



DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2023



DATE: 15th – 19th August 2023

VENUE: ELDORET SPORTS CLUB

COUNTY: UASIN GISHU COUNTY

A LOGISTICAL GUIDE FOR THE CONFERENCE

ABOUT DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2023

Over the last nine years, the Council of Governors has hosted seven (7) Annual Devolution Conferences in various parts of the country, which have generated conversations around certain thematic areas of concern to the Counties, nationally and globally. Lessons are drawn from the discussions that inform National and County governments' actions. The conferences have attracted National and International delegations that have come to learn about issues regarding the transition to a devolved system of government and appreciate the impact that devolution has had on the people of Kenya. Due to their international nature, the conferences have each attracted over 5000 delegates.

The conferences have had different themes, as enumerated below:

1. The first conference, held in Kwale County, was “One Year into Devolution: Celebrating the Milestones, Confronting the Challenges.”
2. The second conference, held in Kisumu County, was “Celebrating the Gains of Devolution.”
3. The third conference, held in Meru County, was “The Promise of Devolution: Consolidating the gains and looking into the future”
4. The fourth conference, held in Nakuru County, was “Devolution - Transforming lives: Tell your story!”
5. The fifth conference, held in Kakamega County, was "Sustainable, productive, effective and efficient governments for results delivery."
6. The sixth conference, held in Kirinyaga County, was “Deliver. Transform. Measure. Remaining Accountable.”
7. The seventh and final annual devolution conference, held in Makueni County, was “Multi-Level Governance for Climate Action.”

The conferences resulted in the development of communiqués that were tracked and implemented. Some of the strategic interventions because of the conferences include strengthening legislation and policy for devolution, good governance, adoption of a performance management framework for enhanced service delivery, county commitment to climate action, and strengthened intergovernmental relations among others.

During the 6th annual and final devolution conference, it was agreed that the conferences would be hosted after every two years marking the end of the era of annual conferences. This was to ensure that all the stakeholders had sufficient time to fully implement the resolutions that emanate from the important international event as it was realized that one year was a short period to action and track the commitments made by the different institutions represented.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2023

MAIN OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the conference is to reflect on the 10 years of devolution and explore locally and internationally recognized methodologies for strengthening systems to enhance transformational service delivery in Counties.

Specific Objectives of the Devolution Conference 2023

The specific objectives of this conference will include the following:

1. To enable County Governments to discuss strategies to effectively deliver transformative services to citizens.
2. To identify opportunities for change and enhanced cooperation in changing perspectives and entrenching devolution in Kenya.
3. To deliberate on the voices of the children of Kenya on devolution.
4. To reflect on the progress made in the implementation of devolution in the last 10 years.
5. Provide a platform for the government, development partners, private sector, civil societies, and philanthropy organizations to commit to strategies for local economic development.

WHO IS EXPECTED AT THE CONFERENCE?

The Conference brings together about 6,000-8,000 delegates comprising of the citizenry, Governors and Deputy Governors, CECs, Senators, Cabinet Secretaries, Members of Parliament, Members of County Assemblies, Private Sector, Media, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, Academia, International delegates among others.

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE: HOW TO GET TO ELDORET SPORTS CLUB

The conference will be held at Eldoret sports club on 15th – 19 th August 2023 situated in Uasin Gishu along Eldoret Kisumu road – about 3kms and/or 6 minutes’ drive from Eldoret Central Business District. It’s also 13 Kms and /or 22 Minutes’ drive from Eldoret International Airport

Access by road:

Average Speed	Travel Time (Approx.)
40 mph (64 km/h)	03 hours 05 minutes
50 mph (80 km/h)	02 hours 41 minutes

60 mph (97 km/h)	02 hours 20 minutes
70 mph (112 km/h)	02 hours 05 minutes
75 mph (120 km/h)	1hours 40 minutes

FLIGHTS TO ELDORET

Local Delegates can book either of the below airlines from Nairobi-Eldoret or Kisumu – Eldoret or Mombasa -Eldoret

Jambo jet online booking for delegates to enjoy 15 % discount

1. <https://www.jambojet.com/en-US>.

Charter to EDL one way KES 1,294,800 exclusive of Kes uplift tax per pax.

2. <https://www.skywardexpress.co.ke/DESTINATIONS/cheap-flights-to-eldoret>

ACCOMMODATION - WHERE TO STAY DURING DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2023

Delegates can check online on www.devolutionconference.cog.go.ke for available hotels within the Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi & Transzoia Counties.

PRE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

The following activities will be undertaken as curtain-raisers before the main conference:

a) Children's conference

The conference shall be held at Mpesa Academy, Kiambu County between 3rd to 7th July 2023. The Children's conference will be aligned with the theme of the Biennial conference and provide an opportunity for the children from all the forty-seven counties to air their voices on the impact of devolution. The children will come up with a communique that will be presented at the main conference.

b) Running races and Football Match.

Venue: Kipchoge Keino Stadium

Athletics: Races:

- a) 5KM road race & Walking Race – **Open to all**
- b) 800M
- c) 400M
- d) 200M

- e) 100M
- f) Football-**Governors V/s Senators**
- g) Tug of war.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The temperatures in Eldoret in August are considerably comfortable with low of 11°C and high up to 22°C. The meteorological department advises that there is likely to be many days of rain during the month in Eldoret. Delegates should expect some rain during the conference days, so be sure to bring along a waterproof jacket to stay dry during this period. On this month of August, day length in Eldoret is generally 12 hours and 8 minutes. The sun rises at 06:39 and sunset is at 18:47.

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/ke/eldoret/225630/august-weather/225630>

***Rain gear and warm clothing is advisable during the conference.**

CURRENCY

The current exchange rate for 1US dollar is equivalent to 145 KES.

<https://www.centralbank.go.ke/rates/forex-exchange-rates/>

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

As has been the practice in the last 7 conference, delegates for the devolution conference 2023 will register online.

To register kindly visit <https://conference.cog.go.ke/user/login>

Steps to register

1. On the devolution conference website, click on the registration Menu Item.
2. Click on the Register as a Delegate' Button at the middle of the page or Login if you are a registered member.
3. Enter the required details as per the available fields.
4. Upload your most recent Digital Passport photo.
5. Select the sector then proceed to payment.
6. For MPESA payments, an account number will be auto generated for you to pay.

7. For BANK payments, you can deposit the amount indicated on the payment window to the stipulated bank account or purchase a banker's cheque.
8. After confirmation of payment, an e-receipt will automatically be sent to the registered email address.
9. Conference passes will be collected on Tuesday, 15th August 2023 from 8:00 AM at HILLSCHOOL Grounds, next to Eldoret sports club along the Eldoret –Kisumu road 3 km from Eldoret town
10. Registration deadline is on **11st August 2023**.

***Kindly note that there will be no onsite registration.**

EXHIBITION BOOTHS BOOKING

A total of 300 booths are available and can be secured by interested stakeholders by visiting <https://conference.cog.go.ke/user/login> at a cost of 50,000 Kes. Per booth.

Allocation

The booths which will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis through online registration on <https://conference.cog.go.ke/user/login>

1. The booths are standard and cannot be altered.
2. The Standard dimensions are 3m2 by 3m2 or 10ft by 10ft.
3. Exhibitors will be provided with one (1) table, 2 chairs and one (1) power point, lighting.
4. Exhibitors are allowed to bring a TV/screen for their booth. Exhibitors will cater for cost of decorating their booth.
5. The two-people manning the booths are entitled to 10 o'clock and 4 o'clock teas as well as lunches from the Exhibitors' lunch tent.
6. The two stewards of the booth must be registered online by their respective organizations.
7. The Official Opening day of the conference will be on 16th August 2023.
8. Set down will be on 19th August 2023. The Secretariat will not be liable for any loss or damage of equipment before, during or after the conference.

How to Book your Exhibition Booth

- a. To book an exhibition booth kindly visit the dedicated devolution conference website <https://conference.cog.go.ke/user/login>
- b. On the devolution conference website, click on the registration Menu Item.
- c. Click on the 'Book as an exhibition slot' Button at the middle of the page.
- d. Enter the required details as per the available fields.
- e. Upload your most recent Digital Passport photo.
- f. Sign up and proceed to View Expo Slots Page.
- g. You will see a layout map of the Exhibition Booths.
- h. Click on an exhibit number of your choice that is red in colour.
- i. On Your Right-hand side, the stall that you have selected will automatically appear with the total Payable amount.
- j. Click on the Proceed to payment button.
- k. If you have not logged in/ registered, you will be prompted to login / register. Otherwise, you can proceed to make the payments.
- l. The amount payable per booth is KES 50,000.
- m. For BANK payments, you can deposit the amount indicated on the payment window to the stipulated bank account or purchase a banker's cheque
- n. For Bank Payments, scan and upload the bank slip as indicated on the online payment window or indicate the company name and the slot number you have paid on the bank Receipt and submit the receipt at the Council of Governors Secretariat Offices at Delta corner, Waiyaki way in Westlands, Nairobi.
- o. Only two people are required to man the booth.

The Set Up

- All exhibitors who have paid will be assigned a booth with their organizations name.
- Designated Conference Secretariat Staff will be on the ground to assist you.
- All Exhibitors should collect their accreditation from the Conference Secretariat on the Ground and begin to set up their stands by Monday **14th August 2023** and to be completed by **15th August 2023** to allow delegates to start visiting on **16th August 2023** as part of the pre-conference activity.
- The official times of the Expo will be from **9. 00a.m to 6.00pm.**

SECURITY

- Adequate security will be provided by the Kenya Police Service in and around the environs of the conference.
- Security personnel will patrol the exhibition booths throughout the days of the conference.
- All participants will be screened before entry to the conference area.
- No participant will be allowed into the venue without the conference badge.

- There will be identifiable ushers to assist with logistics at the event.
- Delegates are expected to provide their Identification card (Local Delegates) or Passport (International Delegates) on request prior to accessing the venue.

Uasin Gishu Police Hotline - 0732999567

HEALTH & SAFETY

The conference secretariat has organized for ambulances and fire engines that will be stationed at selected areas within the conference venue. Kindly note the ambulances will only cater for minor medical cases and emergency evacuations will be facilitated where necessary. However, delegates will cater for their medical bills if hospitalized.

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Uasin Gishu County Ambulance Services shall provide ambulances and emergency Medical Attention during the conference.

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