1st ICEVI Africa Conference

The Future Of Education For People With Visual Impairment In Africa

9th – 12th October 2023 ● The Panari Hotel ● Nairobi, Kenya

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Even with low vision, I can use my computer!
The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment - Africa (ICEVI Africa) in collaboration with its local and international partners, is pleased to announce its first conference on the education of people with visual impairment in Africa.

This groundbreaking conference will take place at the Panari Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, from 9th – 12th October 2023, on the theme: “The Future Of Education For People With Visual Impairment In Africa.”

The conference will bring together practitioners in education and related sectors, including policy-makers, technology developers and suppliers, educational service providers, researchers, teachers, learners and consumer representatives, to engage on the future of education for people with visual impairment in Africa.
**Papers**

**Call for Abstracts**

The Conference Call for Abstracts is now open!!! Abstracts are invited for two types of presentations.

1. **Abstracts for Panel Presentations**

Abstracts of high quality research, scholarly or empirical papers are invited within the following sub-themes:

(a) Education For All Learners With Visual Impairment
(b) Early Digital Literacy
(c) Access to STEM Subjects
(d) Transition In Education
(e) Recognizing Diversity in Visual Impairment
(f) Preparation for an Inclusive World of Work
(g) Data, Evidence & Knowledge for Quality Education
(h) Lifelong Learning
(i) Towards Universal Design for Learning

**Note:** Details about each sub-theme are available on the Papers page of the Conference website

2. **Abstracts for Workshops and Interactive Sessions**

Abstracts are invited for Workshops and Interactive Sessions. Workshops and Interactive Sessions are intended to offer opportunities for short trainings and skills development and for focused discussions on specific topics of critical interest in the education of learners with visual impairment. Hosts of Workshops and Instructive Sessions are therefore advised to design sessions that build new skills or stimulate dialogues that contribute to the future of education for people with visual impairment. They are required to submit Abstracts describing the nature of their sessions as well as their recommended participants.
Submission of Abstracts and Full Papers

All Abstracts are to be submitted online at the Papers page of the Conference website. Below are important deadlines:

• Submission of Abstracts: 31st May 2023
• Notice of Abstract selection: 30th June 2023
• Submission of full Papers: 31st August 2023

Note: Submission of full papers is not required for Presenters of Workshops and Interactive Sessions.

Conference Registration

Registration to the 1st ICEVI Africa Conference is now open!!! Register now on the Registration page of the Conference website to enjoy the Early Bird Discount!!

Early Bird Registration (Until 30th June 2023)

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Possibilities for online participation to the conference are being explored and will be announced in due course.

Note: To qualify for the Student rate, a participant must be under 30 years old and currently registered with a basic, tertiary, TIVET or higher education institution. A valid student identity card will be required.
Exhibition

The 1st ICEVI Africa Conference is offering opportunities for public, corporate and non-profit agencies to exhibit and showcase their products, services and work. Below is some information for prospective exhibitors:

- The Conference Exhibition will be located at the beautiful glass-roofed atrium of the Panari Hotel right in front of the Conference Halls. This will provide greater opportunity for interaction between exhibitors and participants.

- Exhibition spaces are very limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.

- The exhibition cost does not include registration of the exhibition personnel. Exhibition personnel are required to register as participants to the conference and pay applicable registration fees.

- Exhibitors shall be responsible for importation, clearance and transportation of exhibition items to and from the conference.

Exhibition Floor Plan and Pricing

There are three types of exhibition tables as follows:

- 12ft x 2ft tables: USD 400 or KES 48,000
- 8ft x 2ft tables: USD 300 or KES 36,000
- 4ft x 2ft tables: USD 200 or KES 24,000

Note: The Exhibition Floor Plan and booking details are available on the Exhibition page of the Conference website.
**Program**

The Conference Scientific/Program Committee is putting together an exciting program to ensure that all participants enjoy a memorable experience during the conference. Below is an overview of the Conference Program:

**Monday 9th October 2023**

- 9.00 AM – 4.00 PM: Registration, Exhibition Setup, Private Group Meetings
- 4.00 PM – 5.30 PM: Opening Ceremony
- 5.30 PM – 6.30 PM: Welcome Cocktail

**Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th October 2023**

- 9.00 AM – 6.00 PM: Conference Business and Related Activities

**Friday 13th October 2023**

- 9.00 AM – 4.00 PM: Excursions, Private Meetings Departure

**Note:** Detailed information on the Program is available on [Program page of the Conference website](#) and will be updated regularly.

**Conference Venue**

The Panari Hotel is a 5-Star Hotel located on Mombasa Road, Nairobi, overlooking the Nairobi National Park. It is 10 minutes from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and the City Centre.

Residents at the hotel can enjoy activities such as ice-skating at East Africa’s only ice-skating rink; work out at the Dolphin Spa and fitness centre that comprises a fully equipped gym, in-door swimming pool, sauna,
steam baths and a spa that offers various massage treatments, and, wind down with drinks and music at the ‘Shooters & Dips’ cocktail lounge. Guests also have the convenience of a business centre, access to a bank, pharmacy and several shops.

Panari offers an exciting dining experience that includes the Red Garnet Restaurant (delectable international and local cuisines on the third floor with spectacular views); Black Gold Café (positioned on the ground floor with all day dining) and Fogo Gaucho (Brazilian Restaurant).

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### Accommodation

We have negotiated a highly discounted rate for accommodation at the Panari Hotel as follows:

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To enjoy this discounted rate, kindly make your reservation through the [Accommodation page of the Conference website](#).

### Alternative Accommodation

For participants who may wish to stay at alternative locations, there are several beautiful hotels as well as budget accommodation near the Panari Hotel. For any assistance, kindly contact the Conference secretariat at [conference2023@iceviafrica.org](mailto:conference2023@iceviafrica.org).
Meetings

The Conference is offering opportunities for groups to hold private meetings as part of the Conference Program. Meeting spaces are available as follows:

- Monday and Friday: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.
- Tuesday – Thursday: 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm.

Meeting spaces can be reserved on the Meetings page of the Conference website. Meeting spaces will be allocated on a first-come basis.

Note: For meetings on Monday and Friday, certain hotel costs may apply. Please contact the Conference Secretariat for details.

Travelling to Nairobi

Kenya Visa

Applying for an eVisa to enter Kenya is simple! For information about countries that require a visa to enter into Kenya and on how to apply for a Kenyan Visa, kindly visit: www.evisa.go.ke.

Invitation Letter

If you require an invitation letter for your travel to the conference, kindly fill out a request form on the Travel page of the Conference website.
Airport Transfer

There are several options available for transfer from the airport to Panari Hotel.

- **Uber/Bolt**: Uber and Bolt online taxis are available at an approximate cost of USD 10 to Panari Hotel.
- **Panari Transfer**: You can also book with Panari for your airport transfer at a cost of USD 20 per person and USD 45 per carload of 4 passengers.

- **Airport Taxi**: There are many airport taxis available 24 hours at the Arrival Gate. These are painted yellow. They will charge approximately USD 20 to Panari Hotel.

Additional Information

There is a lot of information on the internet about travelling to Kenya. One of the places to start when looking for information is: [33 Kenya Travel Tips | All You Need To Know For First Timers.](#)
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