

3rd Dryland Agriculture and Food Systems Conference: Logistical Note

Event Overview

- **Theme:** Transforming Dryland Food Systems for Climate-Resilience, Nutrition & Inclusive Growth
- **Dates:** 17th – 18th June 2026
- **Venue:** Lukenya University, Main Campus (Mtito Andei), Makueni County
- **Expected Attendance:** 300 delegates

Transport & Accessibility

Lukenya University is located in Mtito Andei, roughly halfway between Nairobi and Mombasa.

1. Travel by Road

Route	Estimated Distance	Estimated Travel Time
Nairobi – Mtito Andei	~270 km	4.5 – 5 hours
Mombasa – Mtito Andei	~240 km	4 – 4.5 hours

2. Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)

The SGR is the most recommended mode of transport. The Secretariat will provide shuttle buses from **Mtito Andei Station**.

Train Service	Departure Station	Departure Time	Arrival at Mtito Andei
Inter-County	Nairobi Terminus	08:00 AM	10:50 AM
Inter-County	Mombasa Terminus	08:00 AM	11:18 AM

International Delegate Requirements

As of 2024, Kenya is a visa-free country, but all international visitors (except EAC citizens) must obtain an **Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)** before departure.

- **Application:** Apply via etakenya.go.ke.
- **Processing Time:** Minimum 3 working days (72 hours).

- **Requirements:** Valid passport (6 months), flight itinerary, and conference invitation letter.

Important Delegate Information

On-Site Facilities

- **Internet:** High-speed Wi-Fi is available across the campus (Library, Student Centre, and Plenary Halls).
- **Health:** A first-aid station and a dedicated Health Officer will be on-site.
- **Security:** 24/7 security is provided by the University. Emergency contact: **0723 621102.**

Weather & Attire

The weather in Mtito Andei during June is mild and pleasant:

- **Daytime:** Average **28°C** (Light business casual recommended).
- **Night/Morning:** Average **18°C** (A jacket or sweater is advised).

Exhibition & Show case

- **Setup:** Exhibitors will set up on **June 16th from 11:00 AM.** A comprehensive manual will be shared closer to the date.

Accommodation Options

Delegates will book their own stay. Below are recommended facilities in the vicinity:

KAMBU/MTITO/MACHINERY GUEST HOUSES/HOTEL

S/NO	HOTEL NAME	CONTACT	LOCATION
MTITO HOTEL/GUEST HOUSE			
1.	Ramah House	0717990993	Nthongoni-Mtito
2.	Tsavo Inn	0708367300	Mtito
3.	Moka hotel	0741595905	Mtito
4.	Darussalam hotel	0703130150	Mtito
5.	Taleh hotel	0727872536	Mtito
6.	Minalove restaurant	0743785139	Mtito
7.	Ngwata guest house	0726440662	Mtito
KAMBU HOTEL/GUEST HOUSE			
1.	Sidamoh hotel	0725926513	Kambu
2.	Lutheran guest house	0741677298	Kambu
3.	Joylagos park	0724369115	Kambu

4.	Canaan hotel	0736110829	Kambu
5.	Simon hotel	0712875321	Kambu
6.	Kwa ks hotel	0729309373	Kambu
7.	The slopes hotel	0798709420	Kambu
8.	Kilungu hotel	0715597886	Kambu
9.	Tupendane butchery	0720423477	Kambu
10.	Kikauni butchery	0703673707	Kambu
11.	Jirani guest house	0721272725	Kambu
12.	Vision plaza guest house	0720459136	Kambu
13.	Kindu view guest house	0721634707	Kambu
14.	Agelina towers house	0720423477	Kambu
15.	Lilian plaza guest house	0722987652	Kambu
MACHINERYHOTEL/GUESTHOUSE			
1.	County guest house	0720423477	Machinery
2.	Ku guest house	0716203616	Machinery
3.	Undwake restaurant	0723569939	Machinery
4.	Nilotica guest house	0790206816	Machinery
5.	Sikuku butchery	0707520462	Machinery
6.	Eunice restaurant	07395844664	Machinery

Further Information

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