

The Africa Climate Talks (ACT!)

East, Southern and Indian
Ocean African SIDS

September 3-5, 2015



Information for participants



 United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa



Conference venue

The Africa Climate Talks (ACT!) will be held at Mwalimu Julius International Conference Centre (JNICC). This is a state-of-the-art convention centre that lies in the heart of Dar es Salaam city, a major gateway to the world renowned “southern tourist circuit”, the “coastal tourist circuit”, and Zanzibar in Tanzania. JNICC has 12 conference rooms that can seat 5 - 300 flexible styles including theatre, classroom, conference, half-moons, hollow-squares, horse shoe, etc. The largest hall can accommodate 1003 delegates theatre style. Facilities include SIS of up to 4 languages, audio visuals, LCD projectors and internet facilities. Dar es Salaam, the largest city and business centre in Tanzania, has a wide range of luxury and budget hotels. It also has a number of traditional and international restaurants offering rich diversity of cuisine. If you come to JNICC for a meeting you can combine business with pleasure by pre or post conference tours to exotic tourist places such as Zanzibar, Mikumi National Park, Ruaha National Park, Selous Game Reserve, Saadani National Park, Mafia Marine Park, Serengeti National Park, Mount Kilimanjaro, etc. JNICC can also arrange for your hotel bookings and ticket re-confirmation. Please visit <http://www.aicc.co.tz> for more details.

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Hotel information

Block booking of hotels has been done in four hotels (Please see Appendix 1 for more details). Participants will be assigned to one of the listed hotels.

Visa information

The organizers have made arrangements for participants to receive a visa on arrival. For the visa to be processed, kindly ensure you bring the visa letter (sent by the University of Dar es Salaam) and present it to the immigration at Dar es Salaam airport.

Local transportation

A shuttle bus service will be available for participants at Dar es Salaam airport to transport participants to their hotel. Further information will be available at the ACT! Meet & Great desk at the airport.

Registration

Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the meeting. There will be a documentation desk at the venue, outside the conference room where participants will receive an information package.

Language

The Conference working languages will be English, French and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in these languages. Conference documents will however only be available in English and French.

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

DSA will be provided to sponsored participants in Dar es Salaam at the conference venue (exact place and time will be announced at the conference). Only participants travelling from outside Dar es Salaam will receive DSA.

Health care

Participants should ensure that routine vaccinations are up to date, including hepatitis A, rabies and typhoid. In case of accident or illness during the meeting, the participant must immediately inform a member of the Organizing Committee through the contact persons. Participants should ensure that they are adequately insured, at their own expense, against illness, accident, temporary disability, death and damage to third parties for the duration of the meeting. ECA does not assume any responsibility or liability for such risks.

Below is a list of a few clinics in Dar es Salaam:

Muhimbili National Hospital	<i>Please Visit http://www.mnh.or.tz</i>
Aga Khan Hospital	<i>Please Visit http://www.agakhanhospitals.org/dar</i>
AAR Hospital	<i>Please Visit http://www.aarhealth.com</i>
Regency Hospital	<i>Please Visit http://www.regencymedicalcenter.com</i>

Money

The basic unit is the Tanzanian shilling. Participants are advised to carry American dollars, Euro, Sterling Pound, etc for use during the conference. Major credit cards are accepted in many hotels and supermarkets but it is advisable to carry some cash. Visitors can take in any amount of foreign currency and no currency declaration is required. Foreign currency in cash may be exchanged at any branch of the commercial banks or through authorized dealers and at Bureau de Change (“Forex bureau”), at the international airports, major towns, and border posts. The exchange rates for September 2015 are anticipated to be:-

1 USD will range between **2,100** to **2,300** Tanzania Shillings

1 Euro between **2,300** to **2,600** Tanzania Shillings

1 Sterling Pound between **3,300** to **3,500** Tanzanian Shillings

Bank and Bureau de Change working hours are between: **08:30AM** to **04:30PM**

Customs, Duty-Free Item

Personal effects, including binoculars, cameras and film, may be brought in free of duty. A custom’s bond may be demanded from those bringing in video/ filming equipment, radios, tape recorders and musical instruments to ensure the goods are re-exported. Firearms require a special permit. Duty free allowances are 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 250 grammes of tobacco plus one pint of spirits, provided the traveler is over 16. Visitors buying local handcraft must keep sales receipts for presentation to customs officials on departure.

Climate

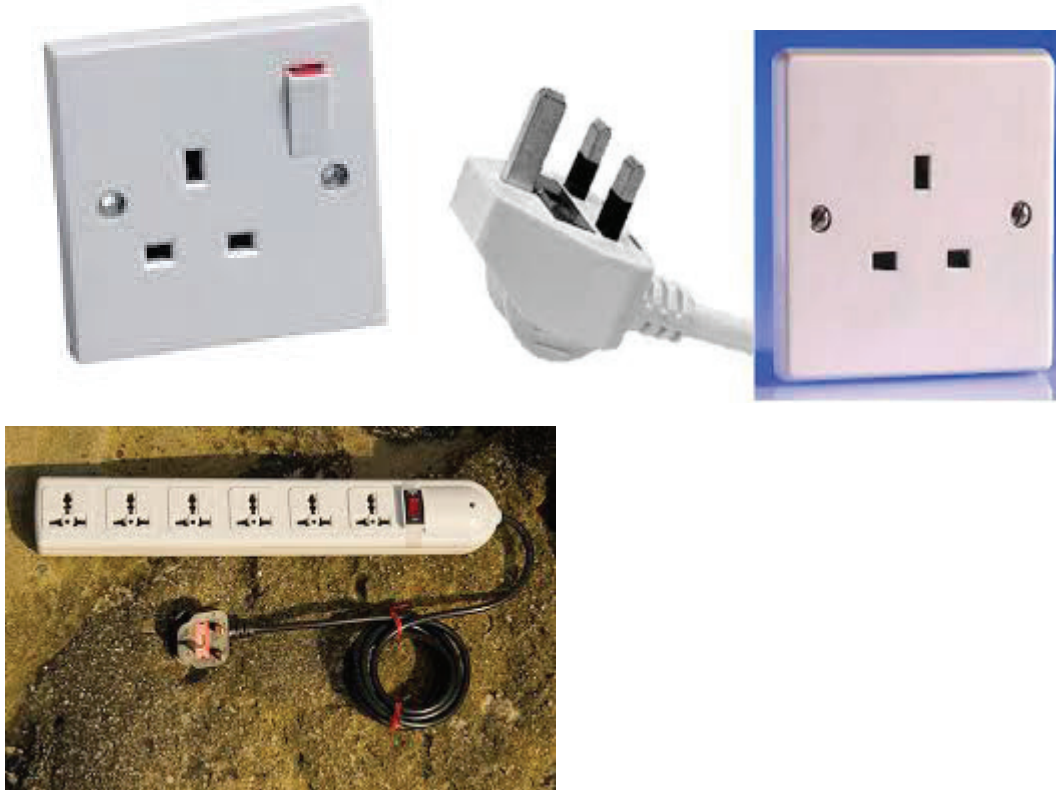
Due to close proximity to the equator and the warm Indian Ocean, Dar es Salaam experiences tropical climatic conditions, typified by hot and humid weather throughout much of the year. It has a tropical wet and dry climate (Köppen: Aw). Annual rainfall is approximately 1,100 mm (43 in), and in a normal year there are two rainy seasons: “the long rains” in April and May and “the short rains” in in November and December. The temperature in Dar es Salaam in September varies between 21°C during the night and 32°C during the day.

Time zone

Tanzania time zone is GMT+3

Electricity supply

Electricity supply in Tanzania is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp, two pin (European) socket + Neutral. An image of this socket type is included below.



General Information about Dar es Salaam

Dar es Salaam literally “the residence of peace”; or simply Dar, is Tanzania’s largest and richest city. It is the largest city in Eastern Africa by population, and is a regionally important economic centre. It is Tanzania’s most prominent city in arts, fashion, media, music, film and television. It is Tanzania’s leading financial centre with the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) being the country’s first and most important stock exchange market. Dar es Salaam is the largest and most populous Swahili speaking city in the world. It is the capital of the Dar es Salaam Region Administrative Municipalities and consists of three boroughs or Administrative Districts: Kinondoni, Ilala, and Temeke. The City is the leading arriving and leaving point for most tourists who visit touristic areas in Tanzania like the national parks for safaris and the Islands of Zanzibar. The Region has a population of 4,364,541 as of the official 2012 census. Although Dar es Salaam lost its status as the nation’s capital to Dodoma in 1974 (not completed until 1996), it remains the focus of the permanent Central Government Bureaucracy. Most decisions made by people in power within the city of Dar es Salaam affect the entire nation of Tanzania.

Best Time to Visit Tanzania

The Tanzanian climate is tropical. The Central plateau is dry and arid with hot days and cool nights, while the North-west highlands are cool and temperate. June to September is the cooler season. The “long rains”

are from - March to May and the “short rains” are between October and December. The hottest months are between October and February. On the coast, it rains in November and December and from March to May. Coastal areas are hot and humid although sea breezes cool the area pleasantly between June and September.

Activities

- Sightseeing* Tanzania is indeed Unsurpassed Africa in the bounty of its wildlife and the beauty of the land: Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest mountain; all of Africa’s Great Lakes; the best game parks in the world; hiking and nature trails such as the Usambara Mountains; the fabulous Island of Zanzibar.
- Water sports* With its long Indian Ocean coast and its shores on the Great Lakes, Tanzania is a dream world for water enthusiasts: big-game fishing, freshwater fishing, diving, snorkeling, swimming and just relaxing on the beaches.
- Shopping* Locally made products are available at good prices: batiks, Tingatinga paintings, carvings (especially the Makonde artwork), basket ware, jewelers of all kinds, textiles, and more.

General Security Matters

Tanzania is one of the most peaceful countries in the world characterized with a Stable political system. However visitors and tourists should be very careful while in the cities. In case of any unusual incidences, participants should report to the nearest Police Station or dial 112.

Telephone

In major towns, there are facilities for local and international calls, either through communication companies or by phone cards. For those calling into Tanzania, the country code is +255. However, there are roaming services through VODACOM and AIRTEL telecommunication companies. In case one would want to purchase a local sim card, you can do so through VODACOM, AIRTEL, TIGO and ZANTEL companies at approximately USD 5.00.

Appendix I: Hotels

Hotel Name	Category	Phone #	Email	Single Standard room BB(*) HT	Double BB(*) HT
Southern Sun	4 Star	+255 753447262	allens@southern-sun.co.tz reservations@southern-sun.co.tz	USD 218.5	USD\$245
Hyatt Regency	5 Star	+255 753447262	Lona.brown@hyatt.com	USD 275	USD310
Serena hotel	5 Star	+255 753447262	slusala@serena.co.tz	USD 220	USD246.50
New Africa Hotel	4 Star	+255 753447262	sales2@newafrica-hotel.com	USD 166.5	USD186.50

Appendix II: Selected Restaurants in Dar es Salaam

City Garden

City Centre

Serengeti Restaurant

Serena Hotel, Ohio Street, City Centre

Baraza Grill Café and Bar

Southern Sun Hotel, Garden Avenue, City Centre

Akemi Tanzania's Revolving Restaurant

Golden Jubilee Towers, Ohio Street, City Centre
+255 687 360 360

New Africa Hotel

Azikiwe Street, City Centre
+255 22 211 7050 / 51

Mokka City Café and Lounge

Samora Avenue, City Centre
+255 789 308 160

Blue Rock Spur at IT Plaza

Garden Avenue/ Ohio Street, City Centre
+255 225 500 067

Coral Ridge Spurs

Sea Cliff Village, Masaki
+255 767 700 657

Cape Town Fish Market

Msasani off Kimweri Avenue

+255 758 555 366

Karambezi Café

Sea Cliff Hotel, Masaki

+255 763 935 867 / +255 757 070 749



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