



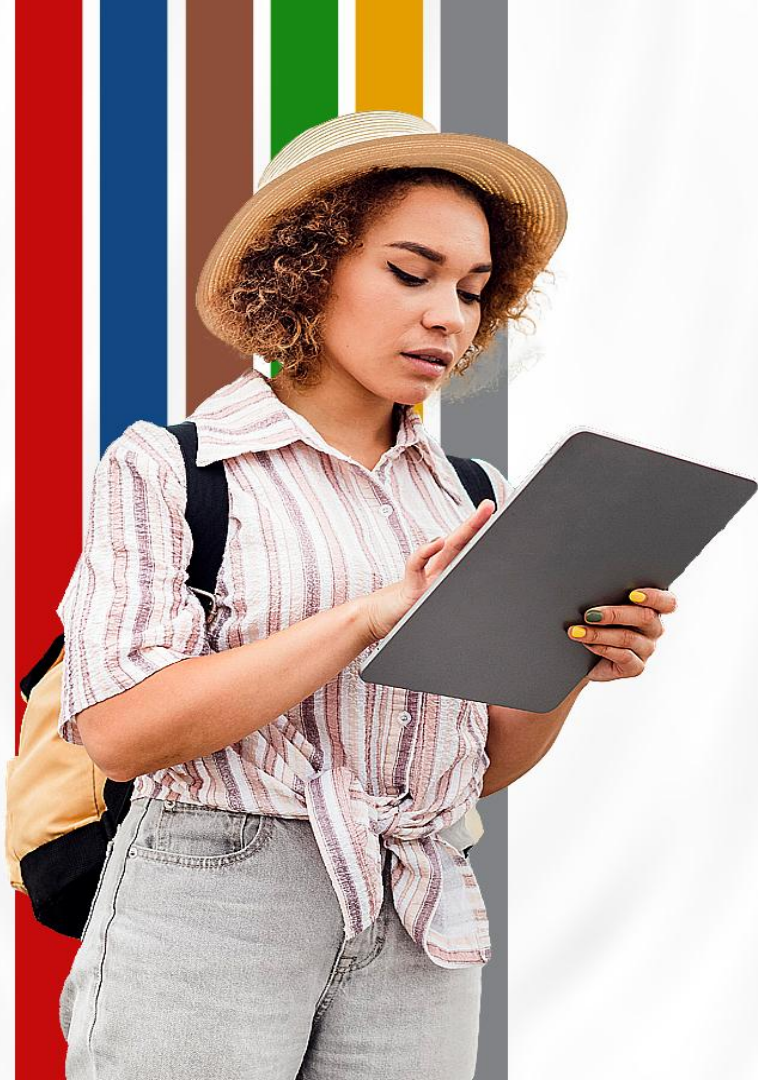
Kigali 2023

Travel Guide

Accelerating Africa's Digital Economy
by the Strength of our Community

October 11th – 13th, 2023
Kigali, Rwanda





Introduction

This guidebook will serve as a directory to enable attendees make well-informed decisions for their trip to Kigali, Rwanda. It contains essential pre to post-event & tour information.



About AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2023

The 2023 Gathering which is the 8th edition of the event aims at accelerating Africa's digital economy through the strength of the AfriLabs community and various innovative/ creative communities in Africa. The 2023 Gathering will highlight the importance of having a fully digitized economy in Africa and the various actions that various stakeholders of the African technology and Innovation ecosystem can adopt. The event will also ensure various implementation strategies are adopted to ensure that every individual, business and government in Africa will be digitally enabled by 2030



About the AfriLabs Annual Gathering

The AfriLabs Annual Gathering is AfriLabs' flagship event that provides a unique opportunity for tech hubs within the AfriLabs network and other stakeholders of the African technology and innovation ecosystem (such as corporates, development agencies, academia, and investors) to convene, network, learn and share knowledge.



About Rwanda

Rwanda's capital city was ranked as the second most popular destination in Africa for hosting international conferences and events by the International Congress Convention Association (ICCA).

Through its policies, the Rwandan government has positioned Rwanda to drive innovation and business growth. It has continually been ranked by the World Bank as the 2nd easiest country to "Do Business" in Africa. With unique policies that feature 72 hours business registrations at no cost.

Rwanda is also poised as the premiere African nexus for ICT as well as through the Kigali International financial centre is a leading financial destination for international investment and cross-border transactions in Africa.

As Stakeholders participating in this year's AfriLabs Annual Gathering, it affords you the opportunity to connect with a Government that is ready to direct aid flows towards procedures and investments infrastructure, which will facilitate trade for foreign companies. The Annual Gathering also grants access to the Rwandan Technology and Innovation Ecosystem that is ready to engage, facilitate and support international business and investment initiatives.



Rwanda Key Facts

Time Zone:

Central African
Time (CAT) – GMT +2
hours

Size

26,338 square
kilometres.
Population: 11,78 M
Capital City: Kigali

Major Economic Sector

Tourism, mining and
agriculture

Local Currency

Rwandan Franc

Foreign Currencies

All major currencies
are accepted

Local Language

Kinyarwanda

Official Language

Kinyarwanda,
English, French and
Swahili

President

H.E. Paul KAGAME

Telephone Country Code

+250 (Telecommunication
is among the best in Africa)

ICT

High speed 4G LTE
wireless broadband
(MTN, Airtel)

Climate

Temperate all year round (16°C and 29°C) making Rwanda an ideal
destination year- round.



Travel Information

As part of the Government measures to prevent diseases that can potentially become epidemics, the Ministry of Health informs the general public and international travellers visiting Rwanda of the following:



Yellow fever

The following is the WHO list of Countries at risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination. This list of countries is dynamic and can change anytime depending on the situation:

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela In a bid to prevent transmission of Yellow Fever in Rwanda



All travellers travelling to Yellow Fever endemic countries should be vaccinated 10 days before travelling.

To enter Rwanda, a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is not required for travellers (Residents / Non-Residents) coming from Yellow Fever non-endemic countries and without an active transmission outbreak of Yellow Fever.

To enter Rwanda, a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is mandatory for travellers (Residents / Non-Residents) coming from Yellow Fever endemic countries and any country with an active Yellow Fever transmission outbreak

For travellers (Residents / Non-Residents) coming from an active Yellow Fever transmission outbreak country or have recently (within 24 days) visited an active Yellow Fever transmission outbreak country, the following instructions are applied:

An entry will be allowed to a traveller (Residents / Non-Residents) who at arrival presents:

- A valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate
- Without fever (less than 38.5oC)
- Consents to self-report any symptoms for 6 days

A traveller (Residents / Non-Residents) with an invalid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate (less than 10 days after vaccination) will be quarantined until the certificate becomes valid

A traveller (Residents / Non-Residents) coming from a country with active Yellow Fever transmission or a known Yellow Fever endemic country without a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate will be vaccinated upon entry.

No entry will be allowed to a traveller (Residents / Non-Residents) who does not consent to preventive measures described in points 1-4

The cost related to quarantine and/or the vaccination upon entry will be covered by the traveller.



Immigration & Visas

Citizens of all countries are allowed to get a visa upon arrival without prior application.

Citizens of countries who are members of the African Union, Commonwealth and La Francophonie can get free visas upon arrival in Rwanda for a visit of 30 days.

A citizen of East African Community Member States can receive a pass/entry visa free of charge upon arrival for a six-month stay in Rwanda.

Visitors from the following countries can be granted 90-day visas at no cost upon arrival in Rwanda: *Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Haiti, Mauritius, Philippines, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sao Tome and Principe, Singapore and the State of Qatar.*

Citizens of countries that are not visa-exempt have an option of applying online or at the Rwanda Diplomatic Mission of the country of residence before departure. Those applying online have the option to pay online or upon arrival. There is no single affiliated agent that is authorised to apply for a visa on your behalf.

The visa fees must not exceed 50 USD for a single entry visa or 70 USD for multiple entry.

More information can be found here - <https://migration.gov.rw/visa-on-arrival>



Visa Application

Travel to Kigali, Rwanda requires a visa on arrival for all African Nationals. The visa-on-arrival documents are as follows;

- 6 months valid International passport before date of travel

- Hotel Reservation Letter

- Return flight ticket

- Travel Insurance

- Passport photo with white background

- Visa fee of \$50
(Fifty United States Dollars)

The above-mentioned documents are to be submitted to the Rwanda immigration officer at the immigration booth in the airport.

A photograph of the Kigali Convention Centre at dusk. The building features a curved facade with a woven basket-like pattern and a large, multi-tiered dome structure illuminated with blue and yellow lights. The sky is a soft, hazy blue.

AAG 2023 VENUE

Kigali Convention Centre

The iconic Kigali Convention Centre (KCC), is the premium events venue in Rwanda since its opening in 2016 and a hugely popular MICE destination in the East African region. The multifaceted design reflects a true Rwandan homestead. The dome shape Auditorium reproduces a hut in the King's Palace and boasts a capacity of 2600 guests, whereas, the hotel architectural façade replicates a traditional and colourful weaved basket. Despite this nod to the past the centre also boasts cutting-edge technology, high-speed internet, and audio-visual equipment expected of a world-class facility.



Kigali Marriott Hotel

Location: KN 3 Ave, Kigali, Rwanda
Ratings: 5star

Experience Rwanda's capital from Kigali Marriott Hotel, conveniently located near the Nyarugenge financial district and the Kigali Convention Center. Their impeccable 5 star luxury hotel provides spacious, modern accommodations with deluxe amenities and premium services.

- Single Deluxe room: \$230
- Double Deluxe room: \$260

Please send an email to pase@afrihabs.com and cc: bibian@afrihabs.com, logistics@eventsfactory.rw to make a reservation.



Four Points by Sheraton

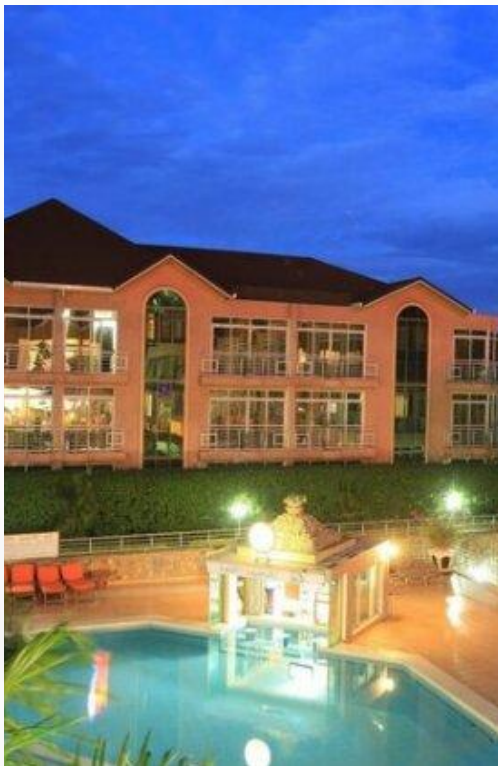
Location: KN 3 Ave, Kigali, Rwanda

Ratings: 4.5 star

Experience Rwanda's capital from the Four Points by Sheraton Kigali. It's strategically located in the city's financial district and in close proximity to several embassies. This convenient four-star hotel is the perfect base to explore everything Kigali has to offer.

- Single Standard room: USD 180
- Double Standard room: USD 200

Please send an email to pase@afirilabs.com and cc: bibian@afirilabs.com, logistics@eventsfactory.rw to make a reservation.



Lemigo Hotel

Location: KG 624 St, Kigali, Rwanda

Rating: 4 star

Set in an urban oasis within the city centre/business district. This contemporary hotel is only 5 km from the airport, transfer takes 10 minutes and is a 5 minutes drive to the Kigali Convention Center. It provides you with the feeling of a home away from home whilst in Kigali with free WiFi. For the Gathering, the following rates have been provided

- Single Standard room: \$120
- Double Standard room: \$180
- Single Deluxe room: \$150
- Double Deluxe room: \$ 230

To make a reservation please visit: <http://www.lemigohotel.com/> or send an email to fom@lemigohotel.com while copying logistics@eventsfactory.rw and cc: pase@afrilabs.com and bibian@afrilabs.com in your email.



Ubumwe Grande Hotel

Location: KN 67 St, Kigali, Rwanda

Ratings: 4.5 star

Ubumwe Grande Hotel is located in the centre of Kigali City with easy access from different parts of the city. The hotel is close to shopping arcades, Banks, Government offices and Insurance services. Ubumwe Grande Hotel offers excellent hospitality services and is an 11-minute drive to the Kigali Convention Center and 27 minutes drive to the Airport.

For the AfriLabs Annual Gathering, Ubumwe Hotel has offered prices for two different room types;

- Classic rooms: \$200
- Classic Terrace: \$210

To make a reservation, please visit: <http://www.ubumwegrandehotel.com/>. For more information; please send an email to reservations@ubumwegrandehotel.com while copying logistics@eventsfactory.rw and cc: pase@afrilabs.com and bibian@afrilabs.com in your email.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION



Onomo Hotel

Location: KN1 Avenue, Quartier de Kiyovu, Kigali, Rwanda

Rating: 4 star

Onomo Hotel is a ten-minute drive from the Kigali Convention Center and a 20 minutes drive from the International Airport, the Hotel is located at KN1 Avenue, Quartier de Kiyovu, Kigali, Rwanda. It is graced by a magnificent terrace with an infinity pool and unparalleled views of this city of a thousand hills, ONOMO Hotel Kigali is where everyone wants to be.

- Standard Room: \$98

To make a reservation, please send an email to reservations.kigali@onomohotel.com and use the promo code to make a reservation at a discounted rate by sending an email with the promo code **AFRILABS@2023**.

Kindly copy logistics@eventsfactory.rw and cc: pase@afrilabs.com and bibian@afrilabs.com in your email

Budget Hotels

- **Beausejour Hotel**

Location: KN 5 Rd, Kigali, Rwanda

Rating: 3 star

Beausejour Hotel is a 5 to 7 minute drive from the International Airport and a 4 to 6 minutes drive to Kigali Convention Center.

Standard room 80\$

- **Centric Hotel**

Location: KG 213 St, Kigali, Rwanda

Rating: 3 star

Centric Hotel is a 5 to 7 minute drive from the International Airport and a 4 to 6 minutes drive to Kigali Convention Center.

Standard room 80\$

- **Quiet Haven Hotel**

Location: 62 KG 9 Ave, Kigali, Rwanda

Rating: 3 star

Quiet Haven Hotel is a 10 to 12 minute drive from the International Airport and a 4 to 6 minutes drive to Kigali Convention Center.

Standard room 100\$

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Participants are encouraged
to book their Airport pickup with their hotel or
cab services available at the Airport

Transportation Arrangement

Local Transport

Uber does not currently work in Kigali. You will be able to find taxis at your hotel. Alternatively, you can book a ride on:

- **Move (VW)** by dialing **1010**
- **Yego Cab** by dialing **9191**

Note: Both services have apps you can download on your phone using a local sim card.



Airport Pick Up & Drop Off

All Nile ticket holders are entitled to an Airport pickup and Drop Off Service.

We encourage you to send your itinerary (PDF return flight ticket) as soon as your ticket is booked.

Please send an email to logistics@eventsfactory.rw and cc: bibian@afrilabs.com





Travel Insurance & Health Information

AfriLabs is not responsible for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and luggages, and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that you obtain international medical insurance for the entire period of participation, including travel time.

All delegates are advised to obtain Travel Medical Insurance coverage. All guests/delegates covered by the Medical Insurance Company should carry along their Medical Insurance cards.

Delegates who are on any routine medication(s) (e.g. for Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, Asthma, Epilepsy, ARVs etc.,) are advised to take with sufficient supply of these medications.



Weather

Kigali like the rest of Rwanda remains warm throughout the year, with occasional rains. Temperatures range between 16 °C and 29°C.

October is characterised by rain showers combined with beautiful blue skies. We recommend travelers to come with warm weather clothes, long sleeves for evenings and light rain jackets.



Telecommunications

The following Rwandan mobile telecommunication service providers are available and can be purchased at the Kigali International Airport:

- MTN
- Airtel

Mobile telephone service providers also provide a gateway to the Internet using GPRS, 3G and 4G. Cell phone SIM cards are widely available; however, every SIM card user/buyer in Rwanda is expected by law to be registered for activation using your international passport. The SIM card can be registered at the point of purchase.

**International
dialling code**
+250

**Time-zone for
Rwanda**
GMT +2 / UTC+2

Currency & Banking

The Rwandan currency is the Rwandan Franc (RWF). Many leisure outlets including hotels, restaurants, and main supermarkets accept credit and debit cards, with Visa being more widely accepted than Mastercard.

For more information about exchange rates, please refer to:

<https://www.bnr.rw/currency/exchange-rate/>

Cash can be accessed from the Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) with local debit cards as well as with any international credit cards. ATMs can be accessed at various points around the city. Access Bank, Bank of Kigali and I&M Bank have special counters for international banks.

Please note that an ATM is available at both the AGM and AAG Venue.

Power

The electricity supply in Rwanda is 220/240V AC or 50Hz.

In Rwanda, most power plugs and sockets are type C and J however, many hotels also offer universal sockets. It is advisable to bring your own round, two-prong adapter, and transformer for 110V AC as well as a universal travel socket adapter.

Useful Phone Numbers

(Toll Free from a local line)

Fire Department – **111**

Emergency (Police) – **112**

Ambulance (Toll-Free from a local line): **912**

Traffic accidents – **113**

Gender-based violence – **3512**

General Assistance (Toll-free from a local line): **997**

Smoking

Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not permitted inside any venue in Rwanda

Plastic Bags

As part of an environmental protection policy, plastic bags are not allowed into Rwanda.

Passengers entering Kigali International Airport, or any other border posts with plastic bags are required to discard them, and are supplied with an environmentally friendly alternative at a cost ranging between USD 2- USD 6.



Security

Please keep your badge visible during all the AfriLabs Annual Gathering meetings and social events. Registration and badges are not transferable and under no circumstances should your badge be lent to another participant.



Wifi

Wireless internet access will be available throughout the venues



AAG 2023 TICKET INFORMATION

We have thoughtfully curated three ticket options;

1. Nile Ticket: \$300
2. Zambezi Ticket: \$200
3. Kagera Ticket: \$100

Kindly register and secure your ticket by visiting the [AAG Website](#).

Should you encounter any difficulties or have any queries regarding the payment process, feel free to reach out to abdulmumin@afrilabs.com and copy pase@afrilabs.com

To register for the AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2023, visit <https://afrilabsgathering.com/>



Ethiopian Airline

We have partnered with Ethiopian Airlines and have received a 12% discount on both Business & Economy class fares for all participants departing from any Ethiopian Airlines online points to Kigali, Rwanda for the AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2023.

To access this discount, purchase your ticket on the official website via <https://www.ethiopianairlines.com/> with the Promo Code **FRR23**.

This code is valid from the 1st of October to the 23rd of October, 2023.



Flight Information/ Assistance

Blueberry Travel is the official travel company for the year's Annual Gathering.

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To know more about Blueberry, please visit:
<https://blueberrygroup.co/>

For enquiries and flight bookings; please send an email to marketing.abv@blueberry-travel.com, and gmakheeja@blueberry-travel.com while copying grace@afrilabs.com and cc: rahel@afrilabs.com in your email.



Tour Information

Tourism

Find out more about Kigali, Rwanda and **touristic activities**.

Find out more about **Dining and Shopping around Kigali** [Download](#)

Find out more about fun and exciting in **Experiences in Kigali**
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See you in

Kigali!