



# COUNTRY INFORMATION FOR THE PAPU DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKSHOP

TO BE HELD IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA

11<sup>th</sup> TO 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

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# 01.About Arusha

Arusha is situated in the Northern part of the United Republic of Tanzania at the foot of the Mount Meru on the eastern edge of the eastern branch of the Great Rift Valley. Arusha Region is a popular tourist destination and the heart of the Northern Tanzania Safari Circuit. It offers a pleasurable climate and is surrounded by internationally renowned attractions, including game parks like the Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara, Olduvai Gorge, Tarangire National Park, Mount Kilimanjaro and Arusha National Park, where Mount Meru stands. The city is known for its vibrant markets, bustling streets, and diverse cultural offerings, including traditional Maasai dance performances and handicrafts.



In addition to hosting numerous International Organizations, including the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT), the Pan African Postal Union, African Court on Human and People's Rights, African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption among others, Arusha is the headquarters of the East African Community, which comprises seven-member countries namely Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Arusha is also the host city for East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community. Over the years, the city has earned a solid reputation as a preferred venue for hosting high-profile international meetings, including summits of Heads of State and Government.

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Arusha is therefore a major conference hub in the sub-region with a cosmopolitan population. It is reputed as one of the most pleasant cities in the world, due to its picturesque countryside, cultural heritage Centers and lively local music by Tanzanian groups.

Arusha city is relatively safe for visitors.

However, it is advisable to take precautions especially during late hours.

# 02.Climate – during the Month of December

The average minimum temperature in Arusha in December is 15.0°C (59.0°F), which is usually noted during the night. December is a dry month with an average of 7.5mm (0.8in) rain. The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 25.0°C (75.2°F). December is known as one of the best months to visit Arusha. More updated information can be obtained from Tanzania Meteorological Authority at <http://www.meteo.go.tz/>

## 03. Visa Requirements

- a. Foreigners seeking to enter the United Republic of Tanzania should be in possession of a valid passport. The passport is to be presented to the Immigration Control Officer at any entry point: border station, airport, harbor. The passport must be presented along with a valid visa.
- b. Delegates are advised to consult the nearest Tanzanian Embassy well in advance for visa requirements.
- c. Information on Visa and online application can be accessed at <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/online/pass/home>
- d. Citizens from Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC) do not require a visa.

## 04. Health Requirements

### a. **Yellow fever vaccination certificate**

In order to comply with the International Health Regulations, United Republic of Tanzania requires a valid International Certificate of Vaccination from travelers from countries with infected areas. In addition, certificates are required from those who have been in transit through those areas.

### b. **Insurance**

Insurance for personal accident, medical emergencies, and loss of luggage and currency will be the responsibility of individual delegates.



## 05. Travel Logistics

**\*Delegates are requested to provide all travel information, including flight number, arrival and departure dates and time should they need pick-up from and to the airport.**

### a) Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

The main destination port for this event is Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) which is 45 kilometers from Arusha town. On arrival at JRO, delegates have to clear with Immigration, Customs and Port Health processes before collecting their luggage.

### c) Transport from the Airport to Hotel

- On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport or Arusha Airport Delegates are advised to look for the paging boards or signage with the name of meeting (PAPU DELEGATES).
- Transport, from the Airport to the hotels of choice in Arusha, will be at the full expense of the delegates unless otherwise free transport is provided by the meeting Host.

### d) Transport from Hotel to Meeting Venue

- Delegates will be provided with transportation from recommended hotels ONLY to the venue of the meeting and back by the Meeting Host.

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## 06. Meeting Venue

The Meeting will be held at the new Pan African Postal Union Headquarters (PAPU TOWER) in Arusha, Tanzania.



## 07. Participation

For a better organization, delegates are requested to register in advance following the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYodO-gpz4tHtCelarqU1V3KZSUwuRvwhXo>

## 08. Accommodation

Whereas the meeting Host has negotiated for favourable rates with Hotels, it must be noted that Delegates will have the sole responsibility of meeting their hotel accommodation, food and other personal expenses.

## 09. List of Recommended Hotels

A list of recommended hotels near the venue is as shown in the table below:

No	HOTELS	Charges/ Night
1	Point Zone	50 USD (single)
2	Mont Meru	250 USD (single) 280 USD (double)
3	Palace	100 USD (single) 120 USD (double)
4	Corridors Springs	60 USD (single)
5	Silver Palm	70 USD (single) 90 USD (double), 130 USD (suite)

## 10. Internet Access and Mobile Telephony Services

Internet Access will be provided at the venue, through WiFi. Delegates who wish to have local SIM Cards can obtain the same at the venue or at the Operators' shops. The recommended Mobile Network Operators are TTCL, Vodacom, Tigo, Airtel and Halotel all offering (2G, 3G & 4G).

## 11. Electricity

Tanzania standard electricity voltage is at 220 - 240V, and the frequency is 50/60Hz with power plugs and sockets of type G: square type three pins



## 12. Currency

The Official currency is Tanzanian Shilling (TZS). Other commonly acceptable currencies (for exchange to Tanzania Shillings) include:

1USD	=	2,703.19 TZS
1EUR	=	2,942.80 TZS
1GBP	=	3,438.96 TZS

\*Take note that the exchange rate may change at any time. For the latest exchange rates please visit <http://www.bot.go.tz> \*.

Online exchange rates can also be obtained from <http://www.xe.com/>



## 13. Additional Information

- a. **Time Zone:** Tanzania Standard Time is three (3) hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+3).
- b. **Emergency Numbers:** In case of emergency, for police please dial 112 and for Fire Emergency : 114:
- c. **Banking:** Monday to Friday 0830-1530 and Saturday : 0830-1200
- d. **Shops:** Monday to Friday: 0800-1700 and Saturday : 0800-1300
- e. **Languages:** English and Swahili are the official languages in the United Republic of Tanzania.

## 14. Host Contact Persons

The name of a contact person in Tanzania to assist with the invitation letter for Visa purpose and any technical assistance are: -

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| a) | Mr. Oyuke Phostine: | email : <a href="mailto:cop@papu.co.tz">cop@papu.co.tz</a> ; | mobile +255 788 551664 |
| b) | Ms. Itesi Taguaba:  | email : <a href="mailto:sc@papu.co.tz">sc@papu.co.tz</a> ;   | mobile +255 755 209679 |

Welcome to Arusha,  
Welcome to Tanzania

