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INVESTING IN THE EARLY YEARS

A Global Technical Financing Forum

KIGALI, RWANDA



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Logistics Note

We are delighted to welcome you to the Investing in the Early Years: A Global Technical Financing Forum, taking place from May 6-8, 2026, in Kigali, Rwanda.

To ensure you have a smooth and enjoyable experience, we have prepared this logistics note with practical information about visiting Rwanda that we hope will be helpful as you plan and enjoy your trip.

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Rwanda at a Glance

Time Zone	Official Languages	Currency	Population
Central Africa Time (GMT/UTC + 2 hours)	Kinyarwanda French English	Rwandan Franc (Rwf)	13 Million



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Event Logistics

Venue: [Four points by Sheraton Kigali](#)

Address: Plot 105, KN 3 Avenue Kiyovu, Nyarugenge District, Kigali, Rwanda

Phone: +250 788 163 100

Hotel check-in and check-out policy:

Check-in time starts from 15h00 and check-out is 12h00 the day of departure.

Forum registration opening hours:

Upon arrival, please visit the Forum registration desk in front of the Simba ballroom on the ground floor to check in and collect your name badge and other materials. We kindly ask you to show your passport or ID card upon pick-up. Please note: The badge is required to access all Forum sessions and events.

Our registration team will be available during the following hours:

- Tuesday, May 5: 15h00-18h00
- Wednesday, May 6: 07h30-17h00

Networking dinner:

The co-hosts invite all participants to come to a networking dinner that will take place on May 6 at 19h00 at event venue. Participants must bring their Forum badge to be admitted.

Forum program:

Be sure to check our website at financingforum2026.com for updated program information. The finalized program will also be emailed to all participants a week prior to the start of the Forum.

Contact information:

AIM Group is supporting ECDAN with event coordination. For inquiries about registration or logistics, please contact ecdan2026@aimgroup.eu. For questions about the program or other issues, please contact info@ecdan.org.

Hotel Accommodation

ECDAN has secured a special rate for participants in the Forum to stay at the Four Points by Sheraton for the duration of the Forum, arriving on Tuesday, May 5th and departing on Saturday, May 9th. To receive the special rate, please book your hotel using the link below.

[Book your group rate for ECDAN Meeting 2026](#)

In case you would prefer an alternative hotel, you are welcome to book anywhere of your preference. Below are some alternative hotel options for your consideration. All are within walking distance of the Forum's venue.

- [Ubumwe Hotel](#)
- [Hotel Milles Collines](#)
- [Hotel Sainte Famille](#)

Visa Requirements

Rwanda permits all tourists from across the globe to receive their visa online or upon arrival through their [IREMBO system](#). They waive of entry visa requirements for the citizens of member States of the African Union, the Commonwealth countries, and Francophone countries to foster collaboration and business.

For more information, please visit <https://www.migration.gov.rw/>.

ECDAN highly recommends that participants secure their visa in advance. During the registration process, participants will have the option to request an invitation letter that can be used for their visa application. Please note that ECDAN will not provide any additional support to participants in obtaining their visa.

Airport and Transportation

Kigali International Airport (KGL) is the primary international airport serving Kigali, Rwanda. It is located approximately 10-12 km east of the city center.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please do not bring plastic bags to Rwanda. Banned by law since 2008, any plastic bags in your luggage will be confiscated at the airport or other point of entry.

Transportation from Kigali International Airport:

- **Taxis:** Official airport taxis are readily available outside the terminal. It's advisable to agree on the fare before starting your journey.
- **Ride-hailing apps:**
 - **Yego** is an app for requesting quick, safe and affordable rides. Check the price estimate before you request a ride. The fares are regulated and distance-based, no surge-pricing! Need a cab just call 9191 or use the app.
 - **Move by Volkswagen** (formerly Uber Rwanda) gives you access to a driven car at the push of a button. All you have to do is search on your app store for "Move by Volkswagen", download the app and enjoy your ride. For more info call 1010/ +250 783 118 818/ +250 785 144 807.
- **Hotel Shuttle:** Four Points by Sheraton offers airport shuttle service at a cost. One way is US\$45.00. Contact the hotel directly to make a reservation for shuttle service.

Public Transportation:

Kigali's public transport relies mainly on shared minibuses using a smart card system called Tap&Go.

Motorcycle taxis, called 'Motos' are very prevalent in Kigali. They are much cheaper than taxis but can be quite dangerous and therefore are not advised.

Currency and Banking

The Rwandan franc (RWF) is the principal currency, although US dollars are widely accepted. It is recommended that participants check with financial institutions or currency exchange platforms such as <https://www.oanda.com/currency-converter/> to determine the going rate. **ATMs** can be found in Kigali and nearly in all major cities.

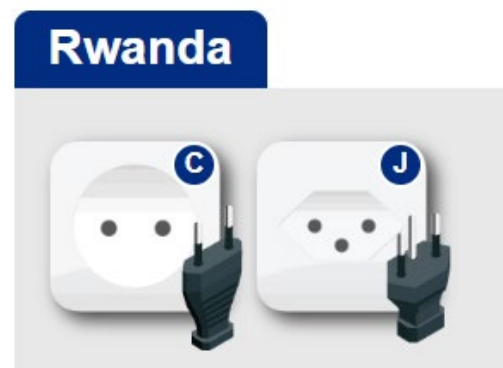
A growing number of places accept **credit and debit cards**, with Visa being more widely accepted than Mastercard.

Foreign currency (cash) can be exchanged at banks and private forex bureaus (bureau de change). Both are closed on Sundays and on public holidays.

Tipping is discretionary and appreciated. Cash is usually preferred.

Electrical Sockets

Rwanda uses Type C (Europlug) with two round pins and Type J with three round pins. The standard voltage is 230V at 50 Hz frequency. Please bring your own plug adapter and voltage converter if you have devices that aren't dual voltage (100-240V). Note that adapters and converters will not be available on site. Ensure that your personal electronics are compatible with 230/50 before use.



Internet Connectivity and Cellular Service

Free Wi-Fi is provided in the hotel and the event meeting rooms.

You can get an eSIM for Rwanda for international travel, offering convenient prepaid data without roaming fees, with providers like [Airalo](#), [MobiMatter](#), and [Yesim](#) offering various data packages. Just ensure your phone is eSIM-compatible, purchase a plan online, and activate it by scanning a QR code upon arrival for instant internet access for maps, communication, and bookings, keeping your home number active for banking.

You can also acquire an eSIM card from local mobile network providers. The closest one to the event venue is approximately 1.2 km away: MTN Service Centre, located at Union Trade Centre (UTC), 2nd Floor, KN 4 Ave, Kigali, Rwanda.

Weather

Rwanda is located at the equator, however, due to the high altitude (Kigali sits generally 1,500 meters above sea level), the country enjoys an agreeable **tropical highland climate**.

Temperatures vary considerably between locations, but vary little from month to month. Peak temperatures rarely exceed 30°C (86°F) in the daytime or drop below 15°C (59°F) at night. The average daily temperature in Kigali is 21°C (70°F).

There are two **rainy seasons** in a year, from mid-February to May and mid-September to mid-December. The **dry season**, from June to mid-September, sees light cloud cover and occasional light rainfall.

Restaurants and Attractions

[Visit Rwanda](#) has very informative website with more practical details about the destination as well as tourism information.

Recommended Restaurants:

- [Khana Kazana](#), Indian cuisine (Kiyovu and Nyutarama neighborhoods)
- [Nyurah](#), African haute cuisine, locally sourced ingredients (Kiyovu neighborhood)
- [Boho](#), African grill (Kimihurura neighborhood)
- [Heaven](#), modern African and international cuisine (Kiyovu neighborhood)
- [The Hut](#), international flavors with Rwandan flair (behind Kigali convention center)
- [Chez Yasmine](#), French cuisine (Kiyovu neighborhood)
- [Lemon Kigali](#), farm to table (Kimihurura neighborhood)

Shopping and Souvenirs:

- CAPLAKI Craft Village
- Kigali City Market
- CHIC building mall
- Kigali Heights shopping mall - has stores and restaurants located close to Kigali Convention Center

Attractions:

- [Kigali Genocide Memorial](#)

- [Kandt House Museum](#)
- [Umusambi Village](#) wildlife sanctuary

National Parks:

Note that activities in the national parks should be arranged in advance with a tour company.

- [Volcanoes National Park](#) (2.5 hours from Kigali)
- [Akagera National Park](#) (3 hours from Kigali)

Health and Safety Information

Participants should ensure that they are up to date with all their vaccinations and be aware that drinking tap water is not advisable. Bottled water will be provided in the hotel and event venue. It can also be purchased in local shops. Make sure the seal is intact before consuming.

First aid supplies and many medications can be purchased at local pharmacies without a prescription.

Emergency Contacts:

- Kigali City emergency hotline number is: 112
- Fire Brigade: 111
- Traffic Accident: 113

Hospitals:

It is important to note that without insurance and often with insurance, medical services in Rwanda need to be paid for up front and in cash.

- [King Faisal Hospital](#) +250 788 123 200 (Emergency line: 3939)
- [Kanombe Military Hospital](#) +250 252 586 420 (Hotline: 4060)
- [WIWO Specialized Hospital](#) +250 788 440 033
- [Baho International Hospital](#) +250 788 125 035 (Emergency line: 3120)
- [Legacy Clinic](#) +250 788 382 000 (Hotline: 8000)

Safety and Security Considerations

Kigali, Rwanda is considered one of Africa's safest and cleanest capitals, with low violent crime and a strong security presence, making it generally safe for tourists to walk around, even at night in well-lit areas.

General Safety

- **Low crime:** Violent crime is rare, but just like in any large city, petty theft (bag snatching, pickpocketing) happens in crowded areas like markets.
- **Visible security:** There's a noticeable police and community guard presence, contributing to a sense of security.
- **Nighttime safety:** Many areas are safe to walk at night due to good lighting and patrols, but avoid unfamiliar, dark spots.

Precautions to Take

- **Protect valuables:** Be aware of your belongings in busy places; don't flash cash or expensive items.
- **Use registered transport:** Stick to registered taxis or ride-hailing apps.
- **Secure vehicles:** Lock car doors and windows and keep valuables out of sight.

- **Follow health guidelines:** Take precautions against malaria and other insect-borne diseases. Consult your doctor about necessary vaccinations.

Culture and History

While visiting Rwanda, participants should acknowledge the history of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and be aware that the Global Technical Financing Forum will be taking place during the mourning period which is annually from April 7 (Genocide against the Tutsi Memorial Day) to July 4 (Liberation Day).

We look forward to seeing you in Rwanda!



Murakaza Neza!