



# Practical information for the participants ITU/WHO Focus Group on Artificial Intelligence for Health (FG-AI4H)

# Zanzibar, Tanzania, 2-5 September 2019

#### 1. Event venue

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# 2. Zanzibar the spice island:

The beautiful Island of Zanzibar (also known as the Spice Island) is a semi-autonomous archipelago off the coast of Tanzania consisting of Zanzibar Island (locally, *Unguja*) Pemba Island and many smaller islands. Zanzibar Island itself is approximately 90km long and 40km wide. It is bursting with culture and history, seemingly at odds with its idyllic geography of white- sand beaches with palms swaying lazily in the sea breeze.

Tourist attractions in Zanzibar may be found in Annex 2

## 3. Hotels

Hotel reservations are to be made directly by delegates; please send a copy of the reservation to the e-mail address given below.

Arrangements will be made by UCSAF to transport delegates from their respective hotels to the meeting venue.

The list of potential hotels may be found in Annex 1.

## 4. Arrival and transportation

Arrangements will be made to meet delegates upon arrival at the airport and take them to their respective hotels.

<u>Important</u>: Delegates wishing to benefit from this service are requested to send their flight details and arrival time to the following contact person:

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## Transport from Hotels to the Venue

There will be transport arrangements for delegate staying outside the conference venue during the 4 days (on the proposed hotels).

## 5. Visa – Formalities for entering Tanzania

If required, visas must be requested as soon as possible from the embassy or consulate representing Tanzania in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

Delegates who require a personal invitation letter are invited to contact Ms Justina Mashiba by email at: <a href="mailto:justina.mashiba@ucsaf.go.tz">justina.mashiba@ucsaf.go.tz</a> with copy to TSB: <a href="mailto:tsbevents@itu.int">tsbevents@itu.int</a> bearing the words "Letter of support for visa" as the subject. The deadline for such requests is 22 July 2019. The e-mail subject should state the registration number, address of the Tanzanian embassy in the applicant's country and include a scan of the applicant's passport data page. Please note that requests for visa support letters can be considered only after you have registered on the event website, <a href="https://itu.int/go/fgai4h/reg">https://itu.int/go/fgai4h/reg</a>.

#### A. Entry Requirements

Foreigners seeking to enter the United Republic of Tanzania should be in the possession of valid passports or any other travel document. The passport or any other travel document is to be presented to the Immigration Control Officer at any entry point, such as Border station, Airport or Harbour. The travel document must be presented along with one of the following:

- a passport or Travel Document which is valid for not less than six months;
- a Residence Permit or a Pass or his name is endorsed upon the same;
- A valid Visa (where applicable) from any Tanzania Mission abroad or on arrival at any designated entry points (Visa issuing centres)

## **B.** Entry authorization

Upon complying with the entry requirements, a visitor is issued with a Visitor's Pass with validity not exceeding three months (and not exceeding six months for citizens of EAC Member States).

## Single entry visa (ordinary visa)

This Visa is issued for a single entry to a visitor for a period not exceeding three months for the purpose of holidays, business, health treatment, studies, leisure or any other activity legally recognized by the Law.

## Multiple entries visa

This Visa is issued to persons whose nature of their businesses or circumstances require them to make frequent visits to the United Republic of Tanzania for a period not exceeding twelve months.

## Transit visa

This Visa may be issued to a person for the purpose of transiting to another destination outside the United Republic for a period not exceeding seven days.

#### **Business visa**

Business Visa may be issued to persons for the purpose of temporarily conducting business, trade, professional or assignment for a period not exceeding three months and it is not extendable.

#### Referral cases

There are some countries which their nationals require special clearance from the Commissioner General of Immigration or the Commissioner of Immigration (Zanzibar) prior to issuance of the Visa. These countries fall under the referral visa category. Applicants whose nationals fall under referral visa category are not advised to book flight tickets or make any reservations before they get their visa.

## C. Applying for the Visa online

## i. Tanzania Electronic Visa Application System

- a) It is now possible to apply for an online visa to visit the United Republic of Tanzania (both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar) using the <u>online form</u>, making the required payment, and submitting your application online. The submitted form will be internally reviewed and processed
- b) Applicants will be notified through their e-mails whether their applications have been accepted or rejected. They may also TRACK their application statuses through the online system. Applicants may as well be required to visit the nearest Tanzanian Embassies or Consular Offices for interviews.
- c) Snapshot of the Electronic Visa Application System is given below:

#### What do you want to do?



All visa applications must be made online on Tanzania Electronic Visa Application System. No other third-party links or forms should be accessed for this purpose.

## ii. Online Visa Application

- Visit the Immigration Services Website (<u>www.immigration.go.tz</u>)
- Click "e-services" button;
- Select and click "Online Visa Application Form";
- Upload and attach the applicant's scanned relevant documents for the Visa;
- Then, the applicant will receive an e-mail message containing User Identification Number (that may be used to track the application online);
- After completion of filling an online visa application form, the applicant will have to pay for a for respective visa fee;
- Upon successful payment, the applicant will submit his application;
- Lastly, the applicant will receive a message of confirmation of his application being received.
- The progress of the application may be tracked on the using the ID Number provided during the application stage
- Once the visa is approved, a notification message will be sent to your e-mail. If the online visa application is successful, you will be required to download a **visa grant notice** which you will show upon arrival so as to obtain an entry stamp.

## **D.** Entry Ports

Applicants whose visa applications have been approved are at present required to enter the United Republic of Tanzania through the five specified Entry Points, which are:

- Julius Nyerere International Airport **Dar es Salaam**(JNIA);
- Kilimanjaro International Airport Kilimanjaro (KIA);
- Abeid Amani Karume International **Airport Zanzibar** (AAKIA);
- Namanga border **Arusha**
- Tunduma border Mbeya

## E. Entry Authorization

- i. Applications are required to abide by the yellow fever requirements set forth by Tanzania:
  - a) Yellow fever vaccination is mandatory for applicants coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.
  - b) The yellow fever vaccination should be administered ten days prior to the travel to Tanzania.
  - c) Medical proof of the vaccination being administered should be submitted to the authorized medical officer (as required)
- ii. Countries at risk of yellow fever transmission:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivore, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda

**South America**: Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela

For more information, please visit <a href="http://moh.go.tz/en/yellow-fever-entry">http://moh.go.tz/en/yellow-fever-entry</a>

## List of Countries which their Nationals require Referral Visa.

No.	Name of the Country	No.	Name of the Country
1.	Afghanistan	14.	Sierra Leone
2.	Abkhazia	15.	Tajikistan
3.	Azerbaijan	16.	Turkmenistan
4.	Bangladesh	17.	Eritrea
5.	Chad	18.	Equatorial Guinea
6.	Djibouti	19.	Kazakhstan Republic
7.	Ethiopia	20.	Kyigten Republic
8.	Niger	21.	Lebanon
9.	Palestine	22.	Mali
10.	Senegal	23.	Mauritania
11.	Somalia	24.	Uzbekistan and
12.	Sri Lanka	25.	Stateless persons or persons with refugee status
13.	Somali land		

# COUNTRIES WHICH THEIR NATIONALS DO NOT REQUIRE VISA

No.	Name of the Country	No.	Name of the Country
1.	Barbuda	36.	Antigua &
2.	Anguilla	37.	Montserrat
3.	Ashmore & Certie Island	38.	Malaysia
4.	Bahamas	39.	Madagascar
5.	Barbados	40.	Malta
6.	Bermuda	41.	Mauritius
7.	Belize	42.	Macao
8.	Brunei	43.	Mozambique
9.	British Virgin Island	44.	Nauru
10.	British Indian Ocean Territory	45.	Naue Island
11.	Botswana	46.	Norfolk Island
12.	Cyprus	47.	Namibia
13.	Cayman Island	48.	Papua new Guinea
14.	Channel Island	49.	Rwanda
15.	Cocoas Island	50.	Romania
16.	Cook Island	51,	Ross Dependency
17.	Christmas Island	52.	Samoa
18.	Dominica	53.	Seychelles
19.	Falkland Island	54.	Singapore
20.	Gambia	55.	Swaziland
21.	Ghana	56.	Solomon Island
22.	Gibraltar	57.	St. Kitts&Navis
23.	Grenada	58.	St. Lucia
24.	Guernsey	59.	St. Vicent
25.	Guyana	60.	St. Helana
26.	Heard Island	61.	South African Republic
27.	Hong Kong	62.	Trinidad & Tobago
28.	Isle of man	63.	Turks & Caicos
29.	Jamaica	64.	Tokelan
30.	Jersey	65.	Tonga
31.	Kenya	66.	Tuvalu
32.	Kiribati	67.	Vanuatu
33.	Lesotho	68.	Uganda
34.	Malawi	69	Zambia
35.	Zimbabwe	70.	Zimbabwe

TYPES OF VISA	VISA FEES IN USD	
Multiple entry visa	100	
Single entry visa	50	
Business visa	250	
Transit visa	30	

#### Single entry visa

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (At least 6 months before expiration);
- Return ticket of the flight (not mandatory)
- Dully filled in declaration form
- Visa fee (if applicable)

## Multiple visa

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (At least 6 months before expiration)
- Visa fee (if applicable)
- Valid passport or national ID of the person to be visited in Tanzania (host)
- A covering letter of the host Institution detailing the reasons and frequency of Visits
- Any proof that justifies that a visitor is required to visit the United Republic of Tanzania frequently;
- Proof of return flight (as required)

#### Transit visa

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (At least 6 months before expiration)
- Visa fee (if application)
  An entry visa or onward ticket to the intended country of destination

#### **Business visa**

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (At least 6 months before expiration)
- Return ticket of the flight
- Visa fee (if applicable)
- A work contract or any proof of the work/assignment to be performed within a period not exceeding three months

For more information you can visit <a href="https://www.immigration.go.tz/index.php/en/services/visa-information">https://www.immigration.go.tz/index.php/en/services/visa-information</a>

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## 5. Currency and exchange

The unit of local currency is the Tanzania Shilling. Its exchange rate with Euro and USD (as of 2019-06-14) is as follows: -

**1 Euro** = 2,590.06 **1 USD** = 2,298.28

## 6. Language

The official working languages in the country are Swahili and English.

## 7. Climate

The climate is **tropical**, hot all year round, with two rainy seasons: one more intense, known as the "long rains" season, from March to May, with the peak in April, and the other less intense, known as the "short rains" season, between mid-October and December. Total annual **rainfall** is about 1,600 millimeters (63 inches) in Zanzibar and 1,900 mm (75 in) in Pemba. April and May are the wettest months, when downpours can be really strong and cause floods. However, some short thunderstorms can occur throughout the year.

# 8. Temperatures

Temperatures are high throughout the year. The warmest period is from October to March, during which the maximum temperature hovers around 31/33 degrees Celsius (88/91 °F) and the humidity is high, although the breeze tempers a little the heat. In the worst moments, the temperature can reach 36/38 °C (97/100 °F). The period from May to August, when the southeast trade winds predominate, is cooler, with highs around 29 °C (84 °F).

## 9. Best time

The best months to enjoy the sun and the sea of Zanzibar are **July, August and September**. In Zanzibar, the rains cease or drastically decrease already in June, so on this island, you can also go in June, while on the more northern island of Pemba, it still rains a bit in this month. If you want, you can also choose the months of January and February, between the two rainy seasons, though this period is hot and sultry.

#### 10. What to Pack

Pack light clothes, a sweatshirt for the evening, a light scarf for the breeze, and sunscreen. When going to the reef, you can bring snorkelling equipment, including water shoes or rubber-soled shoes.

#### 11. Cultural

The population of Zanzibar is predominantly Muslim with a rich Swahili culture. Because of religious and cultural traditions, dress code is important; men and women should dress appropriately when away from the beach, i.e covering shoulders and legs too below the knees. Beachwear on the beach is fine.

Zanzibari people are generally very warm, open and hospitable, and your respect for permission before taking photographs or filming local people is appreciated.

Public consumption of alcohol is not permissible, except in hotels and tourist areas, bars and some restaurants, where it is no problem.

#### 12. Local time

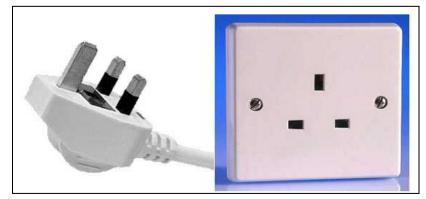
Standard time zone: GMT +3.

#### 13. Telecommunications

The country code for Tanzania is +255.

## 14. Electricity

In Tanzania the power sockets are of type D and G. The Standard voltage is 230V and the standard frequency is 50HZ usually square pin (see image on the right).



## 15. Health

Anti-malaria medication is recommended when traveling within East Africa including Zanzibar. Anti-malaria tablets are recommended to be taken a few days prior to arrival, during your stay and for a short period after returning home. In the evening it is advisable to walk around with mosquito repellent.

# 16. Internet connectivity

Internet connection will be available at the meeting venue. Payment may be required at certain hotels.

## 17. Contact

For any questions, please contact:

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ANNEX 1: LIST OF POTENTIAL HOTELS IN KIWENGWA-ZANZIBAR

No	Hotel	Rates in US \$. (Exchange rate 1 USD = 2350 Shillings)	Distance from the Venue
1	Melia Zanzibar	USD 361 Standard room	Venue
2	Dream of Zanzibar	USD 255 Standard room	2.8 km
3	Diamonds Mapenzi Beach	USD 248.40 Superior room	2.2 km
4	Ocean Paradise Resort & Spa	USD 180 Superior room	2.7 km
5	Neptune Pwani Beach Resort & Spa -	USD 329.50 Deluxe Garden Ocean View	3.4 km
		USD 362.80 Deluxe Seaside	
6	Zan View Hotel	USD 135 Double Room Sea View	3.8 km
7.	Blue Bay Beach Resort	USD 184 Standard Double Room Garden view ( <b>Breakfast and Dinner</b> included)	2.4 km
		USD 159 Standard room Garden View	
		USD 199 Superior Room (Breakfast and Dinner included	
8	Sultan Sand island Resort	USD 288 Standard Double room Garden view (All inclusive).	3.8 km
		USD 388 Superior room (All inclusive).	
		USD 163 Single (Breakfast and Dinner included)	
9	Sea crest Hotel	USD 78 Standard Double room (Breakfast included)	4.8 km
		USD 102 Deluxe double room (Breakfast included)	
		USD 114 Suite with garden view (Breakfast included)	

Please note that the prices mentioned in the table are only indicative and may vary and you are advised to reserve your preferred hotel as early as possible to avoid late minutes' disappointments as September is a high season period for tourists. The inclusion of the names of these hotels in this document does not amount to their endorsement by the ITU or the local hosts. ITU does not take responsibility for the quality of services provided by these hotels.

## **ANNEX 2: ZANZIBAR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS**

#### Stone town

Zanzibar's capital is the historical Stone Town, home to much of Zanzibar's tourism industry. It is also a World Heritage Site. The town is home to numerous historical and cultural sites, including Mukusurani graveyard (where many of the islands previous Arab rulers are buried), House of Wonders (a four story building which was the first place on the islands with electrical lights), Hamamni and Kidichi Persian Baths (the first public baths on the island) Dunga Ruins (Ruins of a palace built in the 15th century by the rulers of the time) and the Peace Memorial Museum, which serves a national historical museum detailing the Island's longest History.



## **Coastal tourism**

Zanzibar is home to large amounts of beaches and clear Indian Ocean water, as well as coral and limestone scarps which allow for significant amounts of diving and snorkeling. The diving and snorkeling are done in marine parks. The aquatic life seen includes; dolphins, moray eels, lion fish, octopus and lobster Tourists may also go dhow cruising around the small islands. Tourists can view the sunset and have refreshments on board



## **Prison Island**

Prison Island also known as the Changuu Island is just off the coast of Stone Town, Zanzibar about 30 minutes by boat from Zanzibar Island. The prison thereon was never used to house prisoners. The Island was once used by Arab slave traders to contain the more troublesome slaves brought from African mainland to prevent their escape before shipping them to the Arabian purchasers, or for auctioning in Zanzibar slave trade market.





## **Spice Tour**

The town is famous for its spice tours. Tourists visit the various coconut and spice plantations in the island. Zanzibar is known for its variety of spices that are used to prepare food, cosmetics and medicines. Some of the fruits available include; banana, coconut, lime, jackfruit and breadfruit.

The spices available include; clove, nutmeg, black pepper, vanilla and coriander. Zanzibar is also known for its salt and seaweed farms that may be visited by tourists on request.



## Jozani forest & Kidike Root Site

The Jozani forest is located in the Central East Region of Zanzibar consisting of a large mangrove swamp. The forest is home to the rare red colobus monkey. The forest is also home to 40 species of bird and 50 species of butterfly. The Kidike root site is a great place to view the endangered Pemba flying fox.



For more information please visit. <a href="http://www.zanzibartourism.go.tz/">http://www.zanzibartourism.go.tz/</a>

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