

# IADI Africa Regional Committee Annual General Meeting and Conference, 16 - 19 June 2025

## Information Pack

### WELCOME NOTE:

**Jambo! Welcome to Kenya.**

We are delighted to welcome you to the culturally rich coastal City of Mombasa, Kenya for the upcoming IADI Africa Regional Committee Annual General Meeting and Conference that will be held from 16 - 19 June 2025. As we prepare for the upcoming meeting, we have gathered some valuable tips and key information to help you prepare for your trip. We hope these recommendations will prove valuable as you navigate your travel plans. We trust you will find the conference informative and enriching, and that you will also have the opportunity to experience the vibrant culture and stunning natural beauty of Kenya's coastal region. This information is designed to ensure that your stay is comfortable, pleasant and memorable.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS INTO KENYA:

All foreigners seeking to enter the Republic of Kenya are subject to the following entry requirements:

- A Passport or travel documents (issued by immigration) and must have a remaining validity of not less than six months and should be issued by a State.
- There are no visa requirements for East Africans to enter Kenya. More information regarding entering Kenya and visa requirements for your particular country can be found on the following link: <http://immigration.go.ke/visa-section/>
- A valid certificate of immunization against Yellow Fever.
- **Note:** All delegates will be personally responsible for ensuring that they possess the correct documentation before their departure

## TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS:

- **Airport Reception**

Upon your arrival at Moi International Airport, Mombasa our team will be on hand to assist with transfers to your preferred hotels. The Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation has organized for a pick and drop off from and to the Airport. On sharing your travel itinerary, the organizing committee will ensure all delegates are dropped at their respective hotels.

- **Transport to the meeting venue**

During the 4 days of the event, transport will be provided from your hotel to the conference venue.

## WEATHER IN MOMBASA, KENYA:

The month of June in Mombasa marks the beginning of the cooler, drier season. You can expect warm, sunny days with average temperatures ranging from 24°C to 29°C (75°F to 84°F). Humidity is generally lower compared to other months, making it a pleasant time to visit. However, occasional light showers can occur, so it's best to be prepared.

## ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation shall be reserved and paid for directly by delegates. The list of recommended hotels and their prices that are has been shared in the registration link

## VENUE:

The conference will be held at the Pride Inn Paradise Beach Resort & Spa, Mombasa.

## SOCIAL EVENTS:

Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation will host the delegates to a welcome cocktail on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025, a casual Kenyan Nyama Choma dinner on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025, a Swahili dinner on and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and culminating in an excursion on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## WHAT TO PACK:

- **Lightweight Clothing:** Pack breathable fabrics like cotton, linen, and blends.
- **Sun Protection:** Sunscreen (high SPF), sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat are essential.

- **Swimwear:** For enjoying the beaches and hotel pools.
- **Comfortable Walking Shoes:** For the excursion and exploring the city.
- **Light Jacket or Sweater:** For cooler evenings or air-conditioned venues.
- **Mosquito Repellent:** Especially for evening activities and the excursion.
- **Universal Travel Adapters:** Kenya uses British-style plug sockets (Type G).
- **Local Currency (Kenyan Shilling - KES):** While major cards are widely accepted, carrying some local currency is recommended for smaller establishments and markets.

#### DRESS CODE:

- **Conference Sessions:** Smart casual attire is appropriate. This means comfortable, yet presentable clothing. Think collared shirts, blouses, skirts, and dresses.
- **Evening Activities:**
  - **Nyama Choma dinner:** Casual relaxed attire is acceptable. Think comfortable trousers, jeans, skirts, and casual tops.
  - **Swahili Dinner:**
    - For the Swahili dinner on 18th June 2025, we encourage you to embrace the local culture.
    - **Women:** Consider wearing a "Khanga" or "Kitenge" dress or long skirt. These vibrant, colourful fabrics are traditional and beautiful. Alternatively, a modest, flowing dress or long skirt and top is also suitable.
    - **Men:** A "Kanzu" (traditional white robe) is appropriate, or smart casual trousers and a collared shirt. Linen clothing is a good option.
    - Generally, it's good to aim for elegant but comfortable attire.
  - **Excursion:**
    - **Comfortable and Casual:** This is an outdoor activity, so prioritize comfort. Wear light, breathable clothing, and comfortable walking shoes or sandals suitable for sandy terrain.
    - **Sun Protection:** Bring your hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
    - **Swimwear:** If you plan to swim, bring your swimsuit and a towel.

- Consider a light cover up: to protect from the sun, or any sudden cooler breezes.
- Modesty: While Mombasa is a tourist-friendly city, it's always respectful to dress modestly, especially when visiting religious sites or interacting with local communities.

### BUSINESS HOURS:

Banks generally open from 0830hrs to 1700 hrs local time on weekdays and 0900hrs to 1300hrs on weekends. Other businesses, shopping malls, arcades, restaurants as well as trading centres are generally open most of the time.

### CULTURE:

Kenyans are warm and welcoming to visitors and guests from all over the world. While English is widely spoken, learning a few basic Swahili phrases (like "Jambo" - Hello, "Asante" - Thank you) will be appreciated.

Photography: it is considered courteous to ask people whether you may take their picture before doing so. It is also advised to note whether the area you are interested in Photographing is prohibited or not.

Tipping: Service charges are ordinarily included in bills and tips to service providers in hotels and other recreational facilities are optional.

### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

In case of medical emergencies, there are several public and private hospitals. Delegates will meet their own health costs and health insurance. In case you need assistance in accessing medical facilities, our team will be glad to assist.

### SECURITY:

Your security is of utmost importance to us. All recommended hotels and apartments have 24-hour security services, including surveillance systems and security personnel. While Kenya is generally safe, it's advisable to take standard precautions such as having your passport at all times, avoiding isolated areas at night and keeping your belongings secure. For any security concerns, you can reach the police by dialing 999. Our hospitality team is also available to assist with any security-related needs.

## DEPARTURE:

As the workshop concludes, our team will assist with your departure arrangements, ensuring a smooth transition to Moi International Airport, Mombasa.

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any assistance at your arrival and your stay, please do not hesitate to contact our team:

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Karibu sana!

We wish you a pleasant and memorable stay in Mombasa!