





# 6TH NATIONAL ECD STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE Logistical Note

15TH - 17TH JULY 2025

PALM OASIS HOTEL, GARISSA COUNTY





## **About Garissa County**

Garissa County, located in the eastern part of Kenya, is known for its diverse culture, rich history, and strategic position as a key administrative and economic hub. The county is predominantly arid and semi-arid, with the majority of its population being pastoralists. Garissa's economy is largely driven by livestock farming, agriculture, and trade, particularly due to its proximity to Somalia. The region also boasts several important infrastructure projects aimed at improving accessibility and fostering economic growth. Despite facing challenges such as water scarcity and limited infrastructure, Garissa is home to resilient communities working towards sustainable development and prosperity. Garissa County experiences a hot and dry climate, with average temperatures ranging between 25°C to 35°C, making light, breathable clothing ideal for the warm weather. The population is predominantly Muslim, and they have a rich cultural heritage, predominantly regardful of its society's cultural norms.

#### About Palm Oasis Resort Hotel

Palm Oasis Resort, formerly known as Almond Resort, is a prominent 4-star hotel located on Lamu Road in Garissa, Kenya. The resort offers 75 en-suite guestrooms, comprising 45 standard rooms and 30 deluxe rooms. Each room is equipped with modern amenities such as satellite TV, air conditioning, a work desk, telephone, fridge, safe, and a balcony with views of the swimming pool or gardens. Guests can enjoy a variety of international and African cuisines at the on-site restaurant, which also caters to vegetarian preferences and offers seafood dishes. The resort features a large swimming pool and a fitness center equipped with Techno gym equipment, providing ample opportunities for relaxation and exercise. For business and event needs, Palm Oasis Resort provides three conference halls, each equipped with projectors and PA systems, suitable for board meetings, conventions, and social functions. The resort is committed to delivering first-class service, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable stay for all guests.

# Unique places to visit while in Garissa County

Garissa County in northeastern Kenya offers a variety of unique attractions for visitors seeking cultural experiences and natural beauty. Here are some notable places to consider:

- 1. Garissa Community Giraffe Sanctuary Located approximately 3 kilometers from Garissa town in Bour-Algi village, this community-based conservation initiative is home to a growing population of Rothschild giraffes. Visitors can observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat and may also encounter the rare Gerenuk also known as the giraffe gazelle, known for its distinctive long neck.
- 2. Arawale National Reserve Situated along the Tana River, this reserve spans about 533 square kilometers and is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts. It provides sanctuary to various species, including the endangered Hirola antelope, elephants, and diverse birdlife. The reserve's remote location offers an off-the-beaten-path safari experience.
- 3. Suuq Mugdi Market This central market in Garissa town is a bustling hub where vendors offer a wide array of goods, from fresh produce and local products to handicrafts and clothing. The market is integral to daily life, providing residents and visitors with essential commodities and unique souvenirs.
- 4. Garissa Cultural Centre This center offers insights into the rich cultural heritage of the Somali community predominant in the region. Visitors can explore traditional artifacts, clothing, and learn about local customs and traditions, providing a deeper understanding of the area's cultural fabric.
- 5. Boni National Reserve Covering approximately 1,339 square kilometers, Boni National Reserve is characterized by its dense forests and diverse wildlife. It's an ideal destination for those interested in bird watching, nature walks, and experiencing the serene environment of northeastern Kenya.

# Transportation/Navigation to Palm Oasis Hotel

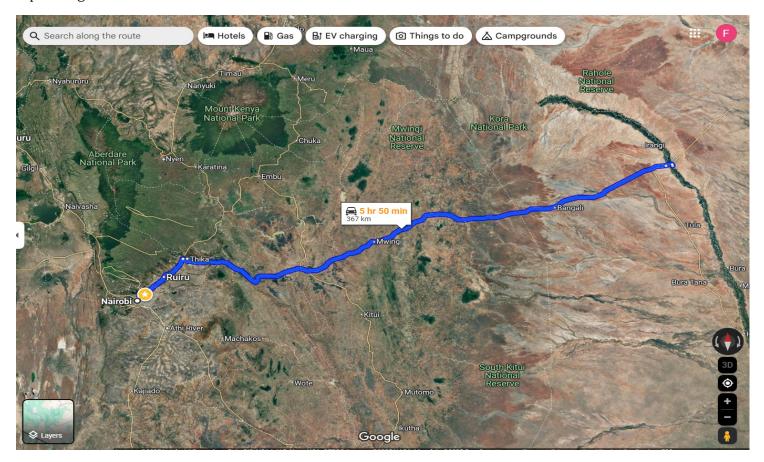
- Attendees are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference venue.
- Parking is available at the venue for those who are driving.
- Taxis, Tuktuk or Bodaboda are also available for local transport within the county.

## Getting to Garrisa County by air

The primary airport serving Garissa County is currently under renovation from 1st July. We urge participants to use road transport as highlighted below:

### Getting to Garrisa County by road

Garissa County is accessible by road from Nairobi and other parts of Kenya. The main route to Garissa town is via Thika-Garissa Road (A3 Highway), which is well-paved and takes approximately 6–7 hours by car or bus, depending on traffic and road conditions.



# **Transport Options:**

#### Private Vehicle:

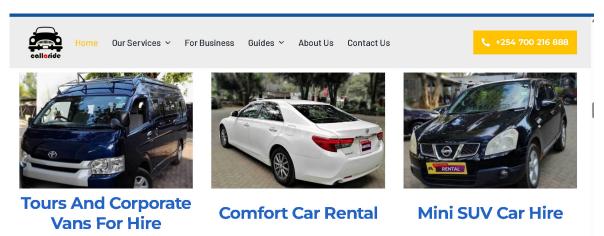
- You can drive from Nairobi via Thika, Mwingi, and Madogo before reaching Garissa town.
- The road is mostly in good condition, making the journey smooth.
- Ensure your vehicle is well-fueled, as fuel stations are limited along the route.

### **Public Transport (Buses & Matatus):**

- Several bus and matatu companies operate daily routes from Nairobi's Eastleigh to Garissa.
- Popular operators include Garissa Express, Medina Bus, and E-Coach.
- The fare ranges from KES 1,200 to KES 1,500, depending on the service provider and season.

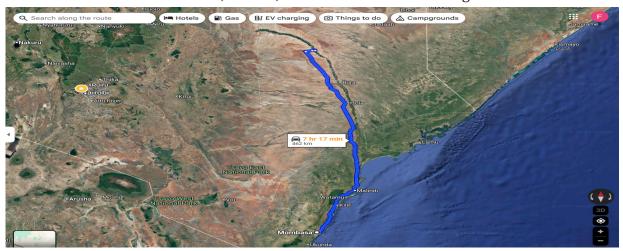
#### **Shuttle Services & Taxis:**

- For a more comfortable journey, private shuttles and taxis are available from Nairobi.
- These can be booked in advance through local travel agencies or online platforms.
- Such as: Callaride Car Hire +254 700 216888 or +254 705 558711



#### Alternative Routes:

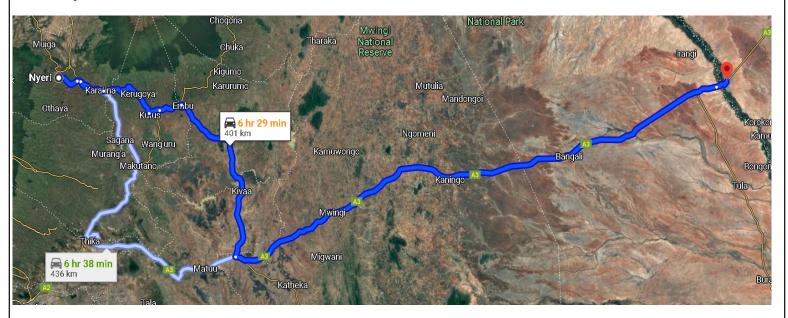
• From Mombasa: Travel via Malindi, Garsen, and Hola before connecting to Garissa.



From Wajir & Mandera: The road network extends further northeast, with Garissa serving as a key transit hub.



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#### **Travel Tips:**

- Security: Some areas along the route require extra caution. It is advisable to travel during the day and stay updated on security advisories. Carry a valid identification card with you at all times.
- Weather: The region can be hot and dry; carry sufficient drinking water.
- Checkpoints: Be prepared for security checks, especially near Garissa town.

#### **ACCOMODATION**

A list of nearby hotels has been provided here. Kindly reach out to the hotels for further guidance. Using the link below:

- Lantern Resort
- Palm Oasis Hotel
- Nomad hotel
- Tana Garden Hotel
- Hulugho Hotel

To access all the hotels click the link: Garissa County Hotel

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

#### REGISTRATION

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

#### **Contact persons**

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