



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

INFORMATION NOTE

THE DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT DAY (DDD) GLOBAL
OBSERVANCE 2026

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a). Date, Venue and Theme

1. The Desertification and Drought Day (DDD) Global Observance 2026 will be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kenya at **Vipingo Central Primary School in Kilifi County** on **Wednesday, 17 June, 2026**.

Vipingo Central Primary School in Kilifi County is located on Coordinates: Lat-3.820069, Log - 39.810665 and approximately 41Km from Moi International Airport, Mombasa. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/UsAV5PmUEi29qBNB9> . The distance between Mombasa to Vipingo Central Primary School is 34 Km by road. The Venue is 1.1Km from the Mombasa-Malindi Highway.

Theme: “Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore.”

2. This theme calls on all participants to acknowledge the value of rangelands, respect indigenous and pastoral land-use practices, and actively support restoration efforts. Participants are encouraged to wear light, earth-toned clothing as a symbolic gesture, though this is not mandatory.

b). Background Information

3. The Desertification and Drought Day (DDD) is commemorated annually on 17 June under the **UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/49/115** to raise global awareness on land degradation, drought resilience, and sustainable land management.
4. The 2026 Global observance in Kenya reflects the country’s leadership in dryland restoration, climate resilience, pastoral livelihoods, and implementation of the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**. Kenya is honoured to host delegates from governments, UN agencies, development partners, civil society, academia, the private sector, youth, women’s groups, and indigenous peoples.

5. The event is organized by the Government of Kenya in collaboration with partners. It aims to raise awareness, promote sustainable land management, landscape and ecosystem restoration, and climate resilience, and provide a platform for knowledge sharing and policy dialogue.

c). Contact Persons / Liaison Officers

For all inquiries, please contact the Government of Kenya Secretariat:

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[Emergency onsite contact – to be provided at registration]

d). Registration and Accreditation

6. All Participants must register via the official link:

https://eventsaccreditation.go.ke/event/34/registrations/34/?form_token=4d822e8b-f1ab-4152-8125-6b76695eaa71

Upon submission of your registration, you will receive an approval email. Please bring a printed or digital copy of this approval to the venue.

On-site registration desks will open at **07:00am** on **17 June 2026** at the main entrance of Vipingo Central Primary School. Arrive early to avoid delays.

Valid government-issued photo identification (passport for international participants) is required for accreditation.

Security and administrative procedures must be followed at all times.

e). Entry Requirements for International Participants

7. All participants must have the official documents as tabulated below;
- **Passport:** Valid for at least **six months** from date of entry into Kenya.
 - **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA):** To be obtained **before travel** and can be accessed through <https://evisa.go.ke/>
 - **Supporting documents** (may be required): proof of accommodation, return travel itinerary, yellow fever vaccination certificate (depending on country of origin). Check the latest Kenyan health and immigration requirements before departure.

Note: Visa regulations change. It is your responsibility to verify requirements with the nearest Kenyan embassy or the [Kenya Department of Immigration Services](#).

f). Accommodation and Transport

8. Accommodation:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation. Recommended hotels in Kilifi Town, Mtwapa, and Mombasa are attached as an annex. Book early, as June is peak season.

9. Transport to/from venue:

All participants: Use private taxis, hired cars, or public matatus. Allocate at least **90 minutes** travel time from Mombasa to Vipingo due to potential traffic.

Parking: Limited space available at the venue. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

g). Environmental Management and Waste Disposal

10. In line with UNCCD objectives, this is a low-waste, plastic-conscious event.

All participants must:

Use designated waste bins

Avoid single-use plastics, bring reusable water bottles, coffee cups, and bags.

Do not litter anywhere inside or outside the venue.

Exhibitors: Use sustainable materials only. No styrofoam, disposable banners, or plastic giveaways.

At event close: **Please leave your seating area clean. Violations may result in denial of future accreditation to similar events**

h). Health Care Protocol

11. Basic first aid and trained personnel will be on-site throughout the event.

For serious medical issues: referral to nearby hospitals in Kilifi County (Kilifi County Hospital – 15 minutes by ambulance).

Participants must have personal medical insurance **that covers emergency treatment and evacuation in Kenya.**

Recommended: **Carry personal medications, insect repellent (malaria prophylaxis advised – consult your doctor), and hand sanitizer.**

i). General Information about Kenya

Time zone: East Africa Time (GMT+3)

Languages: English (official), Kiswahili

Climate in Kilifi (June): 24°C – 30°C, tropical coastal, moderate humidity. Mornings/evenings cooler.

What to wear: Light, breathable clothing, comfortable walking shoes, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen. Rain is unlikely but possible, pack a light jacket and an umbrella.

Hydration: Bring a reusable water bottle (refill stations available).

Mobile networks: Coverage available (Safaricom, Airtel). SIM cards and mobile money (M-Pesa) available at local shops.

Banking: ATMs and banks in Kilifi Town (approx. 15 km from venue). Carry some Kenyan Shillings (KES) for small purchases.

Power Sockets: Plug Type: Type G

The standard plug is UK 3-rectangular-prong plug.

The Standard Voltage is 240 V and Standard Frequency: 50 Hz

The wall sockets are designed to accept the Type G plug.

Tourist attractions (before/after event):

Watamu Marine National Park, Malindi Marine Park, Kilifi Creek, Mnarani Ruins, Arabuko Sokoke Forest, Vipingo Ridge, among others.

Activities: snorkeling, dhow cruises, bird watching, golf, cultural village visits among others.

k) Customs Regulations

- **Declare** high-value equipment (cameras, drones, laptops over \$500), restricted goods (e.g., agricultural products), and **cash exceeding USD 10,000 (or equivalent)**.
- **Prohibited items:** Narcotics, firearms, counterfeit goods, ivory, protected wildlife products, and obscene materials.
- **Failure to comply** may lead to fines, confiscation, or arrest.

For detailed customs information:

<https://www.kra.go.ke/images/publications/KRA-Passenger-Handbook.pdf>

Annex - ACCREDITED FACILITIES

GOLD MARK QUALITY

S/NO.	ESTABLISHMENT	COUNTY	ROOMS	BEDS	CONTACT
1.	Silver Palm Spa & Resort	Kilifi	40	80	info@silverpalmkilifi.co.ke +254 780 745837
2.	Hemingways Watamu Limited	Kilifi	82	123	reservations.watamu@hemingways.co +254(0)205 006 200
3.	Vipingo Ridge Limited	Kilifi	60	98	info@vipingoridge.com +254 700 337 489
4.	Nicola Limited T/A Diamonds Malindi Kenya	Kilifi	268	268	info.diamondsmalindi@planhotel.com +254 720607075
5.	Medina Enterprises Limited T/A Medina Palms	Kilifi	50	186	reservations@medinapalms.com +254(0)710571515
6.	Kilili Baharini Resort	Kilifi	51	80	sales@kililibaharini.com +254 702 999566
7.	North Coast Beach Resort	Kilifi	120	196	info@northcoastbeachhotel.com +254 722 209458
8.	The Lawford	Kilifi	52	85	thelawfordkenya.com 254 702 206421
9.	Oasis Beach Management T/A Ocean Beach Resort & Spa	Kilifi	36	70	info@oceanbeachkenya.com +254 705 204590
10.	Mnarani Beach Club	Kilifi	60	60	karibu@mnaranibeachclub.com +254 727 288 166
11.	Wata Limited T/A Crystal Bay Resort	Kilifi	70	93	reservation@crystalbaywatamu.com +254 071 856 500
12.	Poldo Limited T/A Jacaranda Beach Resort	Kilifi	107	347	info@jacarandabeachresort.com +254 723 159 848
13.	Lonno Enterprises Limited T/A The Charming Lonno Lodge	Kilifi	9	10	reservations@lonnolodge.com +254 726 226292
SILVER MARK QUALITY					
1.	Ndovu Villas Limited-Watamu	Kilifi	2	12	info@majitvilla.com +254 797 263673
2.	Turtle Bay Beach Club	Kilifi	145	290	special@turtlebay.co.ke +254 734 601066
3.	Jokafa Limited T/A Jumbo Resort	Kilifi	92	133	reservation@jumboresortwatamu.com
4.	Dubai Infinite Luxury Suites	Kilifi	9	12	dinfiniteluxurysuites@gmail.com +254 7120297981
5.	Vipingo Beach Resort	Kilifi	13	13	info@vipingoridge.com +254 700 337 489
6.	Seven Island Resort	Kilifi	84	95	reservation@sevenislandswatamu.com +254 713 326336
7.	Afrisun Limited T/A Lion in the Sun	Kilifi	16	17	malindi.reservations@billionairesociety.com +254 705 437 307
8.	Blue Bay Village Limited	Kilifi	94	174	bluebaykenya.com +254 722 208 691
9.	Lagoon Dhow Ltd T/A Madharini	Kilifi	36	44	+254 719 164 664
10.	Mwembe Resort and the Village	Kilifi	99	184	info@mwemberesort.com +254 770 693142

11.	Africagest Limited T/A Jumbo Resort	Kilifi	92	40	jumboresortwatamu.com +254 728 964 871
12.	Sun N Sand Beach Resort	Kilifi	224	400	reservations@sunsand.co.ke +254 702 222 888
13.	Manbil Limited T/A Billionaire Resort	Kilifi	24	71	malindi.reservations@billionairesociety.com +254 706 264 721
14.	Temple Point Resort Limited	Kilifi	64	64	reservations@templepointresort.com +254 707 634098
15.	Jambo Travellers Hotel	Kilifi	76	99	jambotravellershotel@gmail.com +254 726 722813
16.	Ocean Sports Management Limited	Kilifi	27	60	oceansports.net +254 724389732
17.	Baobab Sea Lodge	Kilifi	30	35	baobab@madahotels.com +254 745 282218
18.	Royal Reserve Safari & Beach Club	Kilifi	46	126	reservations@royalreserve.co.ke +254 716 740 774
19.	Hotel Rafiki Malindi Limited	Kilifi	37	41	reservations@hotelrafikimalindi.co.ke +254 701 667 466
20.	Garoda Gecko Resort	Kilifi	152	160	booking@garoda.com +254 729 388 777
21.	Hotel Comster Mtwapa Ltd	Kilifi	35	40	reservations@hotelcomstermtwapa.co.ke +254 759 790 090
22.	Suli House	Kilifi	8	8	suli.house@gmail.com +254 729 637412
23.	Palm View Garden Boutique Hotel	Kilifi	17	23	www.palmgardenkenya.com +254 799 448 699
24.	Sunset Lab	Kilifi	5	5	@sunset.lab.watamu (instagram)
25.	Joia Hotels & Resort Limited T/A Barracuda	Kilifi	100	158	reservations@barracudainn.com +254 752 196 802
26.	Jumuiya Resort & Conference Centre	Kilifi	41	66	info@resortjumuiya.com +254 759 423 589
27.	Amu House	Kilifi	7	12	info@amuhouselamu.com +254 769 927752
28.	White Peacock Resort	Kilifi	63	63	info@whitepeacockresort.co.ke +254 714 666 627
BRONZE MARK QUALITY					
1.	Maison Muge Ltd	Kilifi	7	7	info@maisonmuege.com +254721131805
2.	Tulivu House	Kilifi	5	5	info@tulivuhousekilifi.com +254 708 028 429
3.	Watamu Treehouse Limited	Kilifi	7	20	reservations@tribal.com +254 115 115 247
4.	Iliki Ltd T/A Cardamon House Boutique Hotel	Kilifi	10	10	bookings@secludedafrica.com +254 737 199 870
5.	Somaki Limited	Kilifi	0	0	
6.	Kilifi Bay Beach Resort	Kilifi	49	63	sales@madahotels.com +254 722 202564
7.	White Elephant Sea & Art Lodge	Kilifi	29	29	www.whiteelephantmalindi.com
8.	Aquarius Watamu Hotel Limited	Kilifi	50	70	bookingaquariusclub@gmail.com +254 743 080300
9.	Fragola Safari House	Kilifi	7	16	+254 735 424 035

10.	Kwetu Nyumbani Resort	Kilifi	28	28	kweturesorts.com 0112 514 274
11.	I Love Watamu Limited T/A Watamu Beach Cottages	Kilifi	25	50	info@watamubeachcottages.com +254 728 986066
12.	Salty's Kitesurf Village	Kilifi	12	12	www.saltyskitesurf.com +254 794 449196
13.	Kalugroup Limited T/A Lilly Palm Resort	Kilifi	74	80	marketing@kalugroup.co.ke +254 728 026 380
14.	Newlife Hospitality Ltd	Kilifi	156	196	
15.	Gasaro Hotel	Kilifi	49	100	reservation@gasarohotel.com. +254 707 176 227
16.	Screenshot Lounge	Kilifi	0	0	
17.	Coast Development Authority T/A Wanainchi Cottages	Kilifi	0	0	
18.	Watamu Adventist Beach Resort	Kilifi	53	71	stay@watamuadventistresort.com +254 700 870236
19.	Malindi Pearl Hotel	Kilifi	50	51	0701 306855
20.	The Yatch Lounge & Restaurant	Kilifi	0	0	
21.	Kili Sunrise Resort	Kilifi	6	6	0722 891791
22.	Merryvilla Hotel & Apartments	Kilifi	100	178	info@lavenderhotels.co.ke 0727750111
23.	Sultan Palace Beach Resort Ltd	Kilifi	2	2	+254 790 911 111
24.	Sepi Hotel Management Watamu Limited	Kilifi	65	103	
25.	Kilifi Beach Villas	Kilifi	13	21	reservations@tribalsand.com +254 115 115 247
26.	Mtwapa Country Resort	Kilifi	30	48	+254 712 689 272
27.	Kobe Seaside Resort Limited	Kilifi	23	28	https://www.kobesuiteresort.com +254 700 951 951
28.	Cute & Cosy Apartments	Kilifi	19	21	+254 721 298 540.
29.	Breeze Point Hotel	Kilifi	59	87	+254 711 626139
30.	Euris Prime Inn	Kilifi	19	21	+254 722 482 142
31.	Rafiki Place	Kilifi	14	17	+254 726 749433
32.	The Moorings Ltd	Kilifi	0	0	
33.	Mtwapa Prestige Leisure Hotel & Conference Centre	Kilifi	45	75	+254 722 351 275
34.	Bread & Butter Resort	Kilifi	9	17	+254 718 092 750
35.	Beaumont Holiday Resort	Kilifi	49	49	+254 717 020 831
36.	Distant Relatives Ecolodge & Backpackers Ltd	Kilifi	20	57	backpacker@kilifibackpackers.com +254 702 232 323
37.	Mambo Residence Limited T/A Seaview Resort	Kilifi	20	28	hotel@mamboparadise.com +255 622 438 393
38.	The Monalisa Hotel	Kilifi	30	35	+254 705 608027
39.	Primeshade Guest House	Kilifi	10	10	+254 741 796033
40.	Bei International Limited T/A Scorpio Villas	Kilifi	34	37	bookings@scorpio-villas.com +254 700 437 680
41.	Salama Bling Beach Resort	Kilifi	25	35	@salamablingbeachke +254 726 880251

42.	Joia Hotels & Resort Limited T/A Bravo Hotels	Kilifi	70	100	
43.	Vidzo Royal Inn	Kilifi	20	22	vidzoroyalinn@gmail.com +254 769 593267
44.	6 Park Retreat Ltd	Kilifi	15	15	
45.	Marina Seaside Limited	Kilifi	0	0	0722 406291