



ConferenceInfo

16th Africa Scout Conference & 7th Africa Scout Youth Forum

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EVENT INFORMATION



EVENT DATES & VENUES

The dates and venues for the two events are as follows

7th Africa Scout Youth Forum

Dates: 24 - 28 August 2015

Venue: Ggaba Seminary, Kampala – Uganda

16th Africa Scout Conference

Dates: 28 August – 1 September 2015

Venue: Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala – Uganda

FEES & REGISTRATION

The Youth forum participants will pay USD 100 each while those proceeding to the conference will pay USD 150. The conference participants will pay a conference fee of USD 150 each but will be responsible for their own accommodation.

All conference participants, observers and guests are required to register by completing the registration form online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15hshG-js7Sp5v0Dv6KLHRI-yFRhNNpPaSxykSe5272CM/view-form> or return the offline registration form duly filled to africaconference@scout.org

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Please indicate correctly your flight details for arrival and departure to enable the hosts to organize for your transfers

FORUM & CONFERENCE MATERIAL

All forum and conference materials can be accessed and downloaded from the event webpage www.scout.org/uganda2015. Please note that no hard copies of these documents will be provided. Instead, conference documents will be distributed through a flash disk. So you are requested to bring with you a laptop or Ipad. This is in our effort to contribute to conserving our environment by limiting the amount of paper use.

PAYMENTS

Please make your payment of the participation fee to the following bank account and retain your deposit slip or transfer statement as proof of payment. This will be required at the event.

Account Name: Uganda Scouts Association
Account No: 0010292034 (Currency: US Dollar - USD)
Bank: Tropical Bank Limited
Main Branch (P.O.BOX 9485 Kampala, Uganda)

ACCOMMODATION

The hosts have proposed some hotels close to the venue and with good rates for your consideration for those who may not opt to stay at the conference venue. The forum participants will however be hosted at the Forum venue during the forum period. Below are the names of some of the suggested alternative hotels and links to their websites.

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No	Name of Hotel	Accommodation (UGX)	Contact Address	Location & Distance
1.	Victoria Travel Hotel (31 rooms)	Single rooms @ 80,000/- Double rooms @ 100,000/- Twin rooms @ 120,000/- Deluxe rooms @ 150,000/-	Tel: +256-414-501084 Mob: +256-782-398926, +256-701-573606, +256-712-576028 E-mail: victoriatravelhotel@yahoo.co.uk Web: www.victoriatravelhotels.com	Located at Ggaba, 12 km from Kampala City on the shores of Lake Victoria, and 2.5 km from the conference venue.
2.	Green Valley Hotel, Ggaba (52 rooms)	Single rooms @ 70,000/- Double rooms @ 85,000/- Twin rooms @ 100,000/- Executive rooms @ 120,000/-	Tel: +256-312-281257 E-mail: greenvalleyhotel@live.com Website: www.greenvalleyhotel.net	Located at Ggaba, 12 km from Kampala City, and 2.5 km from the conference venue.
3.	Buziga Country Resort (38 rooms)	Single rooms @ 80,000/- Double rooms @ 100,000/- Twin rooms @ 120,000/- Executive rooms @ 150,000/- Suites @ 180,000/-	Tel: +256-414-267034; +256-414-268966 Mob: +256-772-684728 E-mail: buzigaesort@yahoo.com Web: www.buzigacountryresort.com	Located at plot 571, Kiruddu road, Buziga – Ggaba, 11 km from Kampala City, and 2.5 km from the conference venue
4.	The Royal Palm Hotel (31 rooms)	Single rooms @ 95,000/- Double rooms @ 125,000/- Twin rooms @ 150,000/- Executive rooms @ 150,000/-	Tel: +256-414-413577 Mob: +256-706-150175 E-mail: royalimpala@gmail.com Web: www.royalimpalahotel.com	Located at 2 Walugembe Close, Munyonyo, 0.5 km from the conference venue
5.	Fressy Hotel, Munyonyo (10 rooms)	Single rooms @ 100,000/ Double rooms @ 120,000/- Suites @ 180,000/- Deluxe rooms @ 150,000/-	Tel: +256-751-961005	Located at Walugembe Close, Munyonyo, 0.5 km from the conference venue
6.	Speke Resort, Munyonyo	Single Deluxe Rooms, Double Deluxe Rooms, One Bedroom Suites, Two Bedroom Suites, Cottages, Executive Rooms, Executive Suites and Presidential Suites	Tel: +256 414 227 111/ +256 417 716 000 Email: spekeresort@spekeresort.com/reservations@spekeresort.com Web: www.spekeresort.com	Located on the shores of Lake Victoria about 12 km from the capital Kampala.

Please note that all rates include bed and breakfast and are quoted in Uganda shillings. Some accommodation facilities will be secured at Ggaba National Seminary which is located at Ggaba, 11 km from Kampala City and 3 km from the conference venue. The rates to be communicated as soon as negotiations are complete.

ABOUT UGANDA

WELCOME TO UGANDA

The Republic of Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is bordered to the east by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the southwest by Rwanda, and to the south by Tanzania.

Uganda is the world's second most populous landlocked country after Ethiopia. The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania, situating the country in the African Great Lakes region. Uganda also lies within the Nile basin, and has a varied but generally equatorial climate.

Uganda is ethnically diverse, with at least 40 languages in usage. The official languages are Swahili and English. Luganda, a central language, is widely spoken across the country, and multiple other languages are also spoken including Runyoro, Runyankole Rukiga, Langi and many others. Kampala is the capital and largest city in Uganda.

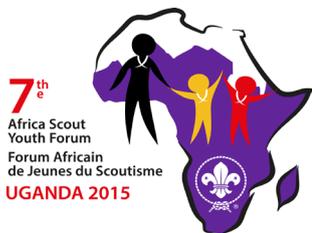
GETTING TO KAMPALA

Unlike most countries where major airports are located within the capital city, your destination is Entebbe Airport when flying to Kampala Uganda.

Entebbe International Airport (EBB) is the principal international airport of Uganda. It is near the town of Entebbe, on the shores of Lake Victoria, and about 40 km, by road, southwest of the central business district of Kampala, the capital of Uganda.

Sixteen international airlines currently have scheduled operations to and from Entebbe International Airport and serve fourteen destinations with connections to the rest of the world

These airlines include: Kenya Airways, Ethiopian Airlines, Rwanda Air Express, South African Airways, Air Tanzania, Air Burundi, Qatar Airways, Sudan Airways, Egypt Air, Delta Airlines, Turkish Airlines, British Airways, Emirates, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and SN Brussels.



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VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a valid passport, one that will not expire within six months on the date you plan to leave Uganda and a visa to be accepted in the country. The good news is that acquiring a Ugandan visa is quite straightforward. Single entry visa costs about US\$ 50 while a multiple entry visa (6-12 months) costs about US\$ 100. Visa can be obtained on arrival at the port of entry. You will need to have an invitation letter.

The following countries enjoy visa exemptions to Uganda. Kindly confirm with the local embassy of Uganda incase of any further requirements in relation to gaining entry to Uganda.

AFRICAN COUNTRIES: Angola, Comoros, Eritrea, Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

OTHER COUNTRIES: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Fiji, Grenada, Jamaica, Malta, Singapore, Solomon Islands, St. Vincent, Tonga, Vanuatu, Italy (only Diplo-

HEALTH

Before making your visit to Uganda, you may need to get some vaccinations and medications for non vaccine-preventable diseases. Consult your doctor or health care provider ahead of time to determine what you will need, depending on your past medical and immunization history and areas of Uganda you will be visiting.

When preparing your business travel medical kit, remember to include the following items:

- Prescription medicines if you have any long standing illness
- Antimalarial drugs

Quality healthcare services are also available in Uganda. Many insurance companies have service hospitals in Kampala.

FOREX GUIDE

The currency in use is the Ugandan Shilling (UGX). The Uganda Shilling is freely convertible to any foreign currency and vice versa because the country's economic policy for current and capital accounts is fully liberalized.

Common International Currencies quoted on the Uganda Foreign Exchange Market include: US Dollar, Euro, British Pound, Japanese Yen, Swiss Franc, Danish Krone, Norwegian Krone, Swedish Krone, Australian Dollar, Canadian Dollar, South African Rand. East African currencies of Kenya Shilling and Tanzanian Shillings are also common.

Here are five (5) common ways you can buy Uganda Currency

- Directly from Uganda Forex Bureaus:
- Directly from Uganda Commercial Banks
- Using Uganda Money Transfer Service Organizations (MoneyGram, Western Union)
- From Bank of Uganda
- Using your Credit Card or Visa Card.

Exchange rates as at 12th June 2015 are

Currency	Exchange Rate
United States Dollar (USD)	2,977 UGX
Sterling Pound (GBP)	4,600 UGX
Euro (EUR)	3,306 UGX

ICT GUIDE

This is to help you understanding how you will be able keep your Mobile Phone, iPhone, iPad, Laptop/Notebook and Digital Camera powered during your stay in Uganda.

Check the powering options for your gadgets and compare them with the Ugandan British standardized plug (a.k.a BS 1363 socket) and socket system with an output voltage of 240V for compatibility. This is a large plug that has three rectangular pins forming a triangle; also called the 13 amp Plug.

Decide whether you will use roaming on your Mobile Phone or you will subscribe to one of the existing mobile networks in Uganda. This will depend on the cost of the roaming services, length of your stay in Uganda, availability of the service on your home Carrier and your Mobile Phone

CUISINE

Ugandan cuisine consists of traditional cooking with English, Arab, and Asian (especially Indian) influences. Like the cuisines of most countries, it varies in complexity, from the most basic, a starchy filler with a sauce of beans or meat, to several-course meals served in upper-class homes and high-end restaurants.

Main dishes are usually centred on a sauce or stew of groundnuts, beans or meat. The starch traditionally comes from ugali (maize meal) in the North, South and East, matoke (boiled and mashed green banana) in Central Uganda, or an ugali made from millet in the West and Northwest. Cassava, yam, and African sweet potato, Sweet potatoes are also eaten; the more affluent include white (often called "Irish") potato and rice in their diets. Soybeans were promoted as a healthy food staple in the 1970s and are also used occasionally for breakfast. Chapati, an Asian flatbread, is also part of Ugandan cuisine.

CULTURE

The culture of Uganda is made up of a diverse range of ethnic groups. Lake Kyoga forms the northern boundary for the Bantu-speaking peoples, who dominate much of East, Central, and Southern Africa. In Uganda, they include the Baganda and several other tribes.

In the north, the Lango and the Acholi peoples predominate, who speak Nilotic languages. To the east are the Iteso and Karamojong, who speak a Nilotic language, whereas the Gishu are part of the Bantu and live mainly on the slopes of Mt. Elgon. They speak Lumasaba, which is closely related to the Luhya of Kenya. A few Pygmies live isolated in the rainforests of western Uganda.

TOURISM

Tourist attractions in Uganda include national game parks, bird watching, game reserves, traditional sites, natural tropical forests, hiking and mountain climbing, boat riding, waterfalls and traditional occasions like Mbalu in eastern Uganda.

The loss of charismatic wildlife in previously popular safari parks such as Murchison Falls National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park prevented these parks from competing with similar tourist attractions in neighbouring Kenya and Tanzania. Uganda's tourist industry instead promoted its tropical forests.

The keystone of the new industry became Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. With more than 300 Mountain Gorillas, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park has approximately half of the world's population of Mountain Gorillas.

STAY IN TOUCH

You can stay regularly updated on the preparations leading to the Youth Forum and Conference through the following channels.

Website

Get up-to-date official information regarding the events on the webpage www.scout.org/uganda2015

Facebook

Like and interact with the organizers and other participants on event page <https://www.facebook.com/AfricaScoutConferenceYouthForum> using the hashtags **#ASConf** and **#ASYForum**

Twitter

Follow and interact with the Africa Regional Office @ScoutingAfrica (www.twitter.com/ScoutingAfrica) using the hashtags **#ASConf** and **#ASYForum**

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"The bedrock of our national power is in the strength of our people and the moral values which we all cherish. These values include concern for the welfare and rights of others, adherence to law and order, respect for the dignity of man and the virtues of honour, loyalty and social justice."

H.E. Jerry John Rawlings, Former President of Ghana & Keynote Speaker at the 16th Africa Scout Conference



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