

Conference Logistical Note

Event in brief

- The Nyanza Professionals Forum is hosting the Nyanza International Investment Conference in Kisumu, Kenya. The Conference will take place from 6 - 8 February 2025 at Ciala, Resort.
- This international investment Conference themed “*Nyanza Rising - Towards Economic Transformation for Socio-Economic Growth and Development*” is a noble event which will address the urgent need for the Nyanza Region and its people to trigger growth and development.

About Kisumu

- It is nestled on the shores of Africa’s largest freshwater lake and the world’s second largest freshwater lake, Lake Victoria, a vibrant and bustling hub that perfectly marries tradition with modernity. Kisumu County invites the world to witness its unique charm, unbounded potential, and the warmth of its people. Kisumu's economy is as diverse as its people. The county is a leader in agro-business, with fertile lands producing bountiful crops such as sugarcane, rice, and various horticultural products. Its burgeoning fishing industry thrives on the abundant resources of Lake Victoria, supplying fish to markets far and wide.
- In recent years, Kisumu has seen significant growth in sectors like real estate, manufacturing, and tourism. Join us on this journey of exploration as we endeavor as we seek new investment and entrepreneurial opportunities in the region.

About the Conference Venue

- Ciala Resort, rated amongst the best hotels in Kisumu, overlooks the beautiful hills giving clients the serenity, peace and comfort they need. The buildings are designed in an English colonial style with a luxurious modern twist. The modern rooms, landscaping and well-manicured gardens enhance the guest experience.
- Ciala Resort is situated approximately 15 kilometres (around 9.3 miles) from Kisumu City. The drive typically takes about 20 to 30 minutes, depending on traffic and road conditions. This short journey makes Ciala Resort an accessible and convenient destination for both local and international guests from Kisumu town.
- Visitors at the resort are treated to numerous activities including in-door and out-door games, swimming, live fishing, bike riding, and a specially designed kids’ play area.

Flights

- To access the Conference, participants can fly commercial planes into Kisumu International airport from a number of airports including Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Moi International Airport Mombasa, and Wilson airport. Kisumu International Airport has been designed to cater for the needs of both commercial and private planes.
- There are a number of Commercial Airlines plying the Kisumu route including Kenya Airways, Jambo Jet, Safari link, Renegade Airlines, and Air Kenya among others.

Conference Discounted Flights

The Nyanza International Investment Conference has entered into a strategic partnership with Kenya’s largest airline, Kenya Airways to offer a **10% discount** to all passengers travelling to Kisumu for the Conference. Delegates travelling from the following high-traffic areas will receive a 10% discount off on fares:

1. London
2. Nairobi
3. Mombasa

4. New York
5. Guangzhou

- Use the following link while booking tickets: <https://www.kenya-airways.com/en/promotions/nyanza-international-investment-conference-offer/> and leverage on these discounted rates.
- Please note that the discount applies for a travel period of between 25th June - 30th June 2024.

Airport Transfers

- Participants are required to organize their own travel to Kisumu by virtue of their organizations or through personal initiative.
- Participants are therefore expected to plan and cater for their own airport transfers ranging between KES 500 and KES 1,500 per trip.

Transport to the venue

- Ciala Resort is easily accessible from Kisumu International Airport via various transportation options, including taxis, ride-hailing services, airport shuttles and car rentals. Whether you prefer the convenience of a pre-arranged shuttle or the flexibility of a rental car, you'll find it straightforward to reach Ciala Resort.

a. Directions from the airport

- Take the Kisumu-Busia Road (B1) towards Kisumu City centre. After approximately 7 kilometers at Kachok roundabout, turn right onto the Kisumu-Kakamega Road (C34).
- Continue on the Kisumu-Kakamega Road for about 8 kilometers until you come across a signage of Ciala Resort.
- Turn left and drive for 1 kilometer until you get to Ciala resort.

b. Directions from Kisumu town

- Get to the main bus station in Kisumu city centre.
- From the main bus station, look for a matatu heading towards Kiboswa on the Kisumu-Kakamega Road. Kiboswa is a common stop, and matatus heading there are readily available.
- Get off at the Ciala Resort turn-off.
- Once you alight at the turn-off, you will need to take a boda boda (motorcycle taxi) for the final 1-kilometer stretch to Ciala Resort.

c. Organized courtesy transport by the Conference planning committee

- The Conference Secretariat has organized for courtesy transport for delegates to the Conference venue during the 2 days of the conference ie. 28th and 29 June 2024.
- These buses are scheduled to pick up and drop off delegates at designated times in the morning and evening. Pick-up and drop-off points, vehicle number plates, driver contacts and schedule will be communicated in due time.

Registration

- The registration-cum-information desk located at Ciala Resort will be open daily from **5th – 8th February 2025** and all delegates will be required to check in everyday in order to access the Conference Hall and exhibition arena.
- The event badge will be issued once and delegates will not be able to access the venue without it. All badged delegates will receive conference collateral materials.
- Please note that bags, vehicles, parcels, and clothing are subject to screening and security checks at all event venue entrances.

Meals and Refreshments

- Meals will be served for all Conference and Exhibiting Participants at the designated tent within the Conference venue. Delegates are expected to have their badges visible and submit their meal coupons in order to be served. Meals provided will be on the Conference package (teas and lunches).
- Participants are supposed to take care of their breakfast and dinners.

Medical services

- It is a requirement that you must have a valid international certificate of vaccination for Yellow Fever to enter Kenya. Delegates shall bear any medical and related costs incurred during his/her stay in the country. It is therefore strongly recommended that delegates arrange for their own health insurance before travelling.
- Kindly note that Kisumu is a malaria-prone county and delegates are advised to take antimalarial prophylactics **or** malaria prophylaxis before the Conference.

In case of any medical emergencies, the following facilities can be contacted:

1. **Aga Khan Hospital, Kisumu**

Address: Otieno Oyoo Street, Kisumu

Phone: +254 57 202 0901

2. **Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOTRH)**

Address: Kondele Area, Kisumu

Phone: +254 57 202 0581

3. **Avenue Hospital Kisumu**

Address: Ring Road, Milimani, Kisumu

Phone: +254 57 202 0037

- There will be an ambulance at the meeting (venue) which is ready to attend to emergencies before specialized treatment is sought.

Visa Requirements

- All delegates requiring a visa to travel to Kenya are advised to engage the E-Visa application platform at <https://evisa.go.ke/> as soon as possible to ensure they receive all necessary documents for the trip beforehand.

Parking

- There will be free adequate parking at the venue. During the official opening ceremony, only VVIPs and VIPS will be allowed to park inside the hotel and delegates will be given an alternative parking space.

Accommodation

- There are a variety of affordable hotels, residences and Airbnb's in Kisumu and its environs. Some notable hotels around the venue include:

Pine	Ciala Resort
Website: http://www.pineconehotel.com	Website: www.cialaresort.com
Contact: 0722290551	Contact: 0710167449
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Whirlspring Hotel Website: https://whirlspringhotelkisumu.co.ke/ Contact: 0714163314 Email: reservations@whirlspringhotelkisumu.co.ke	Royal City Hotel Website: https://royalcityhotel.co.ke/ Contact: 0702996183 Email: reception.annex@royalcityhotel.co.ke
Sellela Resort Website: https://selellaesort.co.ke/ Contact: 0790977579 / 0737688122 Email: bookings@selellaesort.co.ke	Wigot Gardens Website: https://www.wigotgardens.co.ke/ Contact: 0708112222 / 0733537429 Email: marketing@wigotgardens.co.ke
Vittoria Suites Website: https://www.vittoriasuites.com/ Contact: 0791574747 / 0780574747 Email: reservations@vittoriasuites.com	Best Western Hotel Kisumu Website: https://bit.ly/4cjWHw9 Contact: 0794675564 Email: banquets@bw-kisumu.co.ke
Imperial Express Website: sales@imperialexpress.com Contact: 0788243478 Email: sales@imperialexpress.com	Millview Hotel Kisumu Website: https://www.millsviehotel.com/ Contact: 0726266493 Email: millsviehotelfrontoffice@gmail.com
Cosy Garden Website: https://bit.ly/45vv0OL Email: cosygarden@gmail.com	Victoria Comfort Inn Website: https://www.victoriacomfortinn.com/ Contact: 0712211301 Email: reservations@victoriacomfortinn.com
The Great Lakes Hotel Website: https://bit.ly/3VqMLu3 Contact: 0702169131 Email: info@greatlakeshotel.com	Joventure Hotel Website: http://joventurehotel.com/ Contact: 0710714189 Email: info@joventurehotel.com
Royal City Garden Website: https://bit.ly/3VfCm44 Contact: 0790889698 Email: gardensales@royalcityhotel.co.ke	Le Savannah Country Lodge Website: https://www.lesavannacountrylodge.com/ Contact: 0714995510 Email: reservations@lesavannacountrylodge.com
Milimani Holiday Resort Website: https://milimanibeachresort.com/	Grand Royal Swiss Hotel Website: https://grandroyalswisshotel.com/ Contacts: 0742091343 Email: info@grandroyalswisshotel.com

Conference Contacts

There will be available support provided on a 24-hour basis for all Conference Delegates beginning 5th until 8th, February 2025. The Secretariat can be reached through the following contacts:

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