



KENYA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Welcome Note

The Local Organizing Committee of the **ASMET Satellite Application Training Course 2024** welcomes you to Nairobi, Kenya. It is our duty and pleasure to make sure your stay in Nairobi is comfortable. Below is some information that will make your stay in Nairobi more comfortable and enjoyable.

DATE AND VENUE

The course will be held from **26th February to 1st March 2024** at the Institute for Meteorological Training and Research/World Meteorological Organization Regional Training Center (IMTR/WMO-RTC), Nairobi, Kenya. The Institute is located within the Kenya Meteorological Department Headquarters, at Dagoretti Corner, along Ngong Road, about 25km from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).



Administration Block



Hostel

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

- ♦ The Government of Kenya has issued new regulations for Entry Visa into Kenya. We encourage each participant to visit the website <http://www.immigration.go.ke> and www.ecitizen.go.ke for more information on how to apply for Entry Visa to Kenya.
- ♦ A single entry E-visa is valid for 3 months

Entry requirements (On arrival)

- (i) Passport valid for at least six months

- (ii) E-visa Printout from www.ecitizen.go.ke
- (iii) Travel itinerary
- (iv) Supporting letter e.g. letter from company or invitation letter.
- (v) Hotel booking

Please note that the Government of Kenya DOES NOT issue entry visas on arrival at JKIA.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

No inoculations or vaccinations are required unless one is coming from or passing through contaminated areas. Travelers flying from countries affected by Ebola should enquire with the relevant embassies or health ministries about any requirements conditioning entry at their destination, and prepare accordingly. Allow additional time during arrival and departure to pass through enhanced medical screening. Do not travel if you are sick. Persons with fever or other Ebola-like symptoms may be taken to designated centres or have entry/exit denied. Yellow fever certificates are required for visitors coming from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Angola, Burkina Faso, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mauritania, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) (Those without this certificate are subject to quarantine).

The following are recommended;

- Vaccination against typhoid and paratyphoid fever for all visitors to Kenya.
- Malaria prophylaxis.

MEDICAL /HEALTH INSURANCE

EUMESTSAT and KMD/IMTR will not be responsible for any medical expenses which may be incurred during this course. Foreign participants are, therefore, required to obtain international medical cover, for themselves, valid for the duration of their stay in Nairobi.

ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

WMO will cover the flight tickets of the sponsored participants. Transport from and to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi will be provided by the host country. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will need advance information on the itinerary (*Date, Flight Number and time of arrival and departure*) in order to make the necessary transportation arrangements.

NOTE: KMD/IMTR driver will have a placard written "IMTR-WMO RTC".

In the event that you don't find the driver the taxi charges range between

USD 30 to 40

MONEY

The currency used in Kenya is the Kenya shilling (Ksh). The current approximate conversion rates in February 2024 (***subject to change with time***) with some of the main currencies are as follows:

- ♦ 1 US \$ - KShs. 160.5
- ♦ 1 \$ (Sterling Pound) - KShs. 202.68
- ♦ 1 Euro - KShs. 172.88

Most banks in Kenya have Bureau de Change services. Banking hours are generally from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: It is advisable that the participants carry a few dollars (Not their local currencies) to cater for any unforeseen incidental expenses.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

Credit/Debit cards are widely accepted at most hotels and shopping malls. The most popular ones are the Visa and Master Cards.

ELECTRICITY

The electric current in Kenya is 240V, 50Hz, and the plug below is usually used. If your appliances' plug has a different shape, you will require an adapter.



ACCOMMODATION

Participants' accommodation will be organized by IMTR and the details communicated to all participants before arrival. WMO will cover the accommodation expenses (incl. breakfast, lunches and dinners). There will be a morning and afternoon coffee/tea break.

NAIROBI CLIMATE IN FEBRUARY - MARCH

In Nairobi, February - March is generally a warm and dry month with instances of drizzle. The mean conditions in Nairobi in February - March are as follows:

Month	Mean Temperature °C		RH	Mean Total Rainfall (mm)	Mean Number of Rain Days
	Monthly Maximum	Monthly Minimum	Monthly mean (%)		
February	26.4	13.9	75	48.7	6
March	26.1	15.0	76	105.9	12

Weather forecasts for Nairobi can be obtained at

<http://www.meteo.go.ke/pws/wx/index.html>, and from our Facebook page: Kenya

Meteorological Department and twitter handle: @MeteoKenya

SECURITY

The organizers are not responsible for personal losses. In case you bring any valuables, large sums of money, or personal items, we recommend that you have them secured. Nairobi is generally safe but like any other city in the world, there are some areas which may not be safe especially in the evenings. You are advised to avoid dark alleys and to walk in twos or more. In the evenings, visitors are advised to take taxis that are well marked.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Kenya Meteorological Department is responsible for the local arrangements of the Workshop. Should you require further information regarding the arrangements for the Workshop, please contact:

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION

All participants are requested to register in advance using the appended Registration Form (ANNEX 1) which on completion should be emailed to Local Organizing Committee on imtr.wmo.rtc.nairobi@gmail.com with copies to irdkmd@gmail.com

TIME ZONE

Nairobi is GMT+3 all year round.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe journey.

We look forward to seeing you all in Nairobi, Kenya.