



Logistics Information

20th meeting of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC20)

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1. LOCATION

Kisumu is the third largest city in Kenya, after the capital, Nairobi, and Mombasa; and is located in the West of the Country. It sits on the North Eastern shores of the beautiful Lake Victoria and is practically on the equator with an altitude of 1100metres.

Kisumu is one of the premier industrial and commercial centres of Kenya and is currently undergoing an urban rejuvenation which includes modernizing the lake front, decongesting main streets, and making the streets more pedestrian friendly. It is an important link in the trade route between Lake Victoria and Mombasa due to it's water and rail connections.

Attractions in the city include Kibuye Market, Oile Market, the Kisumu Museum, an impala sanctuary, a bird sanctuary and Hippo Point.

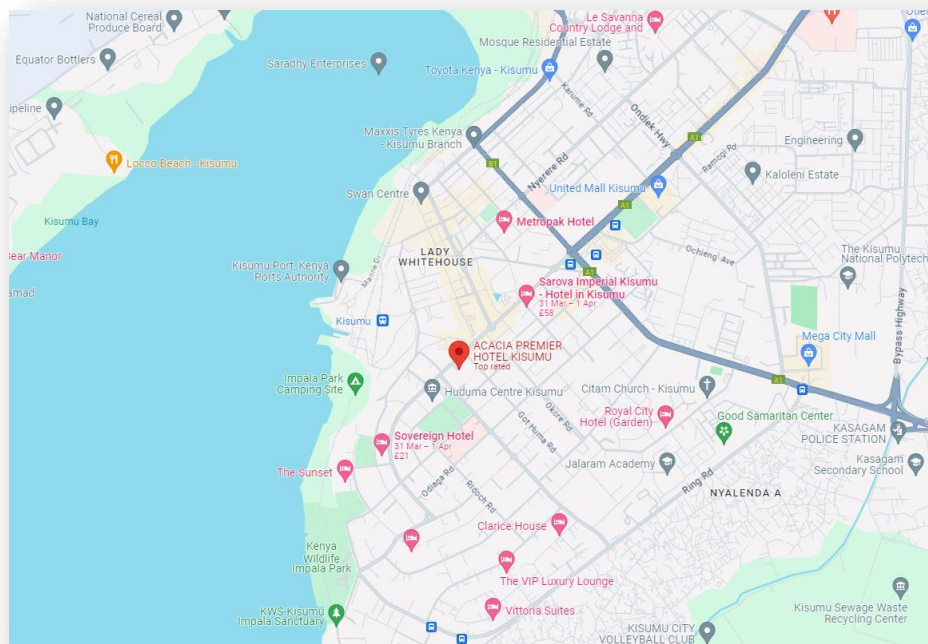


2. CONFERENCE DATES

Monday 16 September 2024	SAIHC Capacity Building Seminar (Hybrid)
Tuesday 17 September	SAIHC20 Conference Day One (Hybrid)
Wednesday 18 September	SAIHC20 Conference Day Two (Hybrid)
Thursday 19 September (0830-1200)	SAIHC20 Conference Day Three (Hybrid)
Thursday 19 September (1300-1700)	General Principles of IALA Maritime Buoyage System and Risk Assessment (in person only)

3. CONFERENCE VENUE

SAIHC20 will be held at **The Acacia Premier Hotel** in Kisumu, Kenya.



The full address of the venue is:

The Acacia Premier Hotel
Achieng' Oneko Road
Kisumu
Kenya

<https://acaciapremier.com/>

The Acacia Premier is situated in the prime leafy suburb of Milimani and straddles the shores of Lake Victoria. It is the perfect launch pad to explore Kisumu, for further information on areas of interest visit: <https://acaciapremier.com/explore-kisumu/>

4. ACCOMMODATION & AIRPORT TRANSFERS

SAIHC20 participants are encouraged to stay at the same venue ([The Acacia Premier Hotel](#)) as the conference, to promote networking.

The hotel is holding 40 standard rooms for SAIHC20 delegates until **Monday 15 April 2024. You must book your hotel room by this date to guarantee availability.**

To book your hotel room at The Acacia Premier Hotel, please follow the below steps:

1. Email reservations@acaciapremier.com

2. Quote booking reference **SAIHC20 (this ensures you get the discounted rate)**

Check in is from 14.00.

Check out is at 10.00.

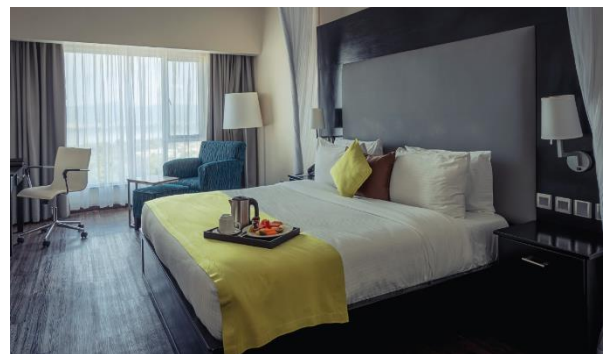
If you require an earlier check in or later check out time, please inform the hotel when making your booking and they will advise if this is possible. There may be an additional charge.

If you choose to stay at The Acacia hotel, we encourage you to book your **Airport transfer** directly with Reservations at the same time as you book your accommodation. The cost of the transfer has been quoted at 22USD per person each way. At the latest, transfers should be booked 2 weeks' prior to your arrival.

All transport is to be arranged by the delegates themselves. UK, SAIHC hosts, are not involved in the hotel or transportation bookings.

The Acacia Premier Hotel has many amenities, these include:

- Wellness Spa
- Fully equipped Gym
- Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Coffee Shop
- All-Day Dining Room
- Bar
- Pool Bar and Grill
- Business Centre
- Meetings and Events Facilities



If you wish to stay in another nearby hotel, below you will find a list of recommended alternatives:

1. Sovereign Hotel, Kisumu - [Sovereign Hotel](#) (approximately 10min' walk or 2min' drive)
2. Sarova Hotel, Kisumu - [Hotel in Kisumu Kenya | Sarova Imperial Hotel Kisumu \(sarovahotels.com\)](#) (approximately 10min' walk or 2min' drive)

5. TRAVELLING TO KISUMU

International flights:

International flights will fly into Nairobi Airport (Jomo Kenyatta International Airport), from here you will then need to arrange an internal flight to Kisumu International Airport.

Kenya Airways ([Kenya Airways | The Pride of Africa \(kenya-airways.com\)](https://kenya-airways.com)) run 3 flights per day between Nairobi and Kisumu, with a flight time of approximately 50 minutes.

6. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND VISAS

On 12 December 2023 the President of Kenya announced that Kenya would be visa-free from January 2024.

Visitors to Kenya are now required to [apply online for an electronic travel authorisation](#) in advance of travel. Some exemptions apply and can be found in full on the [website of the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority](#).

Travellers who currently hold a valid visa can continue to travel using their visa until its expiry.

Further information on immigration requirements can be found on the websites of the [Kenyan Department of Immigration](#) and the [Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority](#).

It is SAIHC20 delegates' own responsibility to ensure you have the necessary travel documents to travel and enter Kenya.

7. VACCINATIONS

Travellers should be up to date with routine vaccination courses and boosters.

We would recommend you visit the below website which will provide you with further information on vaccination and anti-malarial requirements, and other health risks within Kenya. **Please note, you will need to provide proof of Yellow Fever vaccination upon entry into Kenya.**

[NaTHNaC - Kenya \(travelhealthpro.org.uk\)](https://travelhealthpro.org.uk)

Please speak to a medical expert in your own country for further guidance.

8. CURRENCY

Kenyan Shillings (KSH) is the official currency, however United States Dollars (USD) is also widely accepted and is often the preferred method of payment for services and activities e.g. Safari, Kenyan hotels etc.

9. LANGUAGE

Swahili and English are the main spoken languages.

10. WEATHER AND CLIMATE

In September Kisumu generally has high temperatures and high rainfall. Daytime temperatures are approximately 28°C, while nights can cool down to about 19°C.

The average rainfall is 100mm for the month.

11. HEALTH AND EMERGENCY

The emergency number in Kenya is **999**.

Police Emergency Hotline: 911

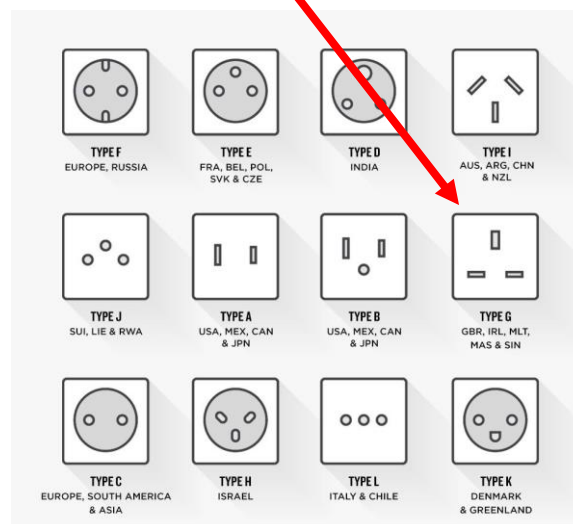
Safaricom Emergency Number: 0800 720002

Covid-19 Emergency Number: 719

Kisumu District Hospital is a public hospital approximately 4mins' drive from The Acacia Premier Hotel.

12. POWER/ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

In Kenya, power plugs and sockets of Type G are used. The standard voltage is 240v at a frequency of 50HZ.



13. SAIHC20 KEY CONTACTS

For any questions relating to the SAIHC20 Plenary and Agenda please contact SAIHC Secretary, Mrs Natalie Clatworthy-Cox on natalie.clatworthy-cox@ukho.gov.uk.

For any Logistics questions please contact SAIHC20 Host, Mrs Nicky Willoughby, on nicky.willoughby@ukho.gov.uk.

For any questions for the hotel please email reservations@acaciapremier.com.