

IOC Sub Commission for Africa & the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA)

Scientific Conference on Advancing the Blue Economy in Africa

8th Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA-VIII)

Mombasa, Kenya | 5–9 May 2025

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Version 2 – April 2025

1. Meeting Venues

Scientific Conference (5–6 May 2025)

 Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI)

Silo Road, English Point, Nyali

P.O. Box 81651–80100, Mombasa, Kenya

Tel: +254 41 475 151

Website: www.kmfri.go.ke

8th Session of IOCAFRICA (IOCAFRICA-VIII) (7–9 May 2025)

 PrideInn Paradise Beach Resort, Convention Centre and Spa

Shanzu Beach, Mombasa, Kenya

Tel: +254 709 532 000

Website: www.prideinnparadise.com

2. Accommodation

For Scientific Conference Participants:

 CityBlue Creekside Hotel & Suites

Tudor Creek, Mombasa

Tel: +254 709 264 000

Website: www.citybluehotels.com

For IOCAFRICA-VIII Participants:

 PrideInn Paradise Beach Resort (Session Venue)

Please indicate your affiliation with the event when booking to benefit from the negotiated rates.

3. Shuttle Transfers

Shuttle services will be available as follows:

- Daily transfers between CityBlue Hotel and KMFRI during the Conference (5–6 May).
- A dedicated shuttle will operate on the evening of 6 May from CityBlue Hotel to PrideInn Paradise Hotel for participants attending both events.
- Airport transfers will be provided between Moi International Airport (MBA) and official hotels upon arrival and departure (until 10 May).

4. Registration and Badging

Participants must register online: <https://rb.gy/fl4qgr> (conference participants only)

- Badges will be issued at:

- KMFRI entrance (5 May from 08:00)
- PrideInn Paradise lobby (6 May from 18:00 and 7 May from 08:00)

Badges must be worn at all times.

5. Languages and Documents

Working languages: English and French

Simultaneous interpretation will be available (IOCAFRICA Session only).

All documents for the IOCAFRICA Session will be available online:

<https://oceanexpert.org/event/4677#documents>,

6. Visa and Entry Requirements

Participants are responsible for obtaining their visa.

Apply online: <https://evisa.go.ke>

7. Health, Safety and Emergency Support

Standard health protocols will apply.

Reference hospital: Aga Khan Hospital, Mombasa

Emergency contact details will be provided in the final bulletin.

8. Currency and Local Time

Currency: Kenyan Shilling (KES)

Time Zone: UTC +3 (East Africa Time)

International cards accepted. ATMs available at hotels and malls.

9. Contacts

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Host Country Focal Point: to be confirmed in the final bulletin.