



CONFERENCE LOGISTICS NOTE

9th AFRICA ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE - ACTION 2025

Theme:

Strengthening Actions for Animal Welfare and Environment for a Sustainable Future and Resilient Planet

Venue:

Hotel Franco

Yaounde, Cameroon

JULY 28 - 30, 2025





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WELCOME TO CAMEROON!

Referred to as “*Africa in Miniature*” due to its geographical, climatic and cultural diversity, The Republic of Cameroon spans the Atlantic Coast at the elbow of the Gulf of Guinea, passing through evergreen forests, over rolling mountains with savannah vegetation and gradually fades into sandy lowlands that culminate at Lake Chad at the extreme Northern tip of the country.

The Republic of Cameroon (generally referred to as Cameroon) was established in 1961 by the unification of former French Cameroon and part of British Cameroon. Cameroon is a nation of remarkable diversity, boasting a rich tapestry of ecosystems, cultures, and histories. It's a land where we find volcanic peaks and lush rainforests. There are 250 distinct ethnic groups in the country.

Cameroon is located in the Gulf of Guinea in Central Africa, at 6°00'N, 12°00'E. It has a surface area of 475,440 km² with a coastline of 320 km on the Atlantic Ocean. It is bordered to the west by Nigeria, to the north by Chad, to the east by Central African Republic and to the south by the Republic of Congo, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

The altitudes range from 0 m above sea level (the Atlantic Ocean) to 4,095 m above sea level (at the peak of Mount Cameroon). The population of Cameroon is estimated at 18,060,382 inhabitants.

ABOUT AFRICA ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE (AAWC)

The conference will be a hybrid event comprising both in- person attendance and live-streamed for virtual participants.

Hosting the Africa Animal Welfare Conference underscores Cameroon's growing role in continental and global dialogues on important issues. This conference is a valuable opportunity to bring together experts, advocates, and stakeholders to advance animal welfare standards across the African continent.

The Africa Animal Welfare Conference has firmly established itself as the premier continental forum for annual discussions on animal welfare, environmental and wildlife conservation, human health, and sustainable development. It has become an essential event for practitioners and stakeholders in these sectors to engage, build capacity, and address current and emerging global issues that require Africa's attention.

The Africa Animal Welfare Conference is a collaborative effort organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the African Union InterAfrican Union for





Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), and the Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW). Supported by a dedicated Conference Organizing Committee, the event will be held in partnership with the Government of Kenya.

The annual global conference gathers representatives from animal welfare, wildlife, and environmental conservation organizations, NGOs, government officials and affiliated institutions, academics, researchers, media, policymakers, legal practitioners, community members, interest groups, and development practitioners. They come together to discuss, explain, and discern current issues affecting the sector. The conference adheres to the WOA Animal Welfare Standards, the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare, and the Animal Welfare Strategy for Africa as guidelines for policy discussions, legislative recommendations, and decision-making at workshops and conferences.

The 9th Africa Animal Welfare Conference - Action 2025

In its ninth edition, the annual gathering comes at a time when pressures on the earth and its animals increases and exacerbates biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution. Rapid changes bring about unsustainable agricultural and industrial practices.

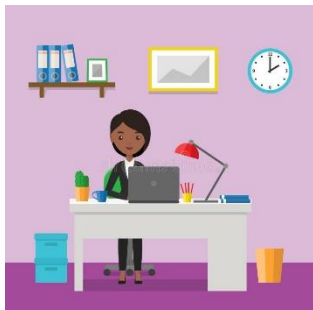
The conference asserts the intricate link between animal welfare, environmental sustainability and human well-being. The conference seeks to explore the theme, strengthening actions that contribute to a resilient and a sustainable future. The theme echoes discussions on the global frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) and the African Union Agenda 2063.

The 9th Africa Animal Welfare Conference has been scheduled to take place from **July 28 – 30, 2025** in **Yaoundé, Cameroon**. The conference will be a **hybrid** event where people will attend in-person and it will be live-streamed for online participants.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The conference is organized to take place at **Hotel Franco** in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from July 28 to 30, 2025. Delegates will have the option to attend in person or participate online.





We invite those interested to register:

- Registering to participate in this conference in-person or virtually through Zoom:

<https://www.aawconference.org/index.php/register>

Registration is currently ongoing.

Once your registration application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email from the AAWC Secretariat. All participants will receive a certificate of participation after the end of the conference.

For urgent inquiries, please call us on +254 – (0) 798 452 625 or write to info@aawconference.org.

AIRPORT

The secondary international airport at Yaoundé Nsimalen International Airport. As of May 2014, Cameroon has regular international air connections with nearly every major international airport in west and southwest Africa and several connections to Europe and East Africa.

The main international airport is the Douala International Airport.

Airport Transfer

A logistics team is in place to cater to and ensure your safe arrival. The AAWC Staff or Hotel Representative will be present at the airport with a pickup sign labelled '9th Africa Animal Welfare Conference' to ensure transfer.

Taxis will also be available at the airport parking facilities for personal pick-ups to the hotel at your own fee.

Delegates should ensure that their flight itineraries are shared in good time.





TRANSPORT

Main Transportation

Major cities are served by taxis and buses. For longer distances, domestic flights or intercity buses are available. Road conditions can vary, especially in rural areas.

Alternative Transport

Yango

The Yango app can be used for ride - hailing transportation

Despite the growing popularity of ride-hailing services in Cameroon, traditional taxi services continue to dominate due to limited internet access and low smartphone penetration. Cameroon is expected to witness a rise in revenue for the Ride-hailing market, with a projection of US\$34.20m by 2025.

(<https://www.statista.com/outlook/mmo/shared-mobility/ride-hailing/cameroon>)

Taxis are the most common form of transport in Yaoundé. Most taxis work on a “shared ride” basis, meaning you might be sharing the car with other passengers.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Franco, Yaounde, Cameroon

The conference will be held at the Hotel Franco, Yaoundé, Camerron. Delegates participating physically at Yaoundé, Cameroon may book accommodation with us.

The accommodation rates are as follows:

- Single Room Accommodation - USD 120 per person per night; USD 480 for 4 nights.

The above accommodation rate includes Bed and Breakfast.



Please Note:

- Lunches and teas will be served at the conference venue
- Delegates are required to arrange for their own dinner. However, delegates wishing to book and pay for the full accommodation package can do so during the check out after registration. The full accommodation package includes dinner for the 4 days. The total amount for the full accommodation package is USD\$ 536.

You can pay for your accommodation and attendance fee using a credit/debit card at the end of the registration process.

MEALS

A variety of non-vegetarian, vegetarian, and vegan lunch options will be available at the conference venue from **July 28 - 30, 2025**. Additionally, tea and snacks will be provided at **10:00 AM** and **4:00 PM** each day while lunch served at **1:00 PM**.

We encourage all participants to bring a **reusable water bottle** to stay hydrated throughout the conference.

CURRENCY

The official operational currency is the “*Communauté Financière Africaine Franc*” (XAF, also referred to as the Central African CFA Franc), with the responsible authority being the Bank of Central African States.

Exchange Rates:

1 EUR = 655.957 XAF

1 USD = 575.77 XAF

1 CHF = 700.34 XAF

In Yaoundé, Douala and other major towns, there are automated teller machines (ATM) at the disposal of the public. Credit card acceptance is limited, so it's advisable to carry cash.





LANGUAGE

English language and French language are the official languages, Cameroon being a bilingual country. The majority of the inhabitants in Yaoundé speak French. There are, however, 24 major African language groups used in the country.

MEETING DOCUMENTS

The 9th AAWC programme will be shared with delegates at the conference at the registration desk. A scan code will be provided at the back of the name tag for easy digital access. The programme is aligned to the conference theme and sub-themes. For online participants, the conference program will be shared on email.

Speaker summaries and presentations will be availed after the conference on the website, www.aawconference.org and on the conference and organizers' social media pages. Please see the links to the social media pages under 'Social Media' below.

THE CONFERENCE

The conference hall will accommodate approximately **300 people**. A team will usher in participants into the conference. The event will be streamed live as the conference proceeds.

English and French translation will be provided at the venue.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Water Bottles**

We are dedicated to reducing or eliminating plastic water bottle at meetings and events. Plastic water bottles will not be available, and we encourage participants to bring reusable bottles with them to the conference.

- **Digital Materials**

The venue is paperless so we will need delegates to have their tablets or laptops to keep up with schedules and info.



- **Lanyards**

The conference will not provide lanyards. Only nametags will be provided. Delegates are required to bring old lanyards for re-use.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The official social media pages for the Africa Animal Welfare Conferences that will be used are as follows:

Facebook - @AfricaAnimalWelfareConference

<https://web.facebook.com/AAWConference/>

X - @AAWConference

<https://x.com/AAWConference>

The **official hashtags** for the 9th Africa Animal Welfare Conference-Action 2025 (AAWC 2025) are:

#AAWC2025

#AAWConference

CONNECTIVITY

An estimated 10.05 million internet users were documented in Cameroon in January 2022, which represents only 36.5% of the total population. Those living in rural areas are the most affected by the persistence of the digital divide in the country and region.

In 2025, Cameroon's 4G network coverage is estimated at 68.90%, while 3G coverage is estimated at 63.12%. The country's average broadband connection speed is predicted to be 3.73k kbit/s. MTN Cameroon and Orange Cameroon are the leading telecom companies, with MTN known for its extensive coverage and innovative services. Camtel, the only provider of fixed-line services, also offers mobile services.

Local SIM cards are readily available mobile phones can be purchased from major shops in Yaoundé. Additionally, wi-fi will be provided at the conference venue.

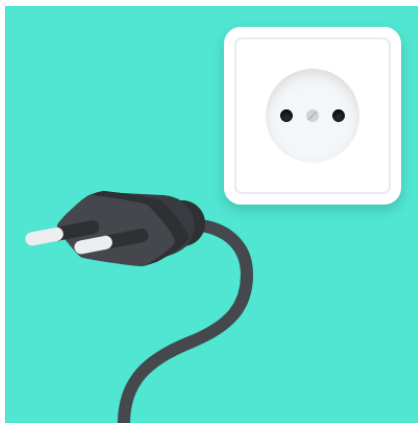




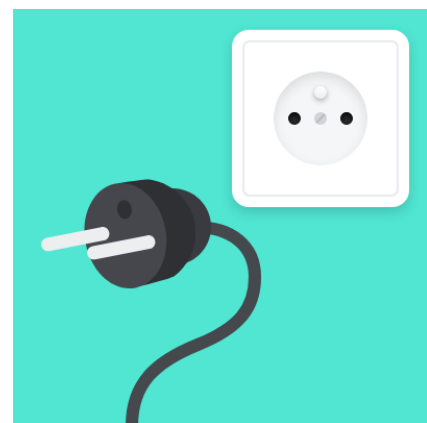
CAMEROON TRAVEL ADAPTORS

You will need to consider what to pack, to ensure you can use your personal electrical appliances safely whilst abroad. This normally includes the use of a travel adaptor, which is a device that simply allows you to plug any UK electrical appliance into a foreign electrical socket. It is important to note that it does not convert the voltage or frequency.

In Cameroon, there are two associated plug types, types C and E. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type E is the plug which has two round pins and a hole for the socket's male earthing pin. Cameroon operates on a 220V supply voltage and 50Hz.



Type C



Type E

For more information: Read More here:

<https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/guidance/advice-for-you/when-travelling/travel-adaptor-for-cameroon/#:~:text=Cameroon%20travel%20adaptors%20For%20Cameroon%20the re%20are,on%20a%20220V%20supply%20voltage%20and%2050Hz.>

CAMEROON VISA POLICY

Based on the visa policy of the Cameroonian government, any foreigner looking to visit the country must get a visa before they can enter.

The only group of visitors that don't require visas are persons from visa-exempt countries. Cameroon keeps a visa- such exempt list of nations which is quite small. Citizens of other African countries including:



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- Nigeria
- Chad
- Central African Republic
- Equatorial Guinea
- Gabon
- Mali

Citizens of these countries may enter without visas, but this list is by no means conclusive as more countries may be added or a few removed in the nearest future. Ordinary passport holders from visa exempted are permitted to stay in Cameroon without visas for as long as 90 days to pursue only non-commercial interests in the country.

Furthermore, the government also has a group of countries whose non-ordinary passport holders may need visas to visit the country. Holders of diplomatic and service passports can enter and stay in Cameroon for up to 90 days without visas.

Visa On Arrival

Cameroon has a visa-on-arrival package for service and diplomatic passport holders from countries that don't qualify for visa-free access. You can visit Cameroon and get a visa at the entry point if you are from any such country. The same grace is extended to ordinary passport holders of some nationalities too. This visa grants the holder a maximum stay of 30 days per visit.

Transit

International travellers may continue their trip in Cameroon by switching flights that will take them to their next destination, but they will need a transit visa if they remain in the airport for more than 24 hours.

CAMEROON ELECTRONIC VISA

Cameroon has implemented an e-visa system: [E-visa Cameroun - The official portal for visa applications to Cameroon](#). This is the primary way most travellers obtain their visas. It's crucial to start the application process well in advance of your trip.





The Cameroonian electronic visa is an online authorization launched by the authorities to fast-track visa applications. Before now, visitors had to visit a Cameroonian embassy abroad which took several weeks to get visas, but this is set to change. E visas are processed within 72 hours so the applicant can obtain the visa they need for their trip at short notice.

Electronic visas are issued as short and long-stay visas. Both visas allow you to stay in Cameroon for up to 90 days per visit but with different validities. While the short-stay e visa is valid for 180 days, the long-stay visa is valid for 12 months and can be used more than once.

E-visas may grant visitors access to Cameroon, but the immigration authorities reserve the sole right to reduce the number of days they can stay or completely restrict access to the country for security reasons.

Required Documents:

- A valid passport (at least six months of validity remaining).
- A completed online visa application form.
- Passport-sized photographs.
- Proof of yellow fever vaccination.
- Flight itinerary.
- Proof of accommodation (hotel reservation or invitation letter)

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Yellow Fever:

- A yellow fever vaccination certificate is mandatory for travellers entering Cameroon from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission.
- All visitors to Cameroon are required to get a Yellow Fever vaccination; otherwise, they may face difficulties at the point of entry or be forced to get the vaccine at their own expense.
- Copy of vaccination certificate showing proof of yellow fever immunization (not required for infants under 1 year old). Provide a copy of your vaccination certificate that clearly shows a YELLOW FEVER/FIEVRE JAUNE/STAMARIL vaccine, NOT OTHER VACCINATIONS.



- If not immunized against yellow fever, get vaccinated prior to submitting your application file. If you cannot get a yellow fever vaccine for medical reasons, please provide a signed and stamped note from your primary care provider.

Other Vaccinations:

- It's advisable to be up-to-date on routine vaccinations, including tetanus, diphtheria, and measles.
- Hepatitis A and typhoid vaccinations are also recommended.

Malaria:

- Malaria is prevalent throughout Cameroon, so taking antimalarial medication is strongly recommended. Consult your doctor for the most suitable medication.

Health Precautions:

- Practice good hygiene, including frequent handwashing and consuming only safe food and water

TIPS

1. *Advisable:* Drink Mineral (Bottled) Water. The tap water isn't safe to drink, so stick to bottled water, which is widely available.
2. *Local Languages & Communication:* French is widely spoken in Yaoundé, so brushing up on some on you French will be a huge help. While some people speak English, Yaoundé is mostly French-speaking.
3. *Getting Around:* Taxis are the most common form of transport in Yaoundé. Most taxis work on a "shared ride" basis, meaning you might be sharing the car with other passengers. For more private rides we have Yango which can be very useful for foreigners.
4. *Currency and Payments:* The local currency is CFA Franc (XAF), and cash is king in most places. ATMs are common in Yaoundé, but always make sure



you have smaller bills on hand because breaking large ones can be tricky. Credit cards are only accepted in bigger hotels, restaurants, and supermarkets, so it's best to carry cash for day-to-day transactions.

5. *Stay Safe:* Yaoundé is generally safe for visitors, but like any big city, you'll want to stay aware of your surroundings. Keep valuables out of sight, avoid walking alone late at night, and be cautious in busy markets and crowded areas to avoid pickpockets. A good tip is to make a copy of your important documents (passport, ID) and store them separately from the originals.
6. *Food & Culture:* Cameroonian food is delicious and diverse - very spicy though! Try local dishes like ndolé (bitterleaf stew), poisson braisé (grilled fish), and fufu corn or plantains. Street food can be amazing, but make sure it's from a busy spot where food is being freshly cooked.

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