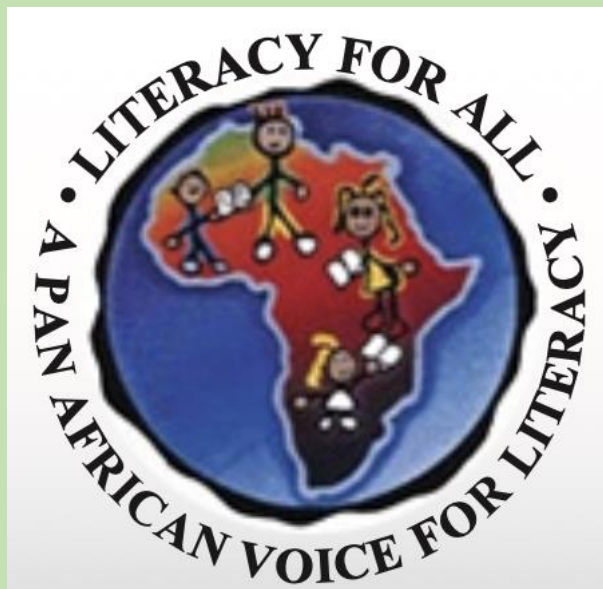


LATEST UPDATES PALFA 2023 CONFERENCE



OUR ESTEEMED PARTICIPANTS

Dear Conference Participants,
You are receiving this message because you indicated that you plan to attend the **PALFA Conference in Nairobi, Kenya**. The Conference remains on schedule and the dates remain the same. We are sharing a **DRAFT** of the Conference Schedule via email. Please note that this is subject to change. The **FINAL** Conference Schedule will be shared by **15th August, 2023** and will be available on our website for download. If your plans to attend change for any reason, let us know as soon as possible.

REGISTRATION

Thanks to participants who were able to register for the Conference using the Online Registration Form on our website <https://palfa2023.associationofreadin.gofkenya.org/>. This will help in planning Conference activities such as printing

Name Tags, Certificates of Participation for Conference participants, estimates for *Catering* and other logistics. If you have not registered, you are welcome to do so by **15th August, 2023**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee categories are listed on our website. We understand that bank transfers have been a challenge for some participants; partly due to the high charges associated with electronic funds transfers (EFT). We are working with our bank to create a debit/credit card payment facility and integrate it on our website to ensure more efficient online payment of registration fees by the **15th August 2023**. If the facility will not have been activated in good time, participants will be given the option of paying their registration fee on arrival at the Conference. Our MPESA payment facility for our local participants remains active. Some participants have already taken advantage of this to conveniently remit their registration fee in advance.

VIRTUAL PRESENTERS

In order to ensure a seamless transition of all presentations, virtual presenters are hereby asked to pre-record their presentation with a clear view of their PowerPoint slideshows and share a copy of the video recording with us. This will mitigate any delays associated with connectivity problems.

FILE UPLOADS

We would like to request Conference presenters to upload their **PowerPoint** presentations on our website in good time to ensure that ALL presentations are loaded onto the laptops assigned to respective breakaway rooms.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

The PALFA Steering Committee has organized with a *Trusted Taxi Company* to provide Airport Transfer Services for Conference participants. This service is optional and is NOT free. If you would like to take advantage of this arranged Airport Transfer Service from the Airport to your Hotel and back, please provide your travel dates and travel itinerary to **Mr. Abraham Matheka** via **WhatsApp +254721765210** for planning purposes.

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

Congratulations to those who secured the partial sponsorship from **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)** and **PALFA 2023 Steering Committee** to attend the Conference. Your airport transfers, meals and accommodation arrangements will be handled by PALFA Planning Committee. The tour company

will handle your reservation and travel itinerary: tours@packngotours.com.

TRAVEL VISAS

Citizens of some countries may require *Visas* to visit Kenya. A full list of eligible countries and categories is found at <https://evisa.go.ke/>. Click on eligibility to view. To apply for an e-visa, you are required to first create a profile before proceeding with the application. Here are additional documents that may be required when applying for the e-visa: <https://shorturl.at/xJKSW>

POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSION

The sign-up window for Post-Conference activities has been closed. The service providers will contact those who signed up for *Nairobi Circuit* and *Maasai Mara Circuit* and provide periodic updates as the PALFA Conference draws closer.

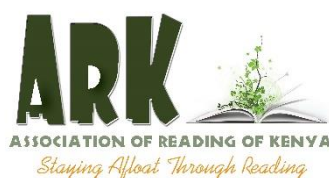
OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- The Official PALFA 2023 Conference email is palfa2023@gmail.com
- Our website has an **Email Form** for quick queries that require no uploads.
- Our organization (ARK) has only TWO official email addresses:
 1. associationofreadingofkenya@gmail.com
 2. info@associationofreadingofkenya.org

DO NOT accept correspondence from any other email address for the purpose of PALFA 2023 Conference.



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