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Wednesday, December 4th – Friday, December 6th, 2024

PARTICIPANTS' INFORMATION PACKET

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Hujambo!

Thank you for registering to attend The Women and Transport x Building Feminist Cities Conference. As a conference participant you will be joining a diverse group of professionals, academics, policy-makers and public transport users. We have attendees coming from across different countries and continents. The following is an information packet designed to aid you with your preparations for travel to Nairobi. In it, you will find conference details, travel advice and accommodation options.

Please ensure that you have read through it carefully. For up-to-date information regarding the conference program and presenters, feel free to visit our website: <https://womenandtransportafrica.com/>

If you have any questions prior to or during your travels, contact us through the following:

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See you in Nairobi!

Kind regards,

The Women and Transport X Building Feminist Cities Conference Planning Committee

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About The Conference

Public transportation is notoriously unsafe for women, children, people living with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. We believe that by supporting more women to pursue careers in transport at every level, we can create safer, more accessible transport systems for everyone. Together, we must increase the visibility of women in the male dominated field of public transportation to reflect a more equitable and sustainable public transport system for everyone!

The Women and Transport Africa Conference celebrates its fifth year alongside Flone's 10th Anniversary in Nairobi, Kenya. This hybrid conference seeks to spotlight new research interventions and trends in inclusive mobility across the African continent. The conference will deep dive into the experiences of women, girls and other marginalised groups; sharing best practices, and providing networking opportunities to stakeholders. This conference will bring together change-makers such as gender and youth advocates, leaders and pioneers from research, practitioners, government, and the nonprofit sector to move forward specific and tangible ideas towards action.

The Building Feminist Cities event series is an initiative launched by Women Mobilize Women (WMW) and Safetipin to foster a global movement for resilient, feminist transport systems. After successful workshops in Philippines, Manila in 2024, and Brasilia, the series now partners with the Flone Initiative to host the series in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Flone Initiative's collaboration with Women Mobilize Women marks a significant step towards our shared vision of empowering women and promoting gender equity and inclusion in transportation and urban planning.

The objectives of the conference are:

- To raise awareness about challenges women, girls and other marginalized groups face in urban environments and transportation systems;
- To explore and promote solution that create safer, more accessible, and equitable cities for everyone;
- And to build a strong network of advocates

Our 10 year anniversary is not just a celebration of the past but a commitment to a future filled with more milestones, partnership and positive impact.

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GETTING TO NAIROBI, KENYA

Airports

There are two airport options available if you will be flying in for the conference:

1. Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. This is the main airport in Nairobi, located just outside of the city, along Mombasa Road. JKIA is the flagship airport of the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA). The airport hosts over 40 passenger airlines and 25 cargo airlines. It is Kenya's largest aviation facility, and the busiest airport in East Africa. JKIA is also the HQ of Kenya's main airline, Kenya Airways. (15 km from city centre)
2. Wilson Airport. This is a much smaller airport that mainly caters to regional travel to/from East and Central Africa. It is located along Langata Rd. Domestic flights constitute 90% of the total flights from the Airport with international flights accounting for 10%. The Airport is a fast and convenient gateway from Nairobi into Kenya's magical interior lands. Destinations served include Maasai Mara, Mombasa, Amboseli, Lamu, Kilimanjaro Diani, Lokichogio and Nanyuki. (6 km from city centre)

Visa and Vaccine Information

For information regarding country-specific visa requirements (including countries which are exempt) please refer to:

<https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=6>. Generally, a citizen of a foreign country wishing to enter The Republic of Kenya must first obtain an e-Visa via <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>. A single entry visa costs approximately USD 51.

Please note that passport holders of the following countries CANNOT make e-Visa applications online. They will require Referred Visas. The visa applications are referred to the Director of Immigration services for processing and approval: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Formerly North Korea), Eritrea, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan and Yemen. Please contact your local Kenyan High Commission for more information regarding Referred Visas.

If needed, we are willing to provide a letter of invitation or of confirmation of registration for the purpose of the visa application. Please contact us through witconference@floneinitiative.org to arrange this.

All travellers are required to have a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate in order to gain entry to Kenya. Vaccinations against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Poliomyelitis for children and Hepatitis A and Typhoid for adults are recommended. Although Nairobi is considered safe, those travelling outside of the capital are advised to bring along anti-malarial medication. For more information, please visit:

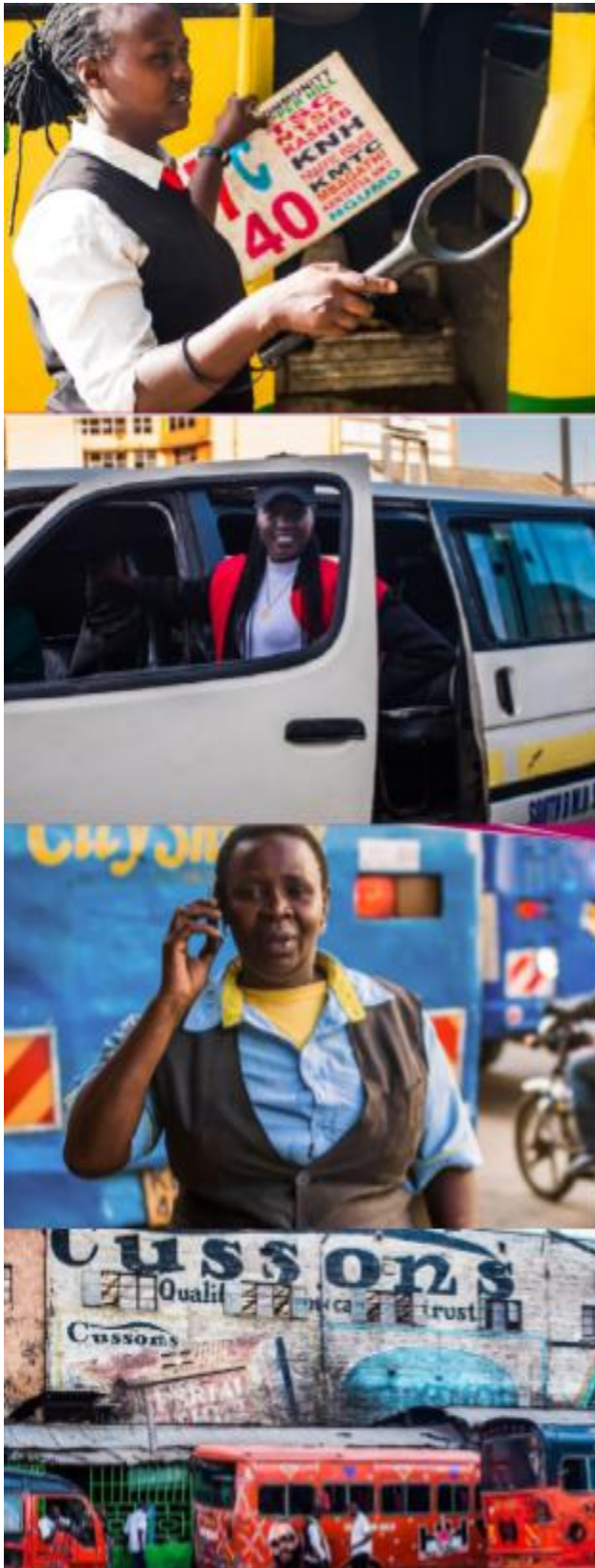
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/kenya>

In summary, you will be asked to show the following on arrival (depending on your circumstances):

1. A passport valid for at least 6 months
2. eVisa printout from www.eCitizen.go.ke
3. Travel itinerary
4. Supporting letter e.g. letter from company or invitation letter from conference
5. Hotel booking confirmation letter
6. A valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate

Plastic Bag Ban

On 28th August 2017, the Kenyan government imposed a ban on the use, manufacture and importation of all plastic bags for commercial and household packaging. While this is fantastic for our natural environment, we understand that it may pose some challenges at customs for those travelling from countries with no such ban. Please avoid packing your belongings using plastic bags to avoid delays at the airport. It is unlikely that it will be strictly enforced (you might have to throw away the plastic bags at the airport), but take note just in case.



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Getting Around

The venue Nairobi Safari Park is located along Thika Road, easily accessible from most parts of the city. Public transportation options to the venue can be found on [Google Maps](#). Buses are available from major bus stops including Odeon on Tom Mboya Street in Nairobi Central Business District.

Public transport facilities to/from the airport are limited, so taxi transfers are recommended. Airport transfers, provided by airport based taxis, may generally cost between KES1000 - KES3000 (\$7-\$25) depending on traffic conditions and your destination.

Ride share apps such as Uber, Bolt and LittleCab are also available. For the brave-hearted, public service motorcycles are a popular option for getting around Nairobi. Ride share apps such as Uber or Bolt will allow you to request a motorcycle pick-up from most locations.

Unless otherwise informed, conference attendees are expected to cater the cost of their own local transport and airport transfers.

Kenyan Currency

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (KES). Forex exchange services are available at the airport and all over the city. The following are the exchange rates with other common currencies for reference, as of 16th October 2024¹:

1 USD = 129.00 KES

1 EUR = 140.58 KES

1 GBP = 168.60 KES

There are ATM machines at the airport and at all banks. Most establishments (including taxis) accept either cash or mobile money payments (M-Pesa, Airtel Money). Credit cards are accepted at supermarkets and hotels, but only at some restaurants.

Language

English and Swahili are the official languages of the Republic of Kenya. Swahili is also the national language. Although Swahili is more widely spoken, most Kenyans living in Nairobi (especially staff at hotels and restaurants) have a conversational understanding of English. The conference will be held in English. There will be sign language interpreters present on Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3 for all the main sessions.

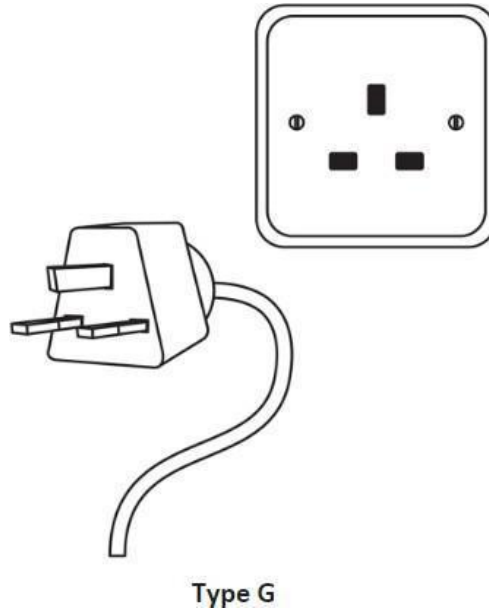
Weather

In December, Nairobi typically experiences warm and pleasant weather. Daily temperatures are likely to average around 25°C (high) and 15°C (low). Though the chance of rain is lower, it's still advisable to be prepared for occasional showers during the conference.

Electrical Compatibility

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In Kenya the standard voltage is 240 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Kenya, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). The power sockets are type G.





Accommodation Options

Unless otherwise informed, it is the responsibility of conference attendees to arrange their own accommodation. For key- note speakers whose accommodation will be catered for by the conference, extras such as phone calls and use of the minibar need to be covered at your own expense. Below is a list of recommended hotels that are easily accessible from the conference venue. This is just a small selection of hotels. Depending on your preference, services such as Airbnb are also available.

Name of hotel and contact details	Location and distance from venue	Approximate room rates (per night)
Nairobi Safari Park Hotel Email: reservations@safariparkhotel.co.ke Tel: +254 (0) 20 3633000	Thika Road, Nairobi (Conference Location)	Standard Room: USD 140 or KES 14,500 (Single) Deluxe Room: USD 160 or KES 16,600 (Double)
Fairmont The Norfolk Hotel https://www.fairmont.com/norfolk-hotel-nairobi/ Toll Free (Room Reservations only): 1 888 451 7070 Email: kenya.reservations@fairmont.com TEL + 254 (0) 20 2265000 FAX + 254 (0) 20 2216796	Harry Thuku Road, Nairobi. (9.9Km, 11 min drive)	USD 171 or KES 22,095 (Twin)
Nairobi Safari Club (Lillian Towers) http://www.nairobisafariclub.com/index.aspx Pilot line: +254 020 2821000 Tel : +254 722 208 782 Email: reservations@nairobisafariclub.com	University Way/Koinange Street intersection, Nairobi (10.4Km, 11 min drive)	USD 92 or KES 11,884 (Twin)
Blue Springs Hotel https://bluespringshotel.co.ke/ Email: info@bluespringshotelkenya.com Tel: +254 721 219 764	Thika Road, Nairobi (1Km, 14 min walk, 3 min drive)	Standard Room: USD 50 or KES 5,400 (Single) Deluxe Room: USD 70 or KES 7,600 (Double)

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<p>Trademark Hotel</p> <p>https://www.trademark-hotel.com/</p> <p>Email: reservations@trademark-hotel.com</p>	<p>Village Market, Gigiri, (8.5Km, 15 min drive from venue)</p>	<p>Standard: USD 170 or KES 18,500 (Single)</p> <p>Deluxe: USD 200 or KES 21,500 (Double)</p>
<p>The Concord Hotel & Suites</p> <p>https://www.theconcordhotels.com/</p> <p>Email: info@theconcordhotels.com</p> <p>Tel: +254 709 466 000</p>	<p>Parklands, Nairobi (6.8Km, 10 min drive from venue)</p>	<p>Standard: USD 120 or KES 13,000 (Single)</p> <p>Deluxe: USD 150 or KES 16,500 (Double)</p>
<p>Jacaranda Hotel Nairobi</p> <p>https://www.jacarandahotels.com/</p> <p>Email: reservations@jacarandahotels.com</p> <p>Tel: +254 20 4448713</p>	<p>Westlands, Nairobi (9.5Km, 12 min drive from venue)</p>	<p>Standard: USD 100 or KES 11,500 (Single)</p> <p>Deluxe: USD 130 or KES 14,900 (Double)</p>
<p>Mövenpick Hotel & Residences Nairobi</p> <p>https://movenpick.accor.com/</p> <p>Email: hotel.nairobi@movenpick.com</p> <p>Tel: +254 709 548 000</p>	<p>Mkungu Close, Westlands (10Km, 14 min drive from venue)</p>	<p>Standard Room: USD 180 or KES 19,800 (Single)</p> <p>Deluxe Room: USD 200 or KES 22,000 (Double)</p>
<p>Sarova Stanley Hotel</p> <p>https://www.sarovahotels.com/</p> <p>Email: reservations@sarovahotels.com</p> <p>Tel: +254 20 276 7000</p>	<p>Kimathi Street, Nairobi CBD (11Km, 18 min drive from venue)</p>	<p>Standard: USD 140 or KES 15,500 (Single)</p> <p>Deluxe: USD 160 or KES 17,800 (Double)</p>

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Emergency Contacts

We recommend that you arrange for travel medical insurance prior to your trip. The phone number for national emergency services is 999. However, this line is poorly manned, and you may encounter challenges with this option. If you need to reach the **Police**, call: 999, 112 or 911. If you need to reach the **Fire department**, call: 999 / 020-2222181 / 020-2222182 / 020-2344599. In case of a medical emergency, these are the contacts of some of the facilities located in the area:

Name of hospital and contact details	Location and distance from venue	Type of facility
Aga Khan Hospital <i>Call an ambulance</i> E-Plus Telephone: +254 (0) 700 395 395/ 0738 395 395 Critical Care: +254 (0) 728 918 000 <i>Adult A&E department</i> Telephone: +254 (0) 20 366 2021/2028 Mobile: +254 (0) 735 984 792 <i>Paediatric A&E department</i> Telephone: +254 (0) 20 366 2031 Mobile: +254 (0) 731 009 297	The Accident & Emergency Department entrance is located on 3rd Parklands Avenue, next to the main entrance of the hospital. (3-4 km from venue)	Private hospital. Ample facilities.
Nairobi Hospital For outpatient services call: +254 (0) 703 073 000 or +254 (020) 8895604 Ambulance: 0702 200 200	A&E uses the main hospital entrance along Argwings Kodhek Road (12.8 Km km from venue)	Private hospital. Ample facilities
Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) KNH Hotline: 020 2737390 Referral: 0719 510510 KNH Disaster Management: 0797 398094	A&E entrance is located along Hospital Road, off Ngong Road (14.3 km from venue)	Public national hospital, likely to be crowded
Kenya Red Cross Tel: +254 02 3950000 Cell: +254 703 037000 Toll Free HOTLINE: 1199 Email: info@kenyaredcross.org	Address: South C, RedCross Road, Off Popo Road, P.O. Box. 40712, 00100 (17.2 km from venue)	Ambulance service

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The Venue

The 2024 Women and Transport Africa x Building Feminist Cities Conference in Nairobi, Kenya will be held at the Nairobi Safari Park Hotel, located along Thika Road, Nairobi. The hotel offers world-class conference facilities with a serene environment suitable for both indoor and outdoor events. The venue is wheelchair accessible, ensuring ease of movement for all attendees.



Directions to the Venue

The Nairobi Safari Park Hotel is situated on Thika Road and is easily accessible from major parts of the city. For those using public transport, the hotel is close to major bus routes and taxi services, including Uber and Bolt. The hotel is approximately 30 minutes from Nairobi Central Business District (CBD) depending on traffic conditions.

For more precise directions, please refer to the following [Google Maps link](#).



Dress Code

Conference attendees are advised to don business-casual attire

Security Information

Please bring a copy of your passport/national identification card with you to the conference. You will need this to complete registration on the day. Once this is complete, you will receive a nametag which you should keep with you at all times during the conference so that you will be granted entry to the venue.

Catering

Your registration entitles you to the following for the duration of the conference:

- Tea, coffee and snacks during breaks
- Lunch

Vegetarian options will be available. Please email us (witconference@floneinitiative.org) if you have any allergies or any other dietary restrictions.

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