

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

IOCAFRICA Secretariat (UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa)

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