

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS TRAVELING TO RWANDA

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the 11th African Society of Human Genetics (AfSHG) Conference, jointly held with the 12th Human Heredity and Health for Africa (H3Africa) Consortium. This conference was organised in collaboration with the Rwandan Society of Human Genetics (RSHG) and the University of Rwanda (UR). It will be held here in Kigali at Radisson Blue Hotel & Convention Centre from the 19th-21st September.2018.

Below are important information to know about your travel and stay in Rwanda. We have also provided you with emergency contact details should you need medical assistance.

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

A. ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

1. RADISSON BLU HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE, KIGALI

Kimihurura Roundabout

P.O. Box 6629

Kigali, Rwanda

Tel: +250 252 252 252 / 252 253 253

Email: info.kigali@radissonblu.com

(<https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-kigali/contact>)

2. KIM HOTEL

Kigali, Rwanda
5 KG 680 Street

Tel: +250788300911

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/rw/kim.html?lang=xu>

B. CONFERENCE LOCAL/NATIONAL COORDINATORS

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C. EMERGENCIES

Rwandan National Police	112
Fire Brigade	111
Traffic Accidents	113
Ambulance (only in Kigali)	912 or +250788 622 524

II. OTHER INFORMATION

ABOUT KIGALI

Peacefully nestled along picturesque hilltops. It is a thriving African city immediately notable for its cleanliness, orderliness, and hospitality.

Kigali is a thriving African city recognized worldwide for its cleanliness, orderliness, and hospitality. It is a great place to begin or end any Rwanda journey as it's conveniently located in the geographic center of the country. The city is clean and safe, with extremely welcoming people. Travelers do enjoy exploring the great cultural activities – including several award-winning museums, burgeoning music scene, and some of East Africa's most memorable dining experiences.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE IN RWANDA

For weather updates in Kigali, Rwanda, please visit:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/rwanda/kigali/hourly>

During of the conference period, it might be a little cold during evening hours, we would therefore recommend that you bring along a sweater.

VISA

Visa is required for all visitors coming to Rwanda excluding nationals of the United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, Hong Kong, Mauritius, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi ,(for more info about requirement, visit:

<http://rdb.rw/getting-started/#entering-rwanda>

From 1st Jan 2018, Nationals of all countries receive visa upon arrival at Kigali International Airport and all land borders : <https://www.migration.gov.rw/index.php?id=13>

TRANSPORTATION

Airport transfers and daily ground transportation between the hotel and course venue has already been arranged for you.

For your personal business, please only use licensed/metered taxis. Generally, transport in Kigali is easy and accessible. From the airport to most of the places in Kigali, the cost would be around 10 to 15 thousand Rwandan Francs (Rwf), An equivalent of 12 -17\$. It can range from 5000 to 10000 Rwf (7\$-12\$) moving in the city.

MONEY

You can exchange money at different exchange bureaus, either from the airport or from all the banks in Kigali. However, using banks might take a little longer than exchange bureaus.

Most Banks open from 08.00 am – 8.00pm on weekdays (**Monday to Friday**) and on **Saturday** from 8.00am to 1.00 pm; on **Sundays** 10.00 am to 6.00pm. On the Umuganda Day, banks in Kigali open from 2.00 to 6.00pm. Credit cards are acceptable at most supermarkets, restaurants and hotels in Kigali. In the rural areas it is only money in Rwanda Francs that vendors would generally feel comfortable with.

Most banks in East Africa have difficulty accepting MasterCard. In Kigali Ecobank and Access Bank accept MasterCard withdrawals at a price.

<https://kabiza.com/kabiza-wilderness-safaris/rwanda-money-information-for-tourists-visitors/>

EXCHANGE RATE.

Exchange rates may vary from bank to bank, also from Exchange bureaus according to their location. However, the rate will not go far from the National Bank of Rwanda (BNR) rate.

As posted on September 13, 2018 at 12:00 am on NBR, here are the rates for USD and Euros.

CURRENCY	AVERAGE	BUYING	SELLING
USD	867.37	858.78	875.95
EURO	1008.37	998.035	1017.99

For more currencies, please visit <https://www.bnr.rw/index.php?id=23>

ATM MACHINES.

ATM machines are available at nearly every bank, from the airport and to the Conference venue (KCC). You can use both Visa and Mastercard as well as Credit and Debit cards, which can make life a lot easier than carrying a lot of cash with you. But on the other hand, it is always useful to carry some extra USD or Euros in Cash as backup, just in case:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowTopic-g293829-i9988-k9063556-Bank_ATM_s_in_Kigali-Kigali_Kigali_Province.html

HEALTH AND RECOMMENDATION (IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION)

A. MALARIA

Rwanda has a tropical climate – it receives rainfall most of the year hence has mosquitoes. We strongly suggest that you see your doctor about malaria precautions.

For information on vaccinations necessary before travelling to Rwanda, follow this link below:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/rwanda>

B. YELLOW FEVER

A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is only required for travellers 1 year of age and older coming from a country with risk of Yellow Fever transmission listed here below and it is only valid 10 days after the vaccination (<https://www.iamat.org/country/rwanda/risk/yellow-fever#riskcountries>)

C. EBOLA OUTBREAK

Rwanda is monitoring all travels to Rwanda with regards to the recent Ebola outbreak in DRC (<http://www.who.int/ebola/en/>).

At the moment, we haven't heard of any Ebola cases in the country. Nevertheless, the Rwandan government has put in place screening procedures for Ebola at all entry points including land borders and airports.

We wish you a good stay in Rwanda and we hope you will learn a lot from this conference.

The Organising Committee.

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