic Maasai people, it is one of the best places to experience local culture and shop for unique souvenirs. Visit Wildlife Kenya Safaris for the schedule and venue



Step into a fascinating realm where perception is challenged and reality is reimagined. At the Museum of Illusions Nairobi, interactive exhibits and mind-bending displays invite visitors to explore how the senses and the brain work together to shape what we see. From timeless optical illusions to innovative new experiences, the museum offers an engaging blend of entertainment, discovery, and learning for visitors of all ages.



GETTING AROUND NAIROBI

Visitors can use different convenient methods below to easily navigate through the city and its environs:

Taxis:

Taxis offer a more flexible and comfortable alternative to public transport, though at a higher cost. Available throughout Nairobi, traditional taxis often have negotiable fares, while ride-hailing services such as Uber, Bolt, InDrive, and Faras provide convenient app-based transport. Taxis can commonly be found at hotels, shopping malls, and designated taxi ranks across the city.



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Karibu Kenya (Welcome to Kenya)