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AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE – 23<sup>RD</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

MOMBASA, KENYA

*“The Future of Legislative Drafting in Africa – What lies ahead?”*

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1. **Background**

- The CALC Africa Regional Conference is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, in Mombasa, Kenya.
- The Parliament of Kenya and the Office of the Attorney General are co-hosting the conference.

## 2. Venue

The Conference will be held at Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa. A cursory view of the hotel and its facilities can be viewed here: <https://www.sarovahotels.com/whitesands-mombasa/>.

## 3. About Mombasa

- Mombasa is the second largest city in Kenya and is a coastal town situated along the Indian Ocean. Mombasa has a vast history spanning centuries characterized by the Arab Occupation of the East African Coast and the onset of colonialization.
- The city is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites (Fort Jesus and Mombasa Old Town) and offers a vast variety of tourist activities including deep sea diving, snorkeling, paragliding and Arab/Swahili culinary culture.
- The Weather in October ranges from 30 Degrees Celsius (High) to 22 Degrees Celsius (Low) and is generally warm and humid.

## 4. Programme

- The Conference theme is *“The Future of Legislative Drafting in Africa – What lies ahead?”*.
- This theme will guide the conversations around the challenges and opportunities present in the practice of legislative drafting in Africa.
- The conference will be a two-and-a-half-day event from 23<sup>rd</sup> October as follows:
  - ❖ **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM (EAT)
  - ❖ **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM (EAT) **and Gala Dinner** from 7.00 PM
  - ❖ **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM (EAT)

## 5. Call for Papers

We are now seeking submissions for Conference papers. We would especially welcome papers on matters of particular interest to legislative drafters working in African jurisdictions.

Papers should be relatively short, with successful submissions for individual presentations likely to be granted a slot of 20 minutes at the conference. Papers could alternatively suggest delivery of workshops or panel sessions.

If you wish to submit a paper, please send a 100 word abstract, and a short biography, to Dr Johnson Okello with the subject line "Submission for CALC Africa Conference

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## **6. Accommodation**

Limited accommodation is available at the Conference venue, Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa, at a special rate for registered delegates of \$US 160 / 190 per person. To ask about delegate rates, contact the hotel directly:

[yvonne.omari@sarovahotels.com](mailto:yvonne.omari@sarovahotels.com)

There are various other accommodation options nearby and we hope to be able to provide additional information on applicable rates for registered delegates in due course.

## **7. Travel**

- Moi International Airport in Mombasa, is an international airport with direct international flights landing in Mombasa.
- All major airlines such as Emirates, Qatar, KLM, Air France, Air India, British Airways, and Ethiopian Airlines fly to Kenya either with direct flights to Mombasa or by codeshare with other regional flights to Mombasa.
- Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi is an international aviation hub servicing flights from all major cities in the world with connecting flights to Moi International Airport in Mombasa.
- Local flights from Nairobi to Mombasa take an hour.
- The standard gauge railway from Nairobi to Mombasa is an additional transport option from the Capital City. (First Class tickets on the train cost USD.30 and Regular Tickets cost USD 10). The train takes around 6 Hours from Nairobi to Mombasa. Reservations can be made online. The Training Station is five Minutes away from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

## 8. Visa Requirements

- A citizen of a foreign country, wishing to enter The Republic of Kenya, generally must first obtain an E-Visa. The Application can be accessed via <https://evisa.go.ke/>.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published various countries (referred to as Category 1 Countries) that are exempt from the Visa Requirement to Access Kenya. This list of visa-exempt countries can be accessed here: <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=6>.
- Countries that require Visas prior to travelling to Kenya (referred to as Category 2 Countries) are also published here: <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=6>.
- There are also countries whose citizens cannot make E-Visa Applications. They are instead required to apply for referred visas which are referred to the Director of Immigration Services for processing and approval. The list of these countries can be accessed here: <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=6>.