

**9th Meeting of the Signatory States of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia**

White Sands Resort & Conference Centre  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 24-27 June 2024

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## **I. Tanzania**

Tanzania, officially the United Republic of Tanzania, is a country in East Africa within the African Great Lakes region. It is bordered by Uganda to the north; Kenya to the northeast; the Indian Ocean to the east; Mozambique and Malawi to the south; Zambia to the southwest; and Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west. According to the 2022 national census, Tanzania has a population of nearly 62 million, making it the most populous country located entirely south of the equator.

Today the country is a presidential constitutional republic with the federal capital located in the Government City, Dodoma. The former capital, Dar es Salaam, retains most government offices and is the country's largest city, principal port, and leading commercial centre.

Tanzania is mountainous and densely forested in the north-east, where Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain above sea level in the world, is located. Three of Africa's Great Lakes are partly within Tanzania. To the north and west lie Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake, and Lake Tanganyika, the continent's deepest lake, known for its unique species of fish. To the south lies Lake Malawi. The eastern shore is hot and humid, with the Zanzibar Archipelago just offshore. The Menai Bay Conservation Area is Zanzibar's largest marine protected area. The Kalambo Falls, located on the Kalambo River at the Zambian border, is the second-highest uninterrupted waterfall in Africa. Tanzania is one of the most visited tourist destinations for safaris.

## **II. Dar es Salaam**

Dar es Salaam is the largest city and financial hub of Tanzania. It is also the capital of the Dar es Salaam Region. With a population of over five million people, Dar es Salaam is the largest city in East Africa and the sixth largest in Africa. Located on the Swahili coast, Dar es Salaam is an important economic center and one of the fastest-growing cities in the world.

### **Getting to Dar es Salaam**

Julius Nyerere International Airport (IATA: DAR, ICAO: HTDA) is the international airport of Dar es Salaam. The airport has flights to destinations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Many international airlines fly to DAR, like; Emirates, KLM, Turkish Airlines, Qatar, Ethiopian Airlines and Air France, to mention some.

#### **Getting to the meeting venue from the airport.**

The White Sands Hotel (venue) offers shuttle from the airport to the hotel for \$55, one way. Please request this when you book your hotel room. Public taxis from DAR airport to the venue are available outside arrivals, but it is recommended to book your Taxi in advance. This will be more affordable, and you will know the costs in advance. There are many providers, please use an Internet search engine.

## **III. Meeting Venue**

The meeting will take place at the *White Sands Resort & Conference Centre* located 25 km North of Dar es Salaam city center, on a private stretch of beach.

**Address:**

**White Sands Resort & Conference Centre**

Jangwani, Africana Road

Dar es Salaam,

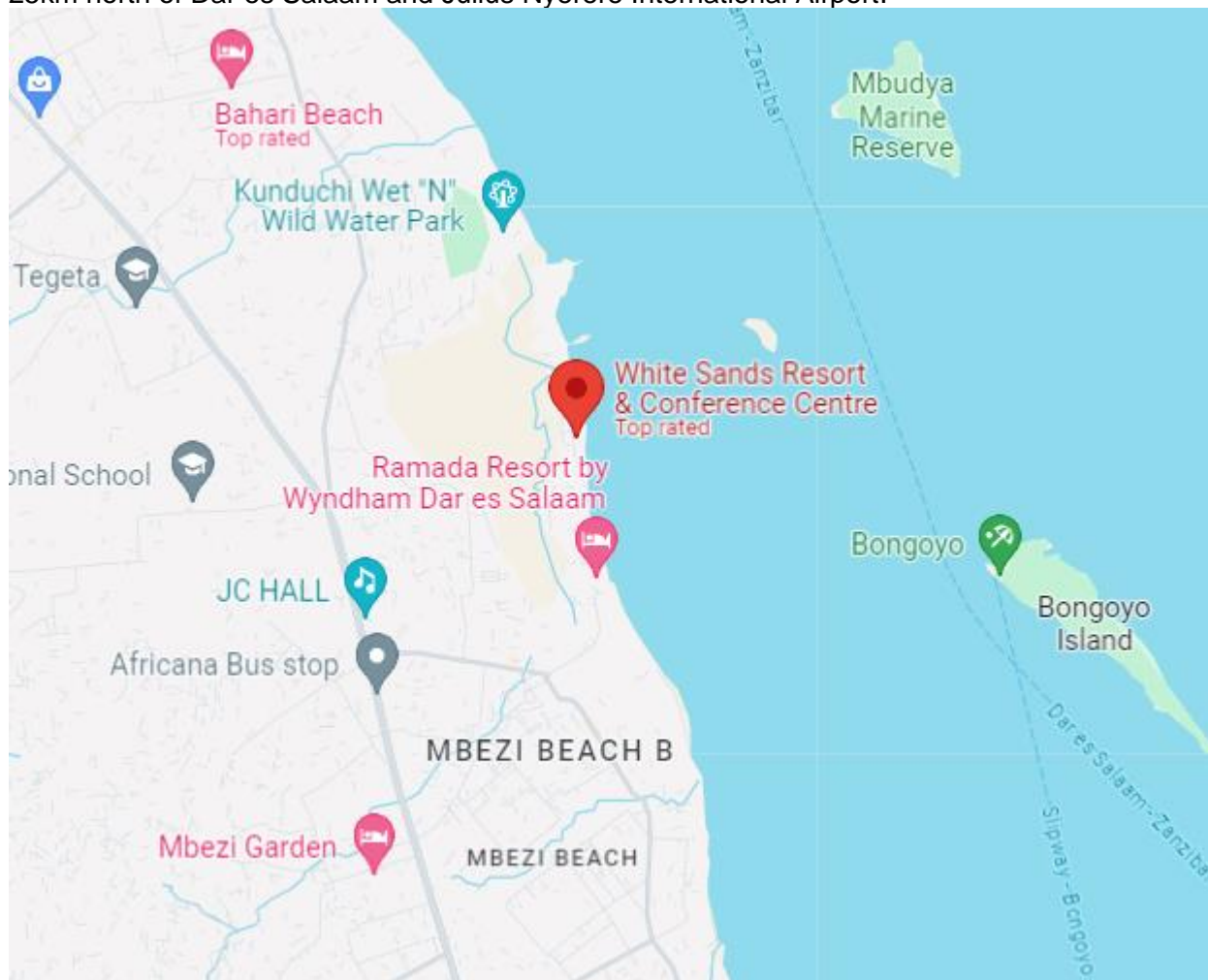
Tanzania

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The White Sands Resort and Conference Centre is situated on an idyllic private beach, just 25km north of Dar es Salaam and Julius Nyerere International Airport.



#### **IV. Registration**

Registration will start at 08:00 on 24 June 2024 at the venue.

## V. Hotel Accommodation

All delegates, including those funded through the Secretariat, need to make their own hotel bookings.

We recommend staying at the venue hotel, the **White Sands Resort & Conference Centre**, which has block-booked several rooms for MOS9 participants at a special rate which includes breakfast and free WiFi. The cost per night is as follows:

- Room: \$133 per night including breakfast. In order to book your room, please write to this email; [sales2@hotelwhitesands.com](mailto:sales2@hotelwhitesands.com) with IOSEA MOS9 Meeting in the subject line of your email.
- When choosing accommodation, funded participants should please bear in mind that the daily subsistence allowance (DSA) rate for Dar es Salaam, intended to cover accommodation, meals and local transport, is currently at approx. **USD 225 per day**. Additionally, funded participants will receive a lump sum payment of **USD 252** to cover transportation costs to and from airport, and visa related fees.
- In case of choosing other accommodation, we recommend choosing something in walking distance to the White Sands.

## VI. Weather

June in Dar es Salaam represents a transition phase in weather, with temperatures ranging from 28°C to 22°C and humidity falling to 77%. This is coupled with a significant reduction in rainfall, marking only 22mm. In Dar es Salaam, the average seawater temperature in June is 27°C.

## VII. Currency

The Tanzanian Shilling is the official currency of Tanzania. You can use the Tanzanian Shilling for smaller expenses like shopping at local markets, restaurants and supermarkets. The US dollar is used as well, especially at tourist areas they prefer dollars over local currency. So make sure you have shillings as well as dollars in your pocket. If bringing cash in US dollars, make sure bank notes are in good condition and not older than 2006. Money can only be exchanged in banks (don't forget to bring your passport). Please do not exchange money on the street.

The Tanzanian banknotes are in 1000, 2000, 5000 and 10000 Shilling. The coins are available in 50, 100, 200 and 500 Shilling.

1 US Dollar is about 2550-2650, - Tanzanian Shilling. Check a currency converter for the latest exchange rate.

The main credit and debit cards (MasterCard, Visa) are accepted at most hotels, major restaurants, and shops.

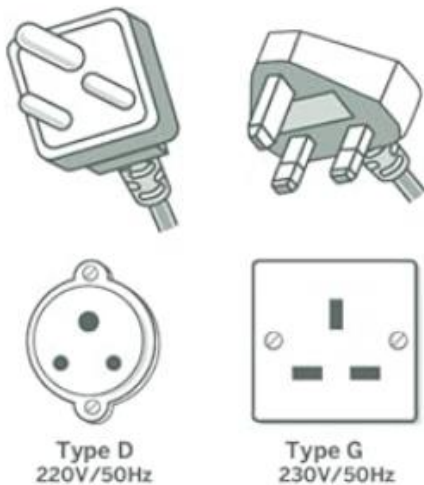
## VIII. Language

Tanzania is a multilingual country. There are many languages spoken in the country, none of which is spoken natively by a majority or a large plurality of the population. Swahili and English are widely spoken and serve as working languages in the country, with Swahili being the official national language.

## IX. Voltage and type of pins

For Tanzania there are two associated plug types, types D and G. Plug type D is the plug which has three round pins in a triangular pattern and plug type G is the plug which has two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin. Tanzania operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

Electricity 230V/50Hz



## X. Visas

For information regarding the visa application process for visiting Tanzania, please refer [here](#). For the current list of visa-exempt countries, please refer [here](#).

If you require an invitation letter for your visa application, please let us know and we will provide one. Visas can no longer be obtained from your nearest Embassy or Consulate, you will have to apply online.

If you have any difficulties obtaining a visa, please contact the Secretariat: [iosea@un.org](mailto:iosea@un.org)

## XI. Insurance

All participants must take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to MOS9. The IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU Secretariat will NOT take any responsibility for any participant failing to be insured.

## **XII. Working language of the meeting**

The meeting will be conducted in English.

## **XIII. Internet**

Wi-Fi will be provided free of charge in the meeting rooms and for the duration of the meeting.

## **XIV. Identification badges**

All participants will receive an identification badge to access the venue. You are requested to wear this badge during your stay at the venue.

## **XV. Time zone**

Tanzania is in the East Africa Time Zone (EAT). Tanzania Standard Time is 3 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+3).

## **XVI. Plastic ban in Tanzania.**

Please note that plastic bags are banned in Tanzania since June 2019. More information regarding this can be found [here](#).

## **XVII. Information on Tanzania**

For tourist information about Tanzania please visit: <https://www.tanzaniatourism.go.tz/>

## **XVIII. Useful Numbers**

Country dialling code: +255

Emergency contact numbers:

- 112 – Emergency
- 995 – Police
- 133 - 122 – Ambulance
- 999 – Fire Department

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