



5TH NATIONAL ECD STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE LOGISTICAL NOTE

Date: 17TH – 19TH JULY 2023

Theme: FROM POLICY & EVIDENCE TO ACTION

Location: Turkana University College, Turkana County

About Turkana county

Turkana is a county in the North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB) in northwestern Kenya, located in the former Rift Valley Province. It is known for its rich cultural heritage, diverse wildlife, and beautiful landscapes. The area is home to several indigenous communities, including the Turkana people, who are known for their nomadic pastoralist lifestyle and unique cultural traditions. Turkana is also famous for being home to the largest desert lake and its paleontological sites, which have yielded important fossils of early human ancestors and other mammals, including hominids and large carnivores. These discoveries have helped shed light on the evolution of human beings and the ecosystems in which they lived.

About Turkana University College

Turkana University College is a public university located in Turkana, along Lodwar- Kitale highway. It was established in 2017 as a constituent college of Masinde Muliro University, with the goal of providing quality education and training opportunities for the residents of the region. Turkana University College offers a range of academic programs in fields such as science, engineering, education, and humanities. The university is known for its focus on sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on research and innovation in areas such as renewable energy. The university is a dynamic and growing institution that is playing an important role in the development of the Turkana region and the wider northwestern region of Kenya.

Unique Places to Visit while in Turkana County

Turkana is a unique and beautiful region that offers many tourist destinations and attractions. Some of the most popular tourist sites and destinations in Turkana include:

1. Lake Turkana: This large, saltwater lake is the largest desert lake in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is known for its stunning scenery, diverse wildlife, and vibrant fishing communities.
2. Central Island- It's a UNESCO world heritage site located in Lake Turkana. The island has 3 crater lakes; flamingo lake, tilapia lake and crocodile lake. Its managed by KWS. One can access the Island by boat through Kalokol and Eliye.
3. Christ the redeemer monument- its located in Lodwar, 5 minutes' drive from Lodwar town. It's a mirror image of the one in Rio. The peak of the hill also gives a spectacular view of Lodwar town, river turkwel and the beautiful sun set.
4. Culture- Turkana culture is still very authentic and colorful. A visit to Turkana gives you a rare opportunity to experience the nomadic pastoralist kind of lifestyle. Dressing varies from clan to clan.
5. Wadach pyramid- They are stunning sand formations that looks like a farm full of hill size pyramids. Its located 30 minutes away from Eliye springs along Eliye- Kalokol road.
6. Napeget- Its located 2 hours away from Lodwar located around Eliye springs along Eliye- Kalokol road. The huge mountains of sand rippling down visible from the road spread all the way to the lake.
7. South Turkana National Reserve: Its located in the Southernmost part of Turkana County at the entry point to Turkana from West Pokot. The reserve is managed by KWS ad County government rangers. Its home to elephants, antelopes, birds, hyenas and many other animals.
8. Turkana Boy monument- located in the north of Turkana along lake Turkana. Its 130 kilometers from Lodwar town hosting the most famous hominid site in the world where 1.6-million-year-old fossil later named 'Turkana Boy' was found.
9. Kakuma Refugee Camp: This large refugee camp is home to more than 180,000 refugees from South Sudan, Somalia, and other countries. Visitors can learn about the lives of refugees and the challenges they face, and see the many humanitarian aid organizations working in the area.
10. Namorutunga: This archeological site contains the remains of an ancient settlement and rock art, believed to date back more than 2,000 years. Visitors can see the well-preserved rock paintings and carvings that offer insight into the beliefs and daily life of the ancient Turkana people.

These are just a few of the many tourist destinations and attractions in Turkana. Whether you're interested in archeology, history, culture, nature, or adventure, there's something for everyone in this unique and beautiful region of Kenya.

Transportation/Navigation to Turkana University College

- Attendees are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference venue.

- Parking is available at the venue for those who are driving.
 - Taxis and ride-sharing services are available for those who prefer not to drive.
- I. The following taxi app are available and more affordable; Nawi ride and Wasili
 - II. Car hire services Joloya limited- 0726554352

Vast tours- 0715011913/0705561541.

Getting to Turkana University College by air:

The nearest airport to Turkana University College is the Lodwar Airstrip, which is in Lodwar town. From the Airstrip, you can arrange for a taxi or private transportation to take you to the university college. Taxis and private vehicles are available for hire in Lodwar. You can book a flight to Lodwar, Kenya by using an online travel agency such as Expedia, Booking.com, or Orbitz. You can also book directly through the skyward website or visit skyward building in Wilson airport. At the moment skywards is the only one flight that is flying to Lodwar.

Getting to Turkana University College by road:

Turkana University College is located along the Lodwar-Kitale road, which is a well-paved road that is accessible by private or public transportation. If you are coming from Nairobi, you can take a bus or drive to Lodwar, the University is few kilometers to Lodwar town. The drive from Nairobi to Lodwar takes approximately 10-12 hours depending on the speed of the vehicle, and from Lodwar to Turkana University College takes about 30 minutes.

ACCOMODATION

- A list of nearby hotels with rates as at year ending 2022 has been provided [here](#). Kindly reach out to the hotels for further guidance.
- Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

REGISTRATION

- Registration link is provided [here](#).
- Attendees are asked to bring a printout or electronic copy of their confirmation email or a government-issued photo ID for verification purposes.
- Conference materials, including name tags and agendas, will be provided at the conference venue.

SAFETY

When traveling to Turkana, it is important to take certain safety measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. Turkana is a culturally rich area and it's important to be respectful of local customs and traditions. It is always safer to travel in a group, especially when exploring remote or rural areas. It's advisable to only drink bottled water and avoid eating food that could be contaminated. By taking these precautions, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable trip to Turkana.

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