

ACOA 2025

AFRICA CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTANTS

Creating Value for
Africa

6th–9th May • Kigali – Rwanda

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ABOUT ICPAR

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR) is the professional body regulating the accounting profession in Rwanda. Established in 2008, ICPAR promotes high professional standards and supports the development of accounting professionals.



ABOUT PAFA

The Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) is the continental body representing professional accountants in Africa. Founded in 2011, PAFA aims to develop the accountancy profession and strengthen its role in Africa's economic development.



ABOUT THE CONGRESS

Professional accountants and key stakeholders in the accountancy ecosystem from across the continent and beyond are set to unite physically in Rwanda's capital, Kigali, from 6th to 9th May 2025.

Over 2000 delegates from more than 65 countries will come together at the Kigali Convention Center (KCC) for the 8th edition of the Africa Congress of Accountants

(ACOA). The congress will be hosted by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR) in partnership with the Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA).

The ACOA theme: “**Creating Value for Africa**”, encapsulates the collective commitment to harnessing the power of accountancy to drive meaningful change and prosperity across the continent. It emphasises the imperative for professional accountants to innovate, collaborate and lead initiatives that generate sustainable economic, social and environmental value for Africa and its people. This theme underscores the crucial role of the accountancy profession in unlocking Africa's potential and building a brighter future for all.

This unique edition of the congress will gather delegates and speakers from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, providing an excellent opportunity to connect, share and expand in Africa.



CONGRESS OBJECTIVES

The congress aims to foster collaboration, knowledge sharing and professional development within the accountancy

profession across the continent. By convening professional accountants and key stakeholders in the accountancy ecosystem from diverse backgrounds, sectors and regions, ACOA 2025 aims to promote excellence in the profession, advance standards of practice and address common challenges faced by professional accountants in Africa.



CONGRESS VENUE

The **Kigali Convention Centre (KCC)** boasts of 18 venues with space for over 5500 attendees. These meeting venues can be easily combined and configured, offering unparalleled flexibility and scale for events of all sizes. One of the highlights of KCC is the Auditorium, located beneath the Dome. This multifunctional facility can accommodate a wide range of events, from summits with 100 participants to concerts with audiences of over 2500.



CONGRESS APPROACH

The congress will employ methodologies that foster engagement and dialogue on the selected topics. Experts & panellists will initiate dialogue on various thematic areas and topics, encouraging active participation from the audience. Each plenary session will conclude with an open forum to determine actionable steps forward. Additionally, a gala dinner and outdoor activities will be organised to facilitate direct interaction beyond the structured dialogues.



CONGRESS TARGET AUDIENCE

The congress aims to bring together Chief Executives, Business Executives, Public Sector Officials, Accounting and Finance Professionals, Tax Experts, Investment Experts, Consultants, Policy and Standards’ Setters, representatives of Professional Accountancy Organizations (PAOs), Researchers and Academicians, Non-Profit Organizations (NGOs) and Representatives of International Organizations among others. The goal is to share experiences and create a vision that will deliver the Africa we want and deserve, under the theme: **“Creating Value For Africa.”**



CONGRESS FEES

REGULAR DELEGATE FEES:

	Residents	Non-Residents
Register & Pay by 30/09/2024	FRW 807,500	USD 595
Register & Pay by 31/12/2024	FRW 855,000	USD 630
Standard Rates	FRW 950,000	USD 700

The fee includes a comprehensive package designed to enhance delegates’ experience and participation, i.e., access to all sessions, congress materials and resources, meals and refreshments during session breaks, admission to networking events (including the gala dinner and various social activities), sports and recreational activities, certificates of attendance, access to the exhibition area and a delegate kit.

ACCOMPANYING DELEGATE FEES:

	Residents	Non-Residents
Register & Pay by 30/09/2024	FRW 403,750	USD 297
Register & Pay by 31/12/2024	FRW 427,500	USD 315
Standard Rates	FRW 475,000	USD 350

Accompanying persons are individuals who join delegates but do not participate in the core professional sessions of the congress. They could be family

members, friends or colleagues who wish to experience the event and partake in the social and recreational activities.

The fee includes access to social events, recreational activities, exhibitions, and the gala dinner. The fee ensures that accompanying persons can enjoy a rich and engaging experience alongside the delegates, with a focus on social and recreational activities.

CANCELLATION

60 days before the event – **75% refund**

30 days before the event – **50% refund**

NOTE: Delegates and accompanying persons are responsible for their own accommodation, transport, daily subsistence allowance and airport transfers.



REGISTRATION

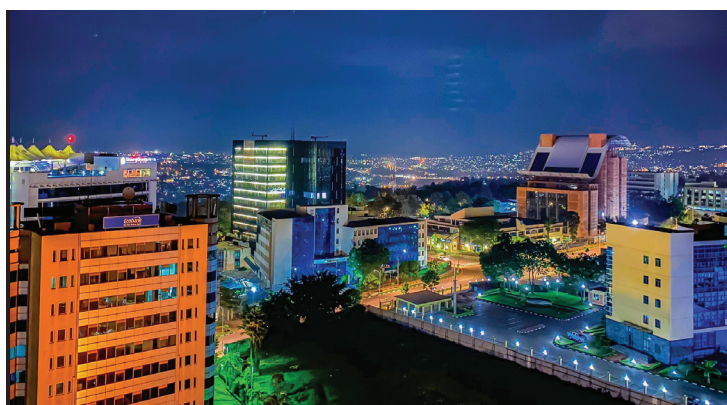
To register for the Congress, visit: <https://imis.icparwanda.com/#/event-acoa/247>



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

THE HOST CITY: KIGALI

Ideally positioned in the heart of Rwanda, Kigali spans several hills and valleys, offering excellent road links to the rest of the country. The verdant capital city is pleasantly low-key yet dynamic and progressive, home to just over one million inhabitants. First-time visitors often remark on the cleanliness of the bustling and colourful centre, a source of pride for communities throughout the country.



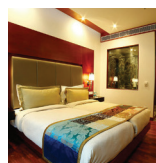
Kigali is a city where you can experience stunning scenery, beauty, hospitality, culture and the full diversity of Rwanda. Known as the gateway to Rwanda and a tourist hub, Kigali is a residential, educational, commercial and political centre, hosting presidential offices, ministries, accommodation facilities and others. The city operates in the Central African Time zone (GMT+2).



AIRLINES AND TRANSFERS

Kigali International Airport is served by several major airlines: Brussels Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, KLM, RwandAir, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways. Akagera Aviation offers helicopter transfers within Rwanda.

Public transportation options include buses, cabs and moto-taxis, but for convenience and safety, using hotel shuttles or pre-arranged cabs is recommended.



ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for their accommodation. Kigali offers a range of hotels and guesthouses to suit various budgets. A list of recommended accommodations can be accessed at <https://tourismregulation.rw/en/entities/1/>. Early booking is recommended to secure preferred options.



IMMIGRATION AND VISAS

Delegates are encouraged to arrange their travel according to their preferences. For international delegates planning to visit Rwanda, you may consult <https://www.migration.gov.rw/> to check your visa requirements.

Important Update: As of 2nd November 2023, Rwanda has announced visa-free entry for all African nationals, eliminating the need for prior visa acquisition. This progressive measure underscores Rwanda's commitment to fostering continental unity and facilitating seamless travel across the region.

WEATHER

In May, Kigali enters the beginning of the dry season, experiencing reduced rainfall compared to previous months. Temperatures typically range from around 15°C to 27°C (59°F to 81°F). While rain is less frequent, occasional showers are still possible. Expect mild and relatively stable weather conditions, but it is always wise to be prepared for changes.

LANGUAGES IN RWANDA

Kinyarwanda is the national language of Rwanda and is the first language for almost the entire population. It is one of the country's official languages, along with French, English and Swahili. To ensure a smooth experience for all delegates, congress staff will be available to assist with any language-related issues. Additionally, simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the plenary sessions of the congress in English, French and Portuguese to accommodate speakers of different languages.

CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS

The Rwandan Franc (FRW) is the official currency of Rwanda. Major international currencies can be exchanged at banks and authorised exchange bureaus.

Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants and larger stores, but it is advisable to carry some cash for smaller establishments and markets.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Delegates are advised to have travel insurance that covers health. Malaria is present in Rwanda, so take preventive measures such as using insect repellent and sleeping under mosquito nets. Kigali is generally safe, but usual precautions should be taken, such as avoiding poorly lit areas at night and keeping an eye on personal belongings.

CONNECTIVITY

Wi-Fi is widely available in hotels, restaurants and cafés. Local SIM cards can be purchased for affordable mobile data plans.

CULTURAL ETIQUETTE

Dress modestly and respect local customs. Greetings are important in Rwandan culture.



DRESS CODE

The congress dress code is business casual, while for all outdoor activities, delegates are advised to wear sportswear.



CPD HOURS AND CERTIFICATES

Delegates who attend all sessions will be awarded twenty-one (21) Continuous Professional Development (CPD) hours per the ICPAR CPD Policy.



PRE AND POST CONFERENCE TOUR ACTIVITIES

Known as the land of a thousand hills, Rwanda's stunning scenery and warm, friendly people offer unique experiences. It is blessed with extraordinary biodiversity, with incredible wildlife living throughout its volcanoes, montane rainforest and sweeping plains. Travellers come from far and wide to catch a glimpse of the magnificent scenery.

Should you wish to engage in post-event activities and explore more about Rwanda please visit <https://visitrwanda.com/>




EVENT PUBLICITY

The event will be publicised in print, on digital platforms and television, as well as the websites, social media platforms and other forums of professional accountancy organisations.

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