

**2025 DISES Conference in Kenya Registration & Lodging**

The Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES) 2025 Conference will be held in two locations over 4 days! DISES, Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), and Egerton University will be co-hosting July 1-2, 2025 at KISE in Nairobi and July 2-4, 2025 at Lake Naivasha Resort in Lake Naivasha. Your registration covers all four days of lunch and tea service, knowledge exchange, collaboration, human rights and advocacy to those who provide services and support for individuals with disabilities (registration does not include optional excursions, receptions, or boma dinner).

**DISES Four Day Conference Locations**

| July 1-2, 2025 | KISE, Nairobi, Kenya |
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| July 2-4, 2025 | Lake Naivasha Resort, Kenya |

Kenya is rich in cultural diversity with a preserved array of languages, food, customs, art, music, dance, compassion, and community. Harambee, Swahili for “all put together,” embodies Kenya’s dedication to working together towards the betterment of the community. This encourages youth to learn self-respect, self-reliance, citizenship, positive communication, and problem-solving skills. Currently, the Kenyan Ministry of Education is focusing on capacity building on inclusive practices, increasing family involvement, and scaling up access to training, services, and resources to ensure youth with disabilities grow into successful adults. Like much of the world, Kenya is also trying to get their educators to move from working in silos to being more collaborative in their practice.

**2025 DISES Conference in Kenya Call for Proposals**

We invite you to submit a proposal and engage in one of our five strands: (a) Student and Family/Caregivers Community Engagement, (b) Educator Practices, (c) Leadership and Advocacy, (d) Service Providers and Organizations, and (e) Research. You will have an opportunity to apply to be included in the DISES conference proceedings as well.

**Submission Deadlines:**

***Round 1*** (Priority- presentation will be scheduled for day 1 or 2 of the conference): Submit by October 15, 2024 and paid registration by January 1, 2025 (early bird registration price).

***Round 2*** (Regular- presentation will be scheduled during the conference as needed): Submit proposal by November 15, 2024 and paid by January 31, 2025 (regular registration price).

***Round 3***(Late- presentation will be scheduled at available times): Submit proposal by March 25, 2025 and paid by April 20, 2025 (regular registration price).

[**Link to Call for Proposal**](https://forms.gle/hCFUk7Fayx4b8rwS6)

**2025 DISES Conference in Kenya Registration**

Registration is for all four days of the conference which includes presentations, tea breaks, lunch, transportation on service day from KISE (Nairobi) to a program/school that supports learners with disabilities to Lake Naivasha on Day 2, and access to excursions (additional cost for some excursions). There are no options for one day registration. [**Link to Cancelation Policy (please read).**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RuFyV3tszo2cit15Lb8Ix9Vj13lQgUFG/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=103383382086088046299&rtpof=true&sd=true)

**Early Bird Registration** (before January 1, 2025)

* DISES Member - $498
* DISES Students Member - $470
* Non-DISES Member - $527 (please note, you can [become a DISES member](https://dises-cec.org/become-member?_gl=1*19fdf89*_gcl_au*MTQwMDc0NzYxNy4xNzI4NjcxNzEy*_ga*MjA5Nzk0NzYzNy4xNjk1ODQ1MTQz*_ga_L4ZFTNESGT*MTcyOTEwMDA0MS4xMDguMS4xNzI5MTAwMDUxLjUwLjAuMA..) and pay the member price $489+$29)

**Late Registration** (after January 2, 2025)

* DISES Member - $523 ($498+25)
* DISES Students Member - $495 ($470+25)
* Non-DISES Member - $552 (please note, you can [become a DISES member](https://dises-cec.org/become-member?_gl=1*19fdf89*_gcl_au*MTQwMDc0NzYxNy4xNzI4NjcxNzEy*_ga*MjA5Nzk0NzYzNy4xNjk1ODQ1MTQz*_ga_L4ZFTNESGT*MTcyOTEwMDA0MS4xMDguMS4xNzI5MTAwMDUxLjUwLjAuMA..) and pay the member price $498+29+25)

**Local Southern African Resident Registration**

* TBD

*We encourage you to donate to the fund for supporting local educators to attend the conference (you can donate $25, $50, $100, $500, or $1000 – for other amounts, please contact Robia Werunga at* *Robai\_Werunga@uml.edu**).*

[**Link to Registration**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/b8wbfmt/lp/8c3eda20-f237-4685-b3e9-2caccb01f77d)

**2025 DISES Conference in Kenya Lodging**

You will need to book two reservations for the DISES 2025 Conference in Kenya. You can even stay at KISE!

* **In Nairobi, the conference is being held at the Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE).** If you want to book at the Safari Park Hotel, you will email sales@safariparkhotel.co.ke and mention DISES. For the other hotels, you can email them directly or book online. The hotels listed are partner hotels close to KISE (where the conference is being held).
* **In Lake Naivasha, the conference is being held at Lake Naivasha Resort.** For reservations, you will email James Mucheru directly jmucheru@lakenaivasharesort.co.ke with a note that you are part of the DISES conference. Please indicate which hotel you would like to stay and he will organize the reservation for DISES.

**Lodging in Nairobi (KISE) July 1-2, 2025**

| Level | Luxury  | Mid/Budget  | Budget  | Budget  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hotel Name | Safari Park Hotel | Sports View Hotel | Stardom Hotel | KISE  |
| Address | Thika Road | Kasarani | Kasarani | Kasarani, Thika Superhighway  |
| Transport to KISE included? | No | Yes | Yes | n/a |
| Hotel Website | <https://www.safaripark-hotel.com/accommodation>  | <https://sportsviewhotel.com/s/#/>  | https://www.stardomhotel.co.ke/ | <https://www.kise.ac.ke/> |
| Discounted Price (Single- bed & breakfast) | USD 190 | Kshs.6,500 | Kshs. 4,000 | KSh3,500 (approx. USD $27) |
| Discounted Price (Double-bed & breakfast) | USD260 | Kshs. 8,000 | Kshs. 5,000 | KSh6,000 (approx. USD $46) |
| Discount code  | Email sales@safariparkhotel.co.ke and mention DISES | DISES  | DISES  | DISES  |
| Accessibility | Yes | TBD | TBD | Yes |

**Lodging in Lake Naivasha Resort July 2-4, 2025**

|  | Luxury Option | Mid/Budget Option  | Budget Option  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hotel Name | Lake Naivasha Resort | Blooming Suite  | Sweet Lake  |
| Address | Moi S Lake Rd, Naivasha, Kenya | Blooming Suites, Karagita Naivasha | Moi S Lake Rd, Karagita, Kenya |
| Transport to KISE included? | n/a | yes | no |
| Hotel Website | https://lakenaivasharesort.com-kenya.com | https://www.bloomingsuitesltd.com/why-us/ | https://sweetlakeresort.com-kenya.com/ |
| Discounted Price (Single- bed & breakfast) | Sh12,000 (approx. USD $92) | SH7,000 (approx. USD $54) | SH2,500 (approx. USD $20) |
| Discounted Price (Double-bed & breakfast) | Sh15,000 (approx. USD $116) | SH10,000 (approx. USD $77) | n/a |
| **Discount code**  | email James directly jmucheru@lakenaivasharesort.co.ke with a note that they are part of the DISES conference- available until March 31, 2025 | email James directly jmucheru@lakenaivasharesort.co.ke with a note that they are part of the DISES conference- available until March 31, 2025 | email James directly jmucheru@lakenaivasharesort.co.ke with a note that they are part of the DISES conference- available until March 31, 2025 |
| Accessibility | Yes- 12 rooms  | No | No |

**2025 DISES Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance**

(Subject to Change)

Link to [Schedule-at-a-Glance](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hB3nKxPkLIpUyc-oBrS9oac9lfz_bjX-1t8i8r17wx4/edit)

**For more information contact DISES at** **info@dises-cec.org****.**

**Travel to Kenya**

Here are some recommendations/guidelines, however, DISES do not provide requirements.

* **Visa:** Although DISES does not provide VISA requirements (they change by country and throughout the year), we do recommend that you check with your country’s Visa policy. For the United States you should be able to find this information on <https://www.usa.gov/visas-citizens-traveling-abroad>. This is the link to Kenya’s Electronic Travel Authorization: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>.
* **Travel Insurance:** DISES is not responsible for injury or illness during the conference. We recommend you purchase travel insurance.
* **Vaccines/Medication:** Please check with your medical professionals to find out which vaccines and medication you need. This will depend on where you plan to travel (e.g., for the conference we will be Nairobi and Lake Naivasha but you may choose to go to Mombasa on the coast or on safari in Masai Mara).
* **Flights**: Flights from the US usually take more than one day, so please plan accordingly. Here are some airlines that fly to Nairobi: Qatar, Delta, KLM, Emirates, British, Ethiopian, Air France, Kenyan Airlines, United, JetBlue, and many more.

**Travel & Tourism within Kenya**

**Join our WhatsApp group**: Please be on the lookout for the WhatsApp group link.

**Tour company list:** We will be providing these closer to the conference.