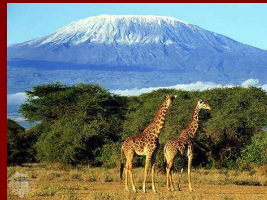


## IRF/gTKP/TARA 2009 Convention on Rural Roads

25-27 November 2009 - Naura Springs Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania



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## Travel, visa and health information

### Venue

The convention will take place at:

#### **Naura Springs Hotel**

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### Location

- Located in East Africa, Tanzania is the land of the highest mountain in Africa, the **Kilimanjaro**, towering at 19,340 feet (5,895m). It is home to the world famous archaeological and historical site - **Olduvai Gorge (cradle of mankind)**. With more than 20 national parks and game reserves, abundant wildlife and bird species, the flora and fauna makes Tanzania one of the top safari destinations in Africa. Tanzania is the origin of the world's famous migration of millions of wildebeests from Serengeti plains crossing the border to Kenya. **Ngorongoro crater**, the eighth wonder of the world, is another spectacular scenery Tanzania is endowed with. It is at Africa's internationally acclaimed park - **Gombe National Park**, along Lake Tanganyika where you will witness the home of "The People of the Forest", the chimpanzees. In addition, Tanzania boasts of the **Selous Game Reserve**, which is Africa's and the world's largest protected wildlife area. The coastline stretching 1,424km provides white sandy unspoilt beaches such as those found in the islands of Zanzibar, Mafia and Pemba. With coral reefs that make superb dive sites, visitors enjoy many aquatic sporting activities. **Arusha** is the main tourist hub of Tanzania, located north of the country. It is the gateway to the Northern parks of Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire, Lake Manyara and Mt. Kilimanjaro.

## Getting to Arusha

Arusha is served by two airports, the **Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)**, and the **Arusha Airport (domestic flights only)**. Kilimanjaro International Airport is approximately 40 km from Arusha town.

- **Direct International daily flights to Kilimanjaro International Airport:** KLM, Ethiopian Airlines and Kenya Airways. NB: West African delegates please book a flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport via Nairobi (Kenya Airways) or via Addis Ababa (Ethiopian Airlines).
- **Flying via Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere Dar es Salaam (DAR):** If your first port of entry into Tanzania is through Dar es Salaam, please book a local connection to Arusha airport (Precision Airways) or Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) (Precision or Air Tanzania). Precision Air has three daily flights from Dar es Salaam to JRO, one daily flight to Arusha airport, while Air Tanzania operates one flight daily from Dar es Salaam to JRO. This enables passengers to have smooth connections with international flights through DAR. If you require assistance in booking local air tickets, please inform Mrs. Roselyne Mariki (*see contact details below*).
- **Travelling via Nairobi (about 360 km from Arusha town):** If you travel via Nairobi, there are two options for arriving in Arusha:
  - Book a connection on a regional flight to Kilimanjaro through your travel agency (Precision Airways has four to five daily flights from Nairobi to Kilimanjaro – 50minutes); or
  - Use a shuttle bus service, which leaves Nairobi (departure from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport) twice daily at 08.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Shuttle companies are Riverside, Impala or Davanu. Shuttle pick up from the airport at the above specified times, can be arranged if flight arrival details are communicated to the organizer early enough. **The cost for the single trip to Arusha is 25 \$/person. Please pay directly to the driver.** NB: The travel by shuttle bus takes 6 - 7 hours, as the road is undergoing major re-construction. Please note that you have to pay an additional transit visa for Kenya of \$20 at the airport in Nairobi (beside the visa you need for Tanzania).
- **Travel arrangements**
  - Since Arusha is the main hub for tourism and in addition, hosts many international conferences and workshops, **you are advised to book flights well in advance.**
  - **Transfers from the airports** (Kilimanjaro and Arusha) will be arranged and costs are covered by the organisers. Participants should notify the convention administrator Mrs. Roselyne Mariki of arrival/departure details (flight and time) by **Monday 16 November 2009** in order to ensure transfer arrangements are in place (*see contact details below*).

## Information on Visa Requirements

The Visa fee for nearly all nationals is US\$50 (US & Ireland citizens US\$100. Arab countries: US\$200). Most nationals can apply and obtain a visa upon arrival in Tanzania. A list of Tanzania embassies abroad can be found at: <http://www.tanzania-online.gov.uk/embassies.html>

- Nationals of **Commonwealth countries** are not subject to pay visa, except for the following countries, who should apply for visa from their nearest Tanzania embassies/high commissions: United Kingdom, Canada, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
- Nationals from **East African Community (EAC) including Rwanda** are not subject to pay visa.

- **Referred Visas:** nationals of the following countries require special clearance or permission from the Director of Immigration Services in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Mali, Togo, Benin, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, Eritrea, Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Somalia, Morocco, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and all refugees.

Delegates from these countries should therefore submit their application for visa at their nearest Tanzanian embassy as early as possible. It takes up to three weeks to process their visas.

- The local Organizing Committee will facilitate your **entry visas** into Tanzania through an invitation letter from the local host, Tanzania Roads Association (TARA). If you need assistance, please send your request by email to the Convention Administrator (*see contact details below*).

## Health information

### Medical assistance

Medical assistance (First Aid) will be available at the Conference Venue. The Secretariat will liaise with the nearest hospital for any emergencies during the Convention. However, the organizers will not cover any medical treatment costs of participants.

### Vaccinations

- Visitors from countries infected with cholera and yellow fever may be required to produce international certificates of vaccination. Other vaccinations that might be considered before you travel to Tanzania include typhoid, hepatitis A and B, meningitis, and tetanus.
- Participants are advised to take personal health insurance and to bring their own medicines. It is also essential for visitors to take anti-malaria tablets, commencing two weeks before travel. For more information about health precautions in Tanzania please visit: [http://tanzaniatouristboard.com/plan\\_your\\_trip/travel\\_information/health](http://tanzaniatouristboard.com/plan_your_trip/travel_information/health).

### Travel insurance

Every participant is advised to have his/her own insurance of health and accidental issues. The organisers will not provide insurance to the participants.

## Other General Information

### Electricity; Voltage

240 volts, 50 Hz, AC. The plug in use is of the three square pin, 13 amp type.

### Telephone Services

Land line service is widely available, while mobile service operators are Zain, Vodacom, Zantel and Tigo. You can purchase prepaid Cell phone cards at the meeting venue at the cost of approximately \$1. International roaming facility is available through Vodacom and Zain.

### Internet

Internet will be available in the Business Centre at the venue. The charge is 5\$ per hour. Participants who bring their own notebooks have however the possibility to use Wireless-LAN in the foyer. This service is free of charge.

### Weather in November

The weather and climate in Arusha is moderately warm and humid. November - February is normally the hottest period of the year with average temperatures ranging between 22 °C and 32 °C. The long rainy season in Tanzania is from mid-March to the end of June. And short rains occur normally between October and November.

### **Local Currency and Exchange**

The unit of currency is Tanzania Shillings (TSH). The exchange rate at the time of posting this information is about TSH 1,350 to 1 US\$.

Foreign currency may be exchanged at the airports. Bureaux de changes are available in Arusha town, as well as ATM machines for Visa and Master Cards. NB: You can pay your private expenditures either in TSH, Euro (€), US\$ or by credit card.

### **Language**

The official language in Tanzania is Swahili. However, English is widely spoken in hotels, shops and restaurants.

### **Contact**

For all logistic details (flight arrangements, hotel accommodation, visa, airport transfer, etc.) please contact:

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