



DEVOLUTION
CONFERENCE
2025



LOGISTICAL NOTE

DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2025

12th – 15th August 2025

HOMA BAY COUNTY

We are glad to share with you some general information on the logistical arrangements regarding the Devolution Conference 2025. We hope that the information detailed below will help you organize your travel to Homa Bay County.

The Devolution Conference 2025 seeks to assess the role of devolution in promoting equity, inclusion and social justice; and provide an exploratory platform for consultations and dialogue on how devolved governance can be designed to accelerate development and close the socioeconomic divide. All conference reports are accessible at: <https://maarifa.cog.go.ke/reports>

The conference will be organized around main plenary discussion sessions and side-events that have been curated by various organizations. The flow of the program can be accessed through: <https://devolutionconference.cog.go.ke/>

WHO IS EXPECTED AT THE CONFERENCE?

The Conference brings together about 8,000-11,000 delegates comprising of the citizenry, County Governments, Ministries and their agencies, Parliament, Judiciary, Constitutional Commissions and Independent Offices, Civil Society Organizations, media, religious institutions, sub-national Governments from Africa and other regions, development partners, academia, private sector practitioners and professional associations and networks, international delegates among others.

HOW TO GET TO THE HOMA BAY COUNTY

The conference will be held at The Homa Bay School on 12th -15th August 2025 situated in Homa Bay Town right behind Raila Odinga Stadium. It's also 6 KMS and /or 10-15 Minutes' drive from Kabunde Airstrip Homabay.

Below are the available airlines to Kisumu International Airport:

1. Kenya Airways

https://www.kenya-airways.com/en-ke/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=11303911560&gbraid=0AAAAADJBMIFPoIO-cGvwFRR2BDeyWdvsA&gclid=CjoKCQjwyvfDBhDYARIsAltzbZHRo8xv5Z1DkfdGWVZ4Gjt9YFdaRgB4D73-erY2qcRE-tVprxvoewMaApfCEALw_wcB

2. Jambo Jet

<https://www.jambojet.com/en-us>

3. Skyward

<https://www.skywardairlines.co.ke/en>

4. Renegade

<https://www.flyrenegadeair.com/en>

Note: The Helipad for the VVIPs is at Kabunde airstrip and Governors Park.

Coordinates of the Homa Bay Governor's Park:
https://maps.app.goo.gl/j6PEbQMgoHQvFd7L7?g_st=aw

WHERE TO STAY DURING DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2025

Delegates can check for accommodation options online through the devolution conference website using the link below:

<https://devolutionconference.cog.go.ke/storage/ACCOMMODATION-FACILITIES-IN-HOMABAY-COUNTY.pdf>

For delegates considering the neighboring Counties;

- Kisii County is approximately 1 hour 17 minutes (55.8 km) via C17 and Homa Bay–Rongo Road (C20), or 1 hour 25 minutes (70.2 km) via Kisii–Kisumu Road (Rongo–Kisii Rd/A1) and C18.
- Kisumu County is approximately 1 hour 57 minutes (107.8 km) away.
- Migori County is approximately 1 hr 27 Minutes (121Km) away

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES AND DELEGATE’S EXPERIENCE

There specific pre-conference activities that have been jointly curated by the Devolution Conference Planning Committee with the Homa Bay County to enhance the experience of delegates while in Homa Bay County for the Conference. All delegates are welcome to participate in the events, which will be one of a kind. The flow of pre-conference activities and delegate’s experience can be accessed through the following link: <https://devolutionconference.cog.go.ke/storage/delegateshandbookver-8.pdf>

GALA DINNERS

There will be two dinners as follows:

The Chairpersons dinner, on Wednesday 13th August, 2025 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm hosted at the Homa Bay Pier.

The Host Governor’ dinner scheduled for Thursday 14th August 2025 from 7:00pm-9:00 pm hosted at the Homa Bay Pier.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The temperature in Homa Bay in August is generally warm, with lows of around 18°C and highs of up to 28°C.

The meteorological department indicates that while it is one of the drier months, there may still be a few days of rain. Delegates should expect occasional showers during the conference and are advised to carry a light waterproof jacket or umbrella.

In August, Homa Bay experiences about 12 hours and 6 minutes of daylight, with the sun rising at around 06:41 and setting at approximately 18:47.

It is advisable to carry and use sunscreen throughout the trip.

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/ke/sena/827569/august-weather/827569>

CURRENCY

The current exchange rate for 1 US dollar is equivalent to 129.2456 KES. The conversion rate for other currencies can be accessed through: <https://www.centralbank.go.ke/category/exchange-rates/>

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

Delegates can register for the conference through the website below. Kindly note that there will be NO on-site registration: <https://devolutionconference.cog.go.ke/#register>

Conference badges will be collected from 9th- 12th August 2025 from 8:00 AM at Homa Bay Primary School Grounds. Registration deadline is on 31st July 2025.

EXHIBITION BOOTHS BOOKING

A total of 500 booths are available and can be secured by interested stakeholders by visiting <https://devolutionconference.cog.go.ke/#register> at a cost of 50,000 Kes. Per booth.

The booths which will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis through online registration. Set up for the exhibition booths will be on 11th August 2025 while the set down will be on 16th August 2025. Badge collection for exhibitors will be from 9th- 12th August 2025 from 8:00 AM at Homa Bay Primary School Grounds.

The official times of the Expo will be from 9. 00a.m to 6.00pm.

The Conference planning committee will not be liable for any loss or damage of equipment before, during or after the conference.

DRINKING WATER PROVISION

To promote sustainability and support a plastic free conference, each delegate will be provided with a reusable water bottle. Approximately 45 water dispensers will be strategically placed across the conference venue to allow for easy and convenient refilling throughout the event.

PROVISION OF FOOD

This year's conference will feature a dedicated food court to provide high-quality food and beverage services to all delegates throughout the event. The food court will offer a variety of meal categories including:

1. Local delicacies – Traditional Kenyan and regional cuisines.
2. Fast food and soft drinks – Options such as burgers, fries, sandwiches, pizza, and more.
3. 4-5 star hotel meals – Premium dining experiences with gourmet dishes.
4. Soft drinks and snacks – A wide selection of non-alcoholic beverages including fresh juices, sodas, and water, alongside assorted snacks.

It is expected that delegates will cater for their own meals during the conference.

SECURITY

Adequate security will be provided by security agencies in and around the environs of the conference. Security personnel will conduct patrols 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.

Delegates are expected to provide their Identification card or Passport) on request prior to accessing the venue.

There will be identifiable ushers to assist with logistics at the event.

Homa Bay Police Hotline – CI MUTUMA OCS Homabay, - 0726494802

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 on-site mobile clinics 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.

Homa Bay County Ambulance Services shall provide ambulances and emergency Medical Attention during the conference.

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