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GENERAL INFORMATION

Launched in 2017, the YouthConnekt Africa Summit is a leading pan-African platform connecting young leaders with policymakers and stakeholders to advance youth empowerment and development.

The 8th edition, held in Kigali, Rwanda, will shift the focus from dialogue to systemic transformation in response to economic fragmentation, technological disruption, labour displacement, and geopolitical instability.

The Summit will bring together over 5,000 participants, including Heads of State and Government, policymakers, youth leaders, development partners, private sector representatives, and investors, to:

- Address systemic barriers facing young people.
- Build consensus around actionable solutions.
- Mobilize resources for youth skills development, employment, and pro-youth policies.

With a network spanning 39 Member States, YouthConnekt Africa is uniquely positioned to turn dialogue into concrete action and continental transformation.

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FACTS ABOUT RWANDA

Timezone

There is only one time zone in **Rwanda (GMT+2)**, which does not change throughout the year.

Weather

- Daytime temperatures in Kigali are generally around **25–28°C**, with cooler nights of **13–17°C.**
- November falls within Rwanda's rainy season, so occasional showers are possible. Delegates are advised to carry light rainwear.

Electricity

- Rwanda uses **220–240V** electricity.
- Three-pin plugs are commonly used, and adaptors are widely available.

Internet

- Internet services are available through providers such as MTN Rwanda, Airtel Rwanda, CanalBox, and Liquid Telecom.
- Free Wi-Fi is available at the Summit venue, most hotels, and public spaces.

Languages

- Kinyarwanda is the national language.
- English, French, and Kiswahili are also widely spoken.

FACTS ABOUT RWANDA

Currency and Banking

- The official currency is the **Rwandan Franc (RWF)**.
- Exchange rates fluctuate; delegates should check the current rate before exchanging money.
- Visa cards are accepted at most hotels, some restaurants, and major supermarkets.
- Mobile money is widely used, and international cards can be used at selected ATMs.

Office and Business Hours

- Government offices and most businesses generally operate from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.**
- Some public offices operate shorter hours on **Fridays.**
- Banks and shops have varying opening hours, with some operating on weekends.

ENTRY AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

TRAVELLER CATEGORY	VISA REQUIREMENT
Common wealth, African Union and Francophonie citizens (standard passport)	Free Visa on arrival, no prior application required.
Diplomatic/Service/Official Passport holders), or AU, or EU or UN Laissez-Passer	Free Visa on arrival.
All other nationalities	Visa on arrival at a cost of $50

IMPORTANT LINKS

Visa and Permits: **https://www.migration.gov.rw/visa-permits**

Prohibited items: **www.rra.gov.rw/en/customs-services/travelers**

NOTE: Dedicated immigration counters will be reserved for summit participants at Kigali International Airport for easy facilitation.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Delegates are required to declare any food items, seeds, plants or other regulated agricultural products in their possession at ports of entry, and to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and standards.

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SECURITY AND SAFETY INFORMATION

- The Government of Rwanda will implement security measures at the airport, KCC, designated hotels, and parking areas.
- All persons accessing the conference venue will undergo security screening and checks.
- Appropriate traffic arrangements will be made to ensure smooth movement of delegates and dignitaires.
- Dedicated parking will be reserved for VVIPs, separate from general delegate parking.

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PROTOCOL SERVICES

VVIPs and Ministers

- **VVIPs:** Serving and former Heads of State and Government will receive protocol courtesies communicated directly to their respective offices.
- **Ministers:** Ministers, Deputy Ministers, and State Ministers will be received by Government of Rwanda officials at the VIP lounge at Kigali International Airport.
- A VIP vehicle will be assigned to Ministers to facilitate their movements during the Summit.
- Travel and accommodation costs for Ministers will be covered by their respective institutions or sponsoring partners.
- Recommended hotels are listed on **youthconnektafrica.org.** Offices are encouraged to book accommodation early and submit flight and hotel details to **summit@youthconnektafrica.org.**

VIPs

This category includes heads of multilateral organisations, official heads of country delegations, and official representatives of Ministers.

- VIPs will be received at the airport VIP lounge and provided with airport transfers.
- Standby VIP vehicles will facilitate Summit-related movements.
- Travel and accommodation costs are covered by their respective institutions.
- Delegates should share their itineraries via **summit@youthconnektafrica.org** for protocol arrangements.
- UN agency heads will primarily be supported by their respective country offices, with Summit VIP vehicles available when needed.

PROTOCOL SERVICES

Speakers and Moderators

- Travel and accommodation costs are covered by their respective institutions, governments, or sponsoring partners.
- Speakers and moderators should submit their itineraries to **summit@youthconnektafrica.org** for airport transfer arrangements.
- Shuttle services will be available between recommended hotels and Summit venues.

Transport for Other Delegates

- Delegates arriving at Kigali International Airport can obtain assistance at the Summit information desk.
- Shuttle services will be provided to delegates staying at recommended accommodation facilities.
- Shuttle routes and schedules will be shared by email and at the airport and venue information desks.
- Transport will not be provided outside the official programme.
- Delegates using private vehicles, taxis, or hotel transport will receive information on available service providers and booking arrangements.

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DESIGNATED HOTELS

Hotel	
★★★★★	**Radisson Blu Hotel & Convention Centre** +250 783 775 149 | +250 252 252 252 reservation.kigali@radissonblu.com KG 2 Roundabout, Kigali, Rwanda
★★★★	**Kigali Serena Hotel** (15 MINS TO KCC) +250 788 184 500 reservations.kigali@serenahotels.com KN 3 Avenue, Kigali
★★★★	**Kigali Marriot Hotel** (15 MINS TO KCC) +250 788 315 207 reservations.kigali@marriott.com KN 3 Avenue, Kigali
★★★★	**Gorilla Golf Hotel** (20 MINS TO KCC) +250 788 200 500 reservation@gorillashotels.com KG 274 Street, Nyarutarama, Kigali
★★★★	**Park Inn by Radisson** (15 MINS TO KCC) +250 788 132 500 Reservation.kigali@parkinn.com Avenue de Kiyovu and Res des Parcs Plot 5457, Kigali

Hotel	
★★★★	**Ubumwe Grande Hotel** (15 MINS TO KCC) +250 783 775 149 | +250 252 252 252 nanou.shyaka@radissonblu.com KG 2 Roundabout, Kigali, Rwanda
★★★★	**M-Hotel** (10 MINS TO KCC) +250 788 184 500 reservations@mhotelkigali.com KN 3 Avenue, Kigali
★★★★	**Touch and Africa** (10 MINS TO KCC) +250 788 315 207 reservations.kigali@marriott.com KN 3 Avenue, Kigali
★★★★	**Mövenpick Kigali** (5 MINS TO KCC) +250 788 136 000 reservation.kigali@movenpick.com KG 7 Ave, Boulevard de l'Umuganda, Kacyiru, Kigali
★★★★	**Kigali Onomo Hotel** (10 MINS TO KCC) +250 786 624 188 Reservations.kigali@onomohotel.com / Sales.kigali@onomohotel.com KN1 Avenue, Quartier de Kiyovu, Kigali

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REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

- Online Registration will be done on **www.youthconnektafrica.org**
- Once the Accreditation venues are confirmed, it will be communicated to the delegates via our social media platforms and our website.

NOTE:

- Each delegation will designate a focal person to collect and distribute accreditation badges and vehicle passes. Final Collection and distribution locations will be confirmed and communicated before the summit begins.
- All participants must wear their designated badges at all times at the official venues for easy facilitation.

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CONFERENCE LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

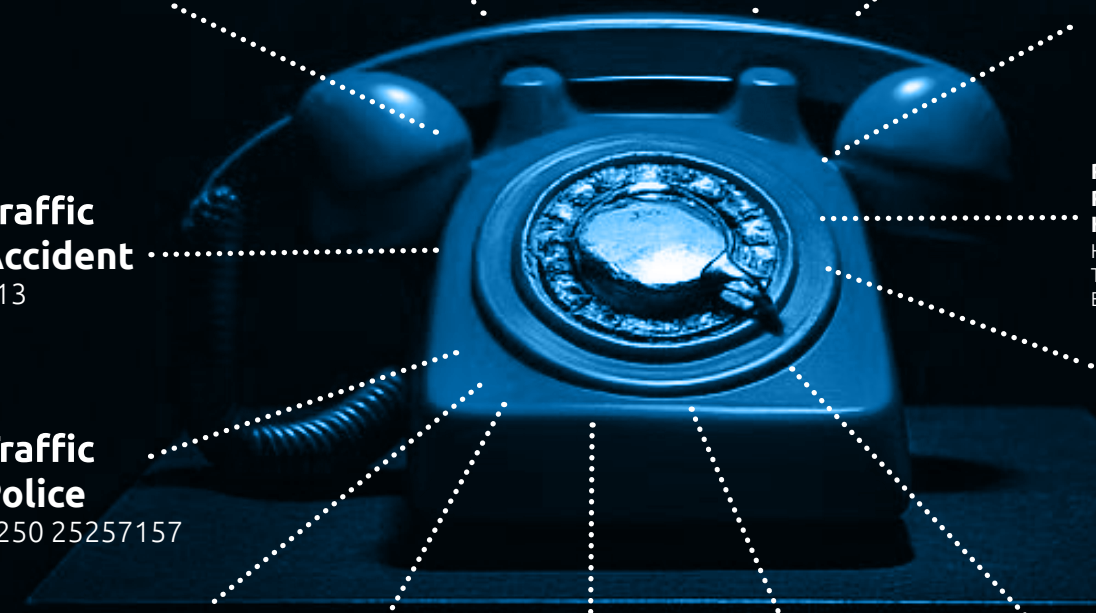
CONFERENCE SERVICES	VENUE
• YouthConnekt Africa Technical Committee • YouthConnekt Export Accelerator Bootcamp • Leadership Workshop • Masterclass • High-level Networking Cocktail (invitation only) • YouthConnekt Africa Steering Committee • Visit Rwanda Activities	Final Locations are being confirmed and will be released prior to the start of the summit
Grand Opening Ceremony & Intergenerational Dialogue (Access to the Hall is strictly through Badge identification)	**MAIN PLENARY HALL (KCC)**
Lunch	**KCC (DIRECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED)**
Plenary and Breakout sessions	**MHs and ADs {KCC} (DIRECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED)**
Social Events • Gala Dinner (invitation only) • Kigali immersion activities • Kigali Night Run	Final Locations are being confirmed and will be released prior to the start of the summit

NOTE:

- A Summit information and logistics desk will be stationed at the KCC lobby throughout the Summit.
- Access to venue will be managed through designated gates for VVIPs, Minister and Diplomatic Corps and delegates respectively; Final gate assignements will be confirmed in the venue access plan.

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ESSENTIAL PHONE NUMBERS



RDB
Rwanda Development Board
info@rdb.rw
+250) 727775170

Airport flight info
+250 252 583 441

Airtel Rwanda
+250 252575105
100 (Customer care)

Immigration
+250 788 152 222
info@migration.gov.rw

Emergency (police & fire)
112

MTN
(www.mtn.co.rw)
+250 252 586 863
100(Customer care)

Traffic Accident
113

RWANDA MILITARY REFERRAL AND TEACHING HOSPITAL
Hotline: 4060 or +250 252 586 420
Tel: +250 788 330 247 KK 739
Email: info@rmh.rw

UN Clinic
+250 782 220 070
+250 788 301 393

Traffic Police
+250 25257157

King Faisal Hospital (www.kfh.rw)
3939
Tel: +250 788 123 200
+250 252583203
0252589578,
0252589905

CHUK (HOSPITAL)
Tel: +250 788 304 005 (main)
Emergency: +250 731 117 822
Email: chuk.hospital@chuk.rw

Ambulance
SAMU
912

Fire Brigade
0788311120
0788311224

Gender Based **Violence**
3512

Emergency:
+250 252588888

HEALTH

Port Health Information

Port health services in Rwanda covering disease surveillance, health screening at points of entry, and public health emergency response fall under the Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC), the country's central health implementation agency under the Ministry of Health.

Tel: +250 725 792 842 Email: info@rbc.gov.rw

The following designated hospitals are accessible to VVIPs, VIPs and all other delegates.

KING FAISAL HOSPITAL	**Toll-free:** 3939 Tel: +250 788 123 200 **Email:** info@kfhkigali.com	**KG 544 St 10, Kacyiru, Gasabo, Kigali**
UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL OF KIGALI (CHUK)	**Tel:** +250 788 304 005 (main) **Emergency:** +250 731 117 822 **Email:** chuk.hospital@chuk.rw	**KN 4 Ave, Nyarugenge, Kigali**
RWANDA MILITARY & REFERRAL TEACHING HOSPITAL	**Hotline:** 4060 or +250 252 586 420 **Tel:** +250 788 330 247 **Email:** info@rmh.rw	**KK 739 St, Kanombe, Kicukiro District, Kigali**

Onsite health clinics will be established at the Kigali Convention Centre, accessible to all delegates, including those with special needs and disabilities. Health Teams will be positioned inside and or outside conference rooms during sessions for rapid response to emergencies and will escort delegates requiring care to the on site clinics. any condition requiring referral or admission will be managed at the delegate's hospital of choice, at their own cost.

HEALTH

Vaccination

Delegates are responsible for complying with travel health measures stipulated by their country of departure, destination and airline. Travelers arriving from yellow fever-endemic countries must hold a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate (vaccinated at least ten (10) days before travel).

Rwanda is itself classified as a country with risk of yellow fever transmission; a valid certificate should be carried by all delegates.

Notice on Enhanced Ebola Prevention Measures

The Government of Rwanda confirms that there are currently no cases in Rwanda. The Government of Rwanda remain vigilant and continue strengthening surveillance and preparedness for early detection and rapid response.

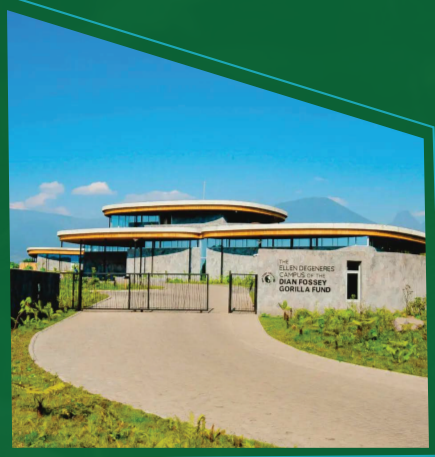
For more information please visit: https://www.rbc.gov.rw/PHSEPR/about-ebola-2/

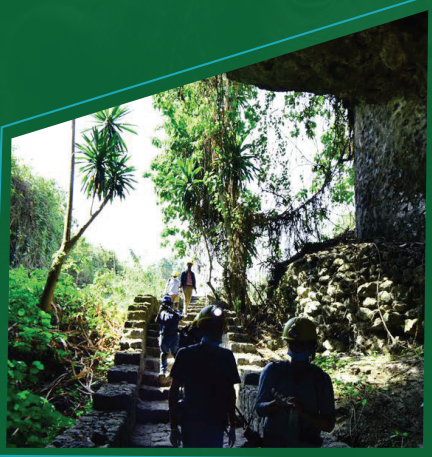
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MORE ABOUT RWANDA









Geography

With a surface of 26,338 square kilometres, Rwanda is located about 1,000 kilometres south of the equator. It shares a border with Uganda in the North, Tanzania in the East, Burundi in the South, and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the West. With an estimated population of nearly 12 million.

National Parks

Rwanda has 4 national parks, namely Akageral, Volcanoes, Nyungwe and Gishwati Mukura National Parks. In addition to these touristic sites, Rwanda offers a range of experience including the newly established Nyandungu Urban Wetland Eco-tourism Park located in Kigali and other activities including kayak, hiking among others.

For more: https://visitrwanda.com/



INTERESTED IN PRACTICING YOUR KINYARWANDA?

English	Kinyarwanda
Hello	Muraho
Good morning	Mwaramutse
How are you?	Amakuru/ bite se?
I am fine	Ni meza / ni byiza
Thank you	Murakoze
Excuse me	Mumbabarire
Goodbye	Murabeho
We're together	Turi kumwe
How's work?	Akazi karagenda?
Yes	Yego
No	Oya
A little	Bukebuke
A lot	Cyane
Good	Byiza
There	Hariya
Here	Aha
Hot	Gishyushye
Cold	Gikonje
Today	None
Yesterday	Ejo hashize
Tomorrow	Ejo hazaza
Where?	Hehe?
When?	Ryari?

English	Kinyarwanda
What's your name?	Witwa nde?
My name is…	Nitwa…
Where to find…?	Nayibona hehe?
I am happy	Ndanezerewe
I am sick	Ndarwaye
It is expensive	Kirahenda
I don't understand	Simbyumva
I would like	Ndashaka
I need	Ndashaka
Help me!	Mfasha!
It is good	Ni byiza
It is bad	Ni bibi
Beer	Inzoga
Water	Amazi
Coffee	Ikawa
Tea	Icyayi
House	Inzu
Right	I buryo
Left	I bumoso
Straight	Imbere
Money	Amafaranga
Welcome	Ikaze

ANNEX

Aircraft Clearance

The government of Rwanda requests that missions provide the specific arrival and departure details of their delegates at least 72 hours ahead by a Note Verbale to **protocol@minaffet.gov.rw**

The application of overflight and landing clearance of Presidential or private/chartered planes transporting delegates to attend the summit, should be electronically submitted to site: **https://caa.gov.rw/RAIS/** (see Annex III, for preview)

In addition, requests for diplomatic overflight and landing clearance should be submitted officially by Note Verbale. The note should contain the listed information below for the clearance to be issued:

a. Nationality of Carrier:
b. Operator/owner:
c. Type of aircraft:
d. Aircraft Call sign:
e. Aircraft Registration:
f. Purpose of flight:
g. Names of passengers and nationality:
h. Airport of Departure, date and time:
i. Airport of Destination, date and time:
j. Entry point into Rwanda airspace, date and time:
k. Exit point from Rwanda airspace, date and time: