

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Range States for the Joint CITES-CMS  
African Carnivore Initiative (ACI2)**

*Entebbe, Uganda, 01 – 04 May 2023*

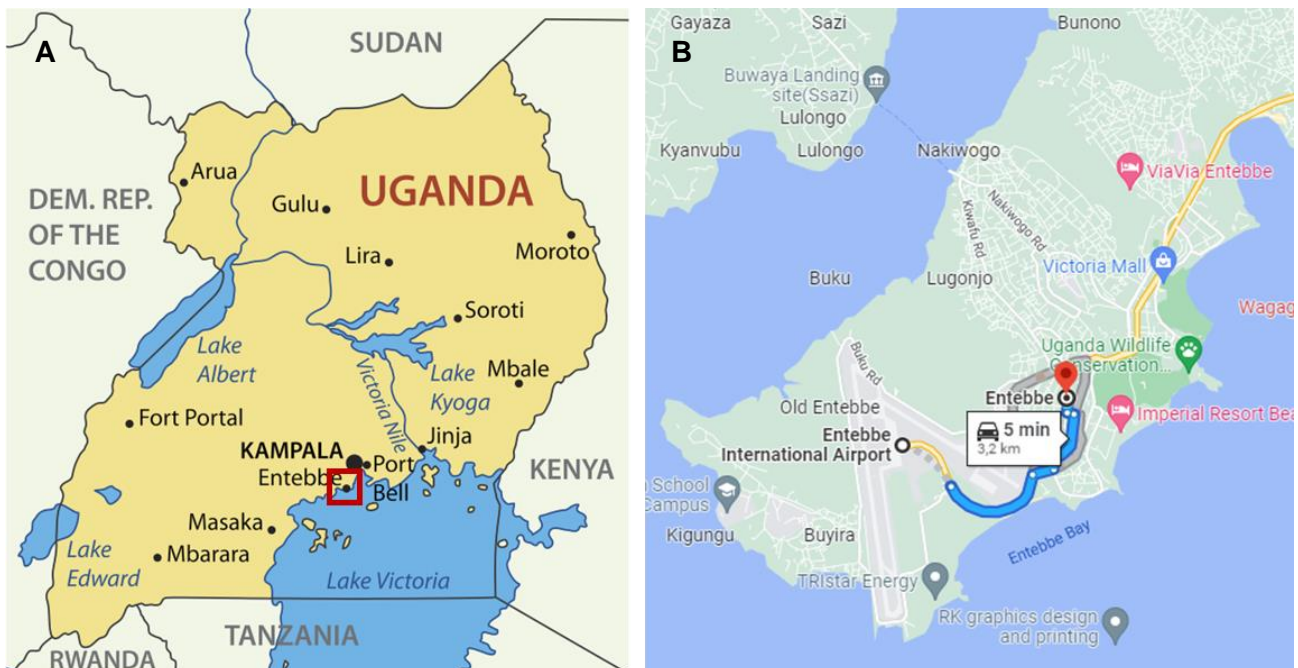
**INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**About Uganda and Entebbe**

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is surrounded to the East by Kenya, to the North by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the Southwest by Rwanda, and to the South by Tanzania. The Southern part of Uganda includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania. Uganda is in the African Great Lakes region. Uganda lies within the Nile basin. It has a varied but generally moderate equatorial climate.

The official languages are Swahili and English. Luganda, a central language, is widely spoken across the country, and several other languages are also spoken, including Runyoro, Runyankole Rukiga, and Langi.

Entebbe is a major town in the South of Uganda, located on a Lake Victoria peninsula, approximately 37 kilometers Southwest of the Ugandan capital Kampala. Entebbe hosts the Entebbe International Airport, Uganda's largest commercial airport.



**Figure 1** Map of Uganda (A; source: <https://www.mappr.co/political-maps/uganda-map/>) and of the meeting location in Entebbe (B; source ©2023 Google)

**Venue**

The Meeting will take place at Protea Hotel by Marriott Entebbe, Uganda  
36-40 Sebugwawo Drive Entebbe Road,  
Entebbe, Uganda

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ebben-protea-hotel-entebbe/overview/>

## **Travel and Accommodation**

### **Sponsored participants**

An economy-class return air ticket for the most economic route will be provided by the CITES and CMS Secretariats to all sponsored participants. If participants choose to travel by a different route, all additional costs will be at their own expense. Travel arrangements cannot be made until the official nominations and documentation outlined above have been received. Transportation to and from the Airport will be provided in Entebbe for all funded participants.

The Secretariat has arranged accommodation at the meeting venue for all sponsored participants. Three meals will be provided during the days of the meeting. Any additional room service or items taken from the room fridge are to be paid by participants.

Sponsored participants will receive Daily Subsistence Allowance. DSA is meant to cover expenses for accommodation, transportation, meals and other incidental costs, including visa costs, during the period of the meeting. Since three meals and accommodation will be provided, participants will receive 20% of the current standard DSA rate in accordance with the UN Financial Rules. Funded participants will be entitled to an amount of USD 122 for terminal expenses, covering ground transportation between cities and airports, and associated costs, including visas, in their home countries. DSA and terminal expenses will be paid to eligible participants during the meeting. The time and location will be announced at the meeting.

### **Non-sponsored participants**

Accommodation arrangements need to be made by individual participants at hotels of their own choice. Hotels in Entebbe are listed in the annex to this Information Note.

### **On-site registration and access badges**

On-site registration will begin on Sunday, 30 April 2023 from 16:00-18:00 o'clock and on Monday, 01 May 2023 from 08.00 to 09.00 o'clock onwards at the meeting hall.

All delegates will receive an identification badge to access the meeting hall at the registration. You are kindly requested to wear this badge during the meeting.

### **Passports and visa requirements**

All persons intending to come to Uganda are required to apply for and obtain a visa online: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>.

Present a valid travel document of not less than 6 months validity to the Immigration officer at the port of entry.

All travelers to the Republic of Uganda MUST have a valid Yellow Fever Immunization card.

Delegates are also required to check the possible necessity of a transit visa, depending on their respective itinerary, and obtain it as necessary.

## **Health**

Ebola: An Ebola outbreak was announced in Uganda on 20 September 2022, with confirmed cases and deaths in several districts, including in the capital, Kampala. Protect yourself against the disease by practicing good hygiene. For the latest information on the Ebola outbreak, follow the advice issued by the Government of Uganda, <https://www.health.go.ug/ebola/>. The disease has since been contained and no Ebola cases have been reported in the past three months.

Yellow fever: Uganda requires all visitors to have a valid certificate of immunization against yellow fever.

Malaria: Risk (predominantly through *Plasmodium falciparum*, spread through bites of infected *Anopheles* mosquitoes) exists throughout the year in the whole country. Medications that protect against malaria in this area include mefloquine, doxycycline, or atovaquone/proguanil. However, the disease prevalence rate around Kampala and Entebbe is very minimal.

Travelers to any destination in the world can develop travelers' diarrhea from consuming contaminated water or food. In some areas in East Africa, food and water can also carry diseases such as cholera, hepatitis A, schistosomiasis and typhoid. Practice safe food and water precautions while travelling in East Africa. Remember: "Boil it, cook it, peel it, or leave it!".

In some areas in East Africa, certain insects carry and spread diseases such as African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness), chikungunya, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, dengue fever, leishmaniasis, lymphatic filariasis, malaria, onchocerciasis (river blindness), Rift Valley fever, West Nile virus and yellow fever. Travellers are advised to take precautions against insect bites.

More information can be found here: [www.visituganda.com/](http://www.visituganda.com/)

### **Travel and medical insurance**

All participants are recommended to have valid travel and medical insurance covering the period of their stay in Uganda. Participants are responsible for the cost of medical attention at any public or private institutions.

### **Weather**

Entebbe features a tropical rainforest climate with relatively constant temperatures throughout the course of the year. Entebbe has noticeably wetter and drier months, with January being the city's driest month and a noticeably drier stretch from July through September. The meeting will be held in the month of April, which is characterized by high temperatures, with daily highs around 27 °C throughout the month, exceeding 29 °C or dropping below 25 °C only one day in ten.

### **Currency**

The national currency of Uganda is Uganda shilling (Ush / UGX), but US Dollars are also accepted. The [exchange rate](#) is 1,00 US \$ = 3668.32 USh as of February 2023. Upon arrival in the country, visitors may exchange currency at Entebbe International Airport, which has an international currency exchange center and ATMs. Payment by credit and debit card is usually accepted; however, payment by cash is more advisable.

### **Working languages of the Meeting**

The meeting will be conducted in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation during plenary sessions.

### **Internet**

Wifi will be provided at the venue / hotel for all participants.

## **Electrical current**

Electronic equipment must be compatible with Uganda's electricity supply, which is 240V/50Hz alternating current (AC). The common electrical outlet used in the country is the Type G plug with three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern (Figure 2).

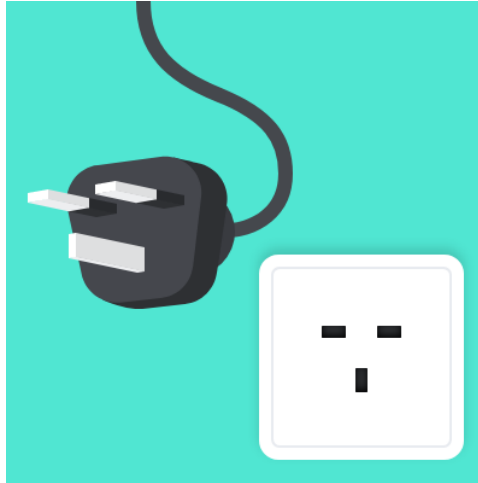


Figure 2 Electrical outlet common in Uganda

## **Time zone**

Uganda is in the Eastern African Time zone (EAT; UTC+03:00).

## **Safety and security**

Dial 999 on UTL, 112 for mobile phones, for immediate assistance (ambulance, fire police)

## **Hotel security**

The hotel for delegates has been carefully selected. However, delegates are advised to:

- Never give out your room number or invite strangers to your room.
- Never leave valuable property unattended in your rooms, meeting rooms, restaurants, swimming pool area, etc.
- Always use safety locks on the door, even during the daytime.
- Always use the room safe for valuables, or use lockable storage for valuables at the front desk, but make sure they issue a receipt for your items.

## **Contacts**

Please do not hesitate to contact Nora Weyer at [nora.weyer@un.org](mailto:nora.weyer@un.org) from the CMS Secretariat or Karen Gaynor at [karen.gaynor@cites.org](mailto:karen.gaynor@cites.org) from the CITES Secretariat on any substantive or logistical matters related to this meeting.

## **Information on Uganda and Entebbe:**

For information on Entebbe and its region, please refer to: <https://visitentebbe.org/>