

41st WEDC International Conference Joining Information

1. Buses between Nairobi airport and Nakuru/ARC

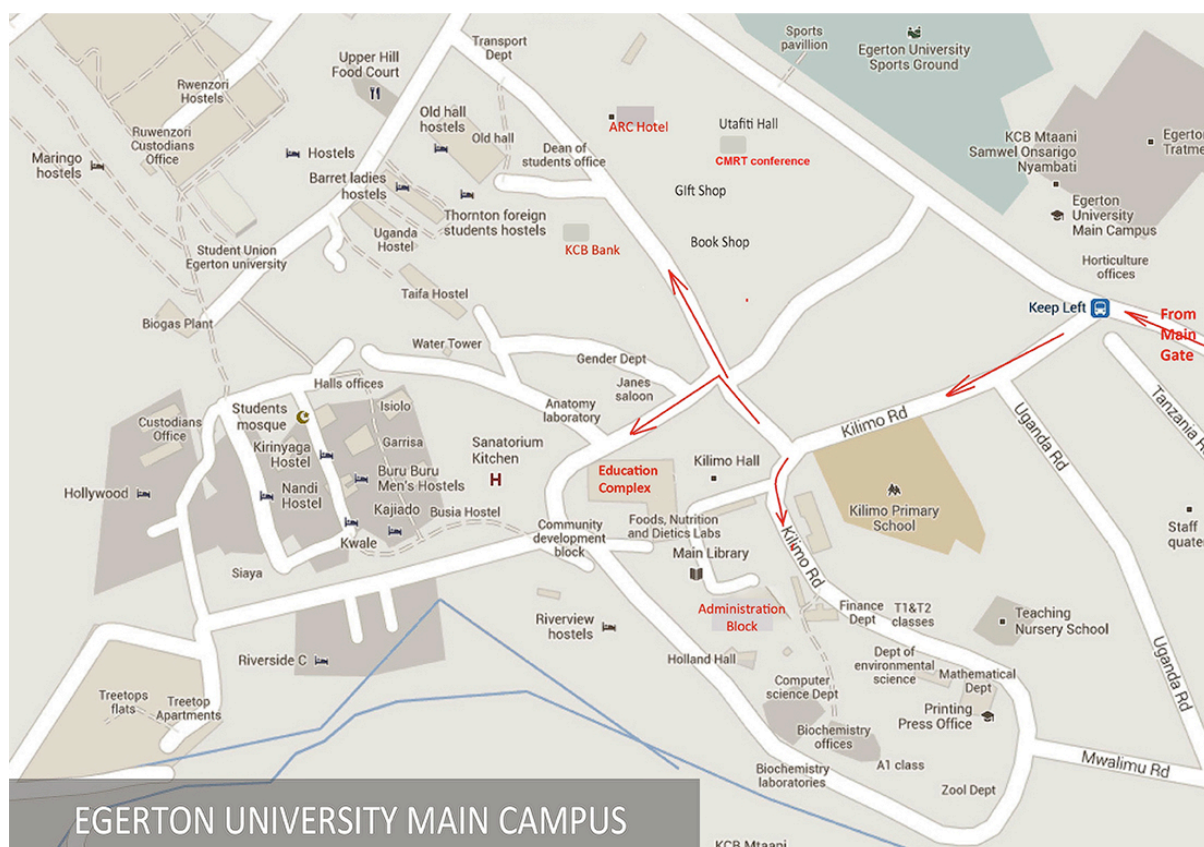
These are confirmed as outlined on our website:

<https://wedc-knowledge.lboro.ac.uk/conference/41/travel.html>

They will run directly between JKIA and Nakuru, and **not** pass through Nairobi in order to reduce stopping time. Please be sure if you have paid for bus travel that you have selected your journey through the booking system so that we can confirm the correct capacity of buses. Please also arrive promptly. Students with a banner will wait at international arrivals to meet and direct you to the bus.

2. Conference Venue

The conference is taking place at Egerton University Njoro Campus which is a 20 minute drive from Nakuru.



On Monday and Friday the Capacity Development Workshops will take place at the Agricultural Resource Centre (ARC) Hotel and the Crop Management Research

Training Centre (CMRT). These will begin at 09.00 promptly on Monday morning so we please ask that you will confirm your registration and collect your conference badge and materials on Sunday or early Monday to avoid delays. (See below for details.)

The conference opening ceremony will take place at Kilimo Hall on Monday early evening and will be followed by a networking evening in the exhibition area next to the Education Complex.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the conference paper sessions and side events will take place in the Education Complex. On Thursday evening the Gala dinner will take place at Lord Egerton Castle.

Lunches will be served daily around the swimming pool of the ARC Hotel.

3. Confirmation of registration

You will need to please confirm registration and collect your badge and materials before attending sessions.

Your conference badge has a unique reference number and includes your lunch, drinks and social event tokens. It must be worn at all times and tokens surrendered at the appropriate times.

Please confirm your registration and collect your conference badge, bag and materials from the conference office at one of the times outlined below:

Sunday 8th July

11.00 - 13.00 At the ARC Hotel, Egerton Campus, next to reception
15.30 - 17.30 At a meeting room in the Sarova Woodlands Hotel, Nakuru Town

Monday 9th July

08.00 - 16.00 At the ARC Hotel next to reception

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th July

08.00 - 16.00 On the Ground Floor of Education Complex

Friday 13th July

08.00 - 09.00 At the ARC Hotel, Egerton Campus next to reception

Staff will also be available in the conference office to answer other queries at these times.

4. Conference Registration includes:

- Attendance at all sessions including side events and capacity development workshops
- Daily lunches – aside from field trips, lunches are served at the poolside of ARC. You will need your vouchers with you in order to be served lunch.

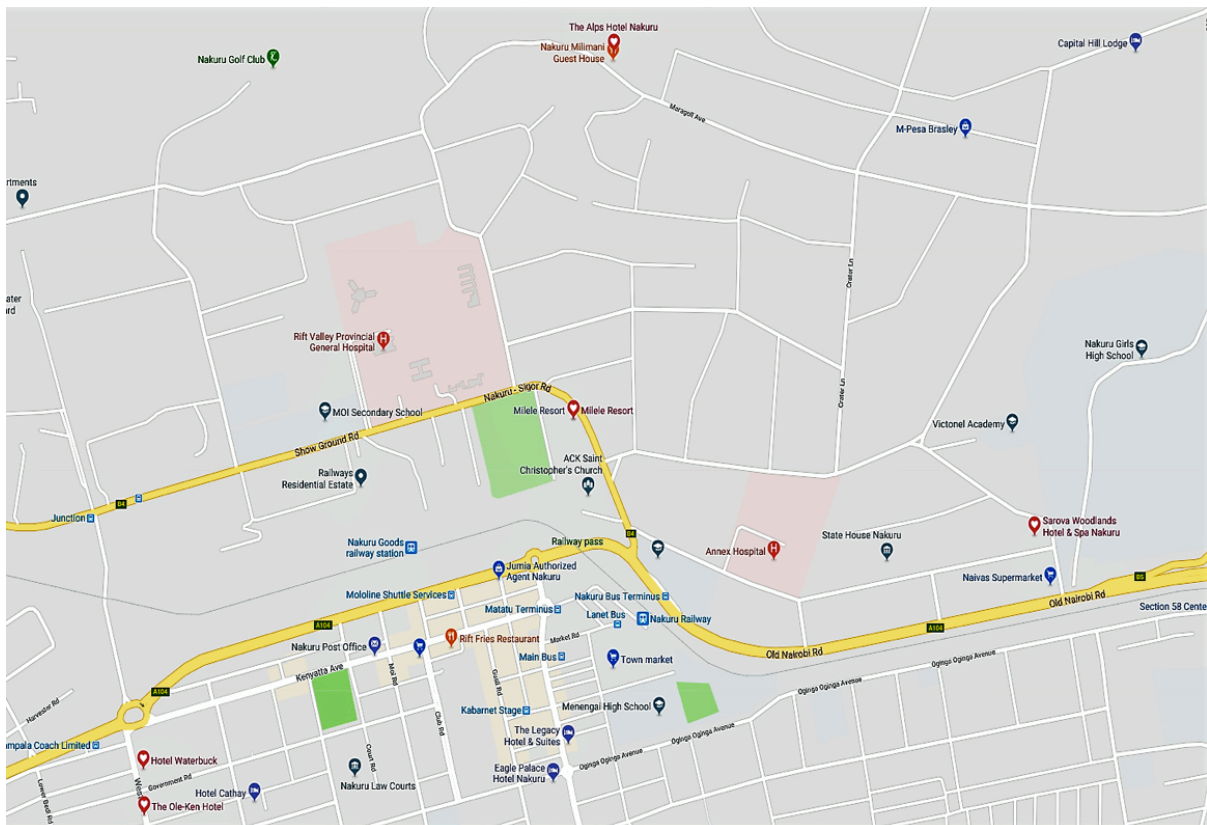
- Morning and afternoon refreshments will be served either near workshops at ARC and CMRT on Monday and Friday, or in the exhibition area next to Education complex on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Attendance at Social Events – see programme and timetable for details in your conference materials.
- A conference pack - including bag, programme, timetable (which details timings and locations), the book of abstracts, and a flash drive including pre prints.
- A CD of conference proceedings which will be posted to you after the event.

Exhibitor/side event/capacity development workshop passes

As above, except the pass includes access to the exhibition area or the specific side event or capacity development workshop *only*, and not conference paper sessions.

5. Shuttles between Accommodation and Conference Venue

A shuttle bus will transfer delegates between ARC and the conference venue at the start and end of each day, Monday 9th to Friday 13th July inclusive. Details will be available at the receptions of the suggested hotels – see this page for hotel details: <https://wedc-knowledge.lboro.ac.uk/conference/41/accommodation.html>



The hotels being served are: Cathay Hotel, Milele Resort, Ole Ken, Waterbuck and Sarova Woodlands Hotel. ALPS Hotel are providing a shuttle themselves.

A welfare bus also leaves at hourly intervals from opposite the ARC car park and goes to Nakuru Post Office (opposite the Merica Hotel).

Taxis can be organised from ARC reception with fixed rates.

6. Foreign Exchange

There is a FOREX in arrivals hall of the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, after you have cleared customs. There is a Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) at Egerton University opposite the ARC hotel. Banks in Nakuru are mainly situated on Kenyatta Avenue which is walking distance from most of the suggested hotels.

Many facilities accept Visa cards. However, most banks in Kenya **do not** transact with Maestro cards and **very few** accept Mastercard.

7. Capacity Development Workshop conveners

In order to ensure that your workshop starts promptly on Monday or Friday, please meet with your WEDC staff member at the ARC reception at 8:00am on the morning of your workshop. They will familiarise you with the venue and support set up.

8. Side Event conveners

Please meet your WEDC staff member in your side event room 15 minutes before your event starts, to ensure that set up is as expected. We have a busy timetable and will need to switch between conference paper sessions and side events promptly, particularly in the afternoon/early evening time slot.

9. Weather

It is cool and with showers in Kenya - so please bring appropriate warm clothing. Our social events and exhibition are outside and venue rooms are not heated. Please also note that our dinner event on Thursday will include live music; we encourage you to wear comfortable shoes for dancing, which will also help to keep us warm.

10. Insurance

Please ensure that you have appropriate travel insurance in place prior to your departure for the conference.

11. Medical Facilities

There are several hospitals in Nakuru town. The first four in the list below offer inpatient and outpatient services:

- War Memorial Hospital - opposite state house
- Evans Sunrise Hospital - West Road, off Odinga Odinga Avenue
- Valley Hospital - Westside Street next to Westside Mall



- Medheal Hospital - along Nairobi Road
- Aga Khan University Medical Centre - situated in Westside Mall, offering outpatient medical services.

There is a medical centre on Egerton Campus.



We wish you a safe and pleasant journey, and look forward to seeing you very soon!

The WEDC Conference Team