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THEME:
 Anticipatory Governance and Systems Thinking –
 Leveraging Digital Technology for Public Sector Transformation

Kenya School of Government, Mombasa Campus 22nd-25th September 2026

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 THINK SYSTEMS
 LEVERAGE DIGITAL
 TRANSFORM PUBLIC VALUE

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP ! SMARTER SYSTEMS ! DIGITAL SOLUTIONS ! SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

INFORMATION SHEET

Everything you need to know for your stay in Mombasa

WELCOME

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM), in partnership with the Kenya School of Government, warmly welcomes participants to the AAPAM 6th Leadership Conference 2026, to be held from 22nd – 25th September 2026 at the Kenya School of Government (KSG), Mombasa Campus, Kenya.

This information sheet provides participants with practical information to support their preparations and stay in Mombasa — including the destination, climate, travel, immigration and visa requirements, accommodation, local transportation, currency, communication, safety and security, electricity, and other useful arrangements.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT MOMBASA



The iconic Mombasa Tusks, Moi Avenue

Mombasa is a historic coastal city in Kenya located along the Indian Ocean. It is the administrative centre of Mombasa County and an important commercial, cultural and tourism hub in East Africa.

The city is renowned for its rich Swahili heritage, historic sites, coastal environment and diverse cultural influences. Participants will have an opportunity to experience Mombasa's distinctive coastal culture, cuisine and heritage during their stay.

CLIMATE

Mombasa has a tropical coastal climate and generally experiences warm and humid conditions throughout the year. September is typically a warm period, although occasional rainfall may occur.

What to pack

Light, comfortable clothing suitable for warm weather · a light jacket or sweater for air-conditioned indoor venues · sun protection — hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.



Mombasa's palm-fringed Indian Ocean coastline

HOW TO GET TO MOMBASA

The coastal city has a good infrastructural network connecting it to Kenya's main cities, including Nairobi. You can reach Mombasa by:

✈ By Air

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Nairobi) to Moi International Airport (Mombasa) takes approximately 30 minutes. Carriers include Kenya Airways, Jambojet, Fly540, Ethiopian Airlines and RwandAir.

🚆 By Rail

The Mombasa–Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway terminus at Miritini links Mombasa to Nairobi in approximately 5 hours. One-way adult fares: Ksh.12,000 (premium class), Ksh.4,500 (first class), Ksh.1,500 (economy).

🚗 By Road

Mombasa is accessible from Nairobi and other parts of Kenya by private vehicle, taxi or scheduled bus. The drive from Nairobi takes approximately 8 to 9 hours.

VISA INFORMATION

The following countries do not require a visa to enter Kenya:

- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Brunei-Darussalam
- Cyprus
- Eritrea
- Fiji Islands
- Ghana
- Jamaica
- Lesotho
- Maldives
- Namibia
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- St Lucia
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Vanuatu
- Zimbabwe
- Bangladesh
- Botswana
- Burundi
- Dominica
- Ethiopia
- Gambia, The
- Grenada
- Kiribati
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Nauru
- Rwanda
- San Marino
- Sierra Leone
- Solomon Islands
- St Vincent & The Grenadines
- Swaziland
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Uruguay
- Zambia

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

Please note

AAPAM is not able to process visa applications. Letters of invitation will ONLY be issued to delegates who are intending to attend the forum.

IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH

A valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers arriving in Kenya from countries where yellow fever is endemic. The Kenyan Ministry of Health advises that yellow fever vaccination be administered at least 10 days before travel.

Participants are advised to ensure routine vaccinations are up to date and to seek medical advice before travel regarding recommended vaccinations and other health precautions.

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATES

The Kenyan monetary unit is the shilling, denoted by the symbol Ksh. Banknotes are issued in denominations of 1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50, with coins of 40, 20, 10, 5 and 1 shilling, plus a 50-cent coin. All major currencies may be exchanged at commercial banks, major hotels and foreign exchange bureaus.

Indicative rate

1 US Dollar ≈ 129 Ksh. Members are advised to check the Central Bank of Kenya for the prevailing exchange rate closer to travel.

BANKING SERVICES & ATMS

Banking hours are generally 0900h – 1600h on weekdays, and 0900h – 1100h on Saturdays.

ATMs are conveniently located at most bank branches, shopping malls and some hotel lobbies, and accept major international cards such as MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Diners Club.

COMMUNICATION

International phone calls

For overseas calls, consult the hotel front desk or the Bureau information desk. Kenya's international dialing code is +254; Mombasa's city code is (41).

Kenya has three main mobile service providers — Safaricom, Airtel and Telkom. If bringing your own mobile phone, check with your local provider whether Kenyan networks support international roaming.

Wi-Fi and internet access

Wi-Fi will be available at the Kenya School of Government, Mombasa Campus, subject to the venue's network arrangements. Participants are nevertheless encouraged to obtain a local SIM card or activate international roaming as a backup for connectivity while travelling around Mombasa.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Uber and Bolt are available in Mombasa for individual transportation within the city — download and set up the app before travelling. For conference-related movements, participants are advised regarding official conference transportation and scheduled transfers.

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

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Mombasa is an established destination for business and international visitors. Participants are nevertheless encouraged to observe normal precautions throughout their stay:

- Keep personal belongings and travel documents secure.
- Use reputable transportation services.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Remain aware of your surroundings, particularly when travelling at night.
- Follow guidance provided by the conference organisers and your accommodation provider.

Emergency numbers

Police: +254 41 2311140 / 122121

AAR Ambulance: +254 41 231 2405 / 6

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

WATER & OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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

The official language of the forum is English. Although Mombasa is largely a Kiswahili-speaking county, as a city, most residents are also familiar with basic English.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are encouraged to reside at the Kenya School of Government (KSG). Delegates are requested to make hotel bookings directly, as per the accommodation list published on the AAPAM website.

Delegates accommodated in the recommended hotels will be picked up and dropped off in the morning and evening, respectively, for the duration of the training. Delegates who book accommodation at hotels outside the recommended list will be expected to meet their own transport costs to and from the venue each day.

ELECTRICITY & POWER SOCKETS

Kenya uses the UK-style three-pin socket shown below. International delegates are advised to bring an appropriate adaptor.



ATTRACTIONS IN MOMBASA

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

There are other great attractions and tourist sites in the neighbouring coastal counties — contact your hotel for more information.

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