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## **Theme: Leadership in an Evolving Socio-Economic and Political Landscape**

**Venue: Kenya School of Government (KSG),  
Mombasa, Kenya**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Information Sheet - Mombasa, Kenya**

## Welcome

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) and the Kenya School of Government welcomes you to the seminar on Equipping Leaders for Institutional Transformation and Modernization, at Kenya School of Government- Mombasa.

## Quick Facts about Mombasa



Mombasa is a seaport city on the coast of Kenya, along the Indian Ocean. It is the country's oldest (circa 900 AD) and second-largest city (after the capital Nairobi), with an estimated population of about 1.5 million people. Administratively, Mombasa is the county seat of Mombasa County.

Mombasa is a regional cultural and economic hub; it has an extra-large port and an international airport and is an important regional tourism center. Mombasa is located on the east coast of Kenya; it also is the home of one of the State House (Kenya) and is considered by some as a second capital in all but name. In Mombasa County and the former Coast Province, Mombasa's situation on the Indian Ocean made it a historical trading center. Mombasa boasts a rich Swahili culture which is a mixture of Arab and African cultures. The culture dictates the food, dressing and music of the Coastal town. The local language spoken in Mombasa is Swahili.

## Leadership

Mombasa is county 001, H. E Abdullswamad Sherrif Nassir is the second Governor of the County Government of Mombasa and is serving his since August 2022 – present.

## Climate

Mombasa has a tropical wet and dry climate. The amount of rainfall depends on the season. The rainiest months are April and May, while rainfall is minimal between January and February. Located near the equator, Mombasa has only a slight seasonal temperature variation, with high temperatures ranging 28.8–33.7 °C (83.8–92.7 °F). As a seaport, Mombasa is subject to detrimental consequences of a fluctuating climate. Carry along clothing for warm weather. A cap and hat will also be advisable to shield oneself from the sun.



### **How to Get to Mombasa**

The coastal city has a good infrastructural network that connects it to Kenya's main cities like Nairobi. You can get to Mombasa by:

- By air - from Jomo-Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi to Mombasa's Moi International Airport journey is approximately 30 minutes. Carriers include, Kenya Airways, Jumbo Jet, Fly540, Ethiopian Airways, RwandAir
- By rail- Mombasa currently has a modern railway station on the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway located at Miritini, the Mombasa Terminus station links Mombasa to Nairobi. The journey takes approximately 5 hours between the two cities. Charges per adult are Ksh. 3,000 and Ksh. 1,000 for First class and economy respectively for one way.
- By road- by bus or by car you can drive for about 8 to 9 hours from Nairobi to Mombasa.

### **Visa Information**

The following countries do not require visas to enter Kenya: Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Botswana, Brunei-Darussalam, Burundi, Cyprus, Dominica, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji Islands, Gambia, The, Ghana, Grenada, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, St Lucia, St Vincent & The Grenadines, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Delegates need to submit a personalized letter of invitation from AAPAM for their visa application. Visas can be applied for in person or by post at the Kenyan High Commission based in the delegate's home country.

*Please note that AAPAM is not able to process visa applications and that letters of invitation will ONLY be issued to delegates who are intending to attend the seminar.*

## **Currency and Exchange rates in Kenya**

The Kenya monetary unit is the shilling denoted by the symbol Ksh. (Kenya Shillings). Bank notes are issued in denominations of 1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50. There are also 40, 20, 10, 5 and 1-shilling coins and a 50-cent coin. All major currencies may be exchanged at commercial banks and major hotels and foreign exchange counters. Currently the exchange rate for Kenya shillings is 1 US dollar = 110-115Ksh. However, members are advised to check on the Kenya central bank rates to be up to date with prevailing exchange rate.

## **Banking Services**

In Kenya, banking hours are from 0900h to 1600h on weekdays in most banks and 0900h to 1100h on Saturdays.

## **Automatic Teller Machines**

Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are conveniently located at most bank outlets and can be found at most shopping malls as well as in some hotel lobbies. Most ATMs accept a variety of International Banking cards such as Master Card, Visa, American Express, Diners Club etc.

## **International Phone Calls/Communication**

If you wish to make an overseas call, consult the hotel front desk or Bureau information desk. However, bear in mind that the international dialing code is +254 when dialing Kenya from outside. Mombasa's city code is (41)

Kenya has three main mobile service providers (Safaricom, Airtel, and Telkom). Should you wish to bring your own mobile telephone, check with your local service provider if the Kenya mobile networks will support international roaming. Please consult the hotel info desk for information on mobile services provided.

## **Safety and Security**

As in the case of all popular international business and holiday destinations worldwide, it is necessary to take a few precautions during your stay.

## **Emergency numbers:**

In case of emergency please call the following:

Police: +2544123111401/41222121

AAR Ambulance: +254 41 231 2405/6

St. John Ambulance Service – Coast +254 41 249 0625

## **Water**

It is advisable not to drink water directly from the tap. Bottled water is available in all stores/supermarkets and hotels.

## **Official languages**

The official language for the forum is English. Though Mombasa is a Kiswahili County, being a city, it is expected that most of the residents are familiar with basic English too.

## **Transport**

For international delegates, pick-up and drop off from the Moi International Airport Mombasa.

## **Accommodation**

Delegates are requested directly to make hotel bookings as per the accommodation list on the AAPAM website. Delegates accommodated in the recommended hotels will be picked and dropped in the morning and evening respectively for the period of training. Delegates who book their accommodation on hotels not recommended will be expected to meet their transport costs to and from the venue every day.

## **Socket**

Kenya uses the socket below hence international delegates are advised to get adaptors as appropriate.



## **Attractions in Mombasa**

- Fort Jesus
- Kilindini Harbour
- Old Town Mombasa
- Haller Park
- South coast beaches
- Mamba Village

There are other great attractions and tourist sites in the neighboring coastal counties, contact your hotels for more information.

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