

July 1-4, 2025

Nairobi & Lake Naivasha, Kenya

"HARAMBEE: BUILDING BRIDGES TO SUPPORT INCLUSIVE **EDUCATION AROUND THE WORLD"**







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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, transportation from Nairobi to Lake Naivasha with a stop at a local school/program supporting youth with special needs, 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	Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), Nairobi, Kenya
July 2, 2025	Transportation from KISE to Lake Naivasha included with registration on July 2nd with a visit to an inclusive program/school
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 Schedule-at-a-Glance

Link to DISES in Kenya Program Schedule

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).

International Registration- CLOSED

Local African Resident Registration- CLOSED

DISES Conference Live Stream of the Main Room Registration for Certificate of Attendance

This year we will be streaming the main room with keynote speakers, voices from the field, and DISES in Kenya Conference highlight speakers. There is an option to earn a certificate of attendance for the streamed conference participation reflection for KSh3000. To access this option, you will need to:

- 1. Register your reflection here
- 2. Send your payment to KISE (payment information below).

1. Account name: KISE INST FUND AND OTHER MONIES

2. Account no: 1295302438

3. Bank: KCB BANK OF KENYA

4. Branch: NGARA

5. Address: P.O.BOX 48413-00100 Nairobi, Kenya

6. Swift code: KCBKENX2667. Paybill: 15094

3. Once your payment and reflection have been verified you will be emailed your certificate of attendance.

Donations: 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. You can use the <u>DISES</u>

<u>Conference Registration/Donation link</u> to submit donations. If you would like the donation to go for a certain use (e.g., scholarship, hosting an event, etc.), please email Rebekka Jez at
<u>rjez@sandiego.edu</u> with directions. For other amounts, please contact Robai Werunga at
<u>Robai Werunga@uml.edu</u>).

Not a CEC member? Find out how you can join CEC and get your DISES membership for free! Email Jen Ward <u>ilward@svsu.edu</u>.

Frequently Asked Questions

If you have a question about the conference, we did our best to answer them here. We will continually update as questions arise. Link to DISES Conference <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>.

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

<u>sales@safariparkhotel.co.ke</u> 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	Budget
Hotel Name	Safari Park Hotel	KISE
Address	Thika Road	Kasarani, Thika Superhighway
Transport to KISE included?	Yes	n/a
Hotel Website	https://www.safaripark-hotel.com/accommodation WhatsApp+254-721-242-711	https://www.kise.ac.ke/
Discounted Price	Deluxe Single: USD \$180 (B & B), \$220 (Half Board), \$270 (Full Board)	Single: KSh 3,500 (approx. USD \$27)
Discounted Price	Deluxe Double: USD \$250 (B & B), \$330 (Half Board), \$410 (Full Board) Junior Suite : B & B USD \$260 (B & B), \$300 (Half Board), \$340 (Full Board)	Double: KSh 6,000 (approx. USD \$46)
Other options	Business Suite: USD \$310 (B & B), \$350 (Half Board), \$390 (Full Board) Executive Suite: B & B USD \$330 (B & B), \$380 (Half Board), \$420 (Full Board)	
Discount code	https://urlfupi.com/24i05ex Promo Code: DISES2025	DISES
Accessibility	Yes	n/a

Lodging in Lake Naivasha Resort July 2-4, 2025

Level	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://lakenaivasharesor t.com-kenya.com	https://www.bloomingsui tesltd.com/why-us/	https://sweetlakeresort.c om-kenya.com/

Discounted Price (Singlebed & breakfast)	Sh12,000 (approx. USD	SH7,000 (approx. USD	SH2,500 (approx. USD
	\$92)	\$54)	\$20)
Discounted Price	Sh15,000 (approx. USD	SH10,000 (approx. USD	n/a
(Double-bed & breakfast)	\$116)	\$77)	
Discount code	email James directly imucheru@lakenaivashar esort.co.ke with a note that they are part of the DISES conference-available until March 31, 2025	email James directly imucheru@lakenaivashar esort.co.ke with a note that they are part of the DISES conference-available until March 31, 2025	email James directly imucheru@lakenaivashar esort.co.ke with a note that they are part of the DISES conference-available until March 31, 2025
Accessibility	Yes- 12 accessible rooms	No	No

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.
- Airport Transfers:
 - Lake Naivasha Conference and Holidays for transportation to and from the airport/Nairobi- https://naivashaconference.com/ - email at info@naivashaconference.com
 - ACTS Africa. Phone: +254 707 568 925; +254 708 283 627 Email: evelyne@actsafrica.com; <u>adrian@actsafrica.com</u>

Travel & Tourism within Kenya

Join our WhatsApp group: Please be on the lookout for the WhatsApp group link. Click the link to join the link is below!



Tour company list: Here are some tour companies to check out! (<u>Link to example itineraries</u> folder)

- ACTS Africa. Phone: +254 707 568 925; +254 708 283 627 Email: evelyne@actsafrica.com; adrian@actsafrica.com
- <u>Back to Eden</u> (5% discount for DISES conference attendees, additional discounts for groups) WhatsApp +255-684-569-097 Email: <u>info@backtoedenadventures.com</u> (see example itineraries in <u>example</u> <u>itineraries</u> folder)
- <u>Bonfire Adventures</u> Riri | Senior Travel Consultant M: (+254) 0741858585
 <u>Email: hummingbird@bonfireadventures.com</u> (see example itineraries in <u>example itineraries</u> folder)
- Jotto Safaris: +254721982573, lnfo@jottosafaris.comhttps://www.jottosafaris.com
- Kenya Safari Pride Adventures: <u>www.kenyasafariprideadventures.com</u> email at <u>info@kenyasafariprideadventures.com</u>

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

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: Call for Proposals closed, all presenters must register by May 1, 2025.