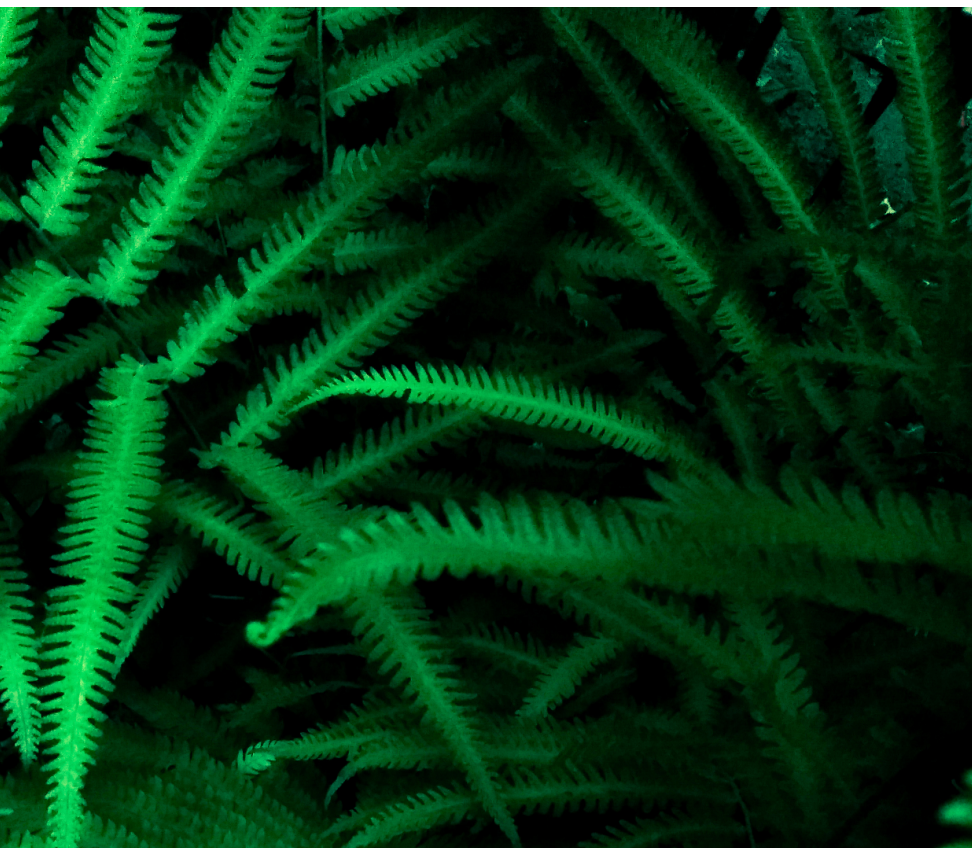




**15-17 September 2025
Nairobi, Kenya**

Africa Regional Centres of Excellence ArcX Forum

Information Package



PARTNERS



Africa Regional Centres of Excellence (ArcX) Forum

Dates: 15-17 September 2025

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Arboretum

1. ABOUT THE ARCX PROGRAMME

The Africa Regional Centres of Excellence (ArcX) programme is an innovative initiative advancing sustainable development in Africa through Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI).

Launched in 2023, ArcX strengthens collaboration between African and European institutions, fostering inclusive green growth and supporting Africa's transformative agenda in key areas:

- Agroecology,
- Biodiversity & Forests,
- Water,
- Ocean and
- Climate (*component to be launched soon*).

Learn more about ArcX 📄 www.arcx.green



2. EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Highlight ArcX's role in driving sustainable development.
- Showcase innovations and best practices from ongoing programme components.
- Strengthen research, innovation, and partnerships across regions and sectors.
- Provide a dynamic platform for dialogue and knowledge exchange.

3. VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi Arboretum

Modern rooms, wellness spa, rooftop pool and direct access to Nairobi Arboretum.

Preferential rate: USD 130/night including breakfast (we encourage early bookings to secure the hotel room)

Booking: stay.residence.nairobi@radissonblu.com

Reservation code: #838207

Distance from airport:

- Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) - 45 min by car/taxi.
- Wilson Airport - 15 min by car/taxi.



4. ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION CLOSE TO VENUE

- The Heron by Sarova
- Royal Tulip Canaan
- Four Points by Sheraton

Hotel	To Radisson Blu	To Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO)	To Wilson Airport (WIL)	Approximate daily Rate in September
The Heron by Sarova (Jakaya Kikwete Rd)	2.2 km	17.2 km	6.1 km	USD 85
Royal Tulip Canaan (Kilimani)	3.6 km	19.8 km	6.4 km	USD 95
Four Points By Sheraton Nairobi Hurlingham	4 km	20 km	6 km	USD 155

5. TRAVEL AND VISA

Visa requirement	Most nationalities require an e-Visa – apply online via https://etakenya.go.ke/ (processing $\pm$ 3 working days).
Currency	Kenyan Shilling (KES); 1 USD $\approx$ 125 – 135 KES Preferred Payment Method: We recommend using the M-Pesa app for payments. You can easily obtain a Kenyan SIM card upon arrival at the airport to enable this service. Additional Tip: If possible, carry some Kenyan Shillings (KES) in cash for convenience, especially for smaller purchases or in areas with limited mobile payment access.
Airport Transfers	Taxis or ride-hailing services such as Uber, Bolt and Chap Chap.
Vaccines	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Kenya: <u>typhoid</u> , <u>cholera</u> , <u>hepatitis A</u> , <u>polio</u> , <u>yellow fever</u> , <u>chikungunya</u> , <u>rabies</u> , <u>hepatitis B</u> , <u>meningitis</u> .

6. WEATHER & PACKING LIST

- **Period:** September
- **Average Temperature:** 20 – 26 °C
- **Conditions:** Mild, chance of light showers
- **What to bring:** Light layers, evening jacket, umbrella, mosquito repellent, comfortable walking shoes

7. LOCAL INFORMATION

Time zone: East Africa Time (GMT + 3).

Local SIM Cards: Safaricom & Airtel counters at the airport; ID required.

Public transport: Matatu minibuses and city buses; taxis recommended for visitors.

Safety: Avoid walking alone at night or in isolated areas. Always check updated travel advisories.

Socket: Type G (UK) - if your device uses a different plug type, you will need a travel adapter to convert to the Type G plug.



8. USEFUL LINKS

ArcX Portal: arcx.green

AKP Portal: <https://africa-knowledge-platform.ec.europa.eu/>

CIFOR-ICRAF: <https://www.cifor-icraf.org/>

FARA: <https://faraafrica.org/> RUFORUM: <https://www.ruforum.org/>

Stellenbosch University: <http://www.sun.ac.za/>

Mercator Ocean International: <https://www.mercator-ocean.eu/>

Joint Research Centre (JRC): <https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu>

EU DG INTPA & Global Gateway: <https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu>

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