

2018 OpenHIE Community Meeting

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July 31 - August 4, 2018 in Arusha, Tanzania

Mount Meru Hotel and Conference Centre

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The OpenHIE Community Meeting is being hosted by the Government of Tanzania.

Coordination is being led by the OpenHIE Community including Regenstrief Institute, PATH and Jembi Health Systems.

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About the Event

The OpenHIE Community meeting at Mount Meru Hotel and Conference Centre is designed to support developers, implementers, and Government officials in fostering the advancement of OpenHIE and the support of country owned and driven, large-scale health information sharing architectures. It will serve to showcase the strategy, approach and components that pragmatically empower sustainable and standards-based sharing of health information to improve health outcomes. The meeting will also highlight existing OpenHIE implementations and provide a platform for community learning and discussion about OpenHIE in action.

The meeting will included 3 days of sessions (July 31 - August 2) and 2 days for a Connect-a-thon (August 3-4).

Objectives

- Connect implementers with one another and with the wider network
- Share and contribute to current OpenHIE global goods, multi-country implementation experiences, and foster wider collaboration both within Tanzania, and globally
- Bring implementers and developers together to harmonize tool development with implementation needs
- Provide policy makers with an opportunity to better understand OpenHIE and its role in promoting interoperability and systems thinking

Who should attend

- OpenHIE implementers from government, NGOs
- Government Officials including ICT and eHealth Directors responsible for health information systems
- Digital Health Policy Makers
- Vertical health program implementers interested in interoperability
- Health Information System software developers
- Researchers

Why you should attend

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Conference Schedule

The OpenHIE Community Meeting agenda is structured to allow time for community members to connect, engage and learn about topics that are important to them. Sessions during the three days will be relevant for implementers looking to dive into the technical aspects of OpenHIE implementation as well as leaders who want to learn more about governance aspects of interoperability and health information exchange. In addition to pre-arranged sessions, the agenda will have several open "unconference" sessions where community members will propose presentations on topics relevant to their OpenHIE implementations. If you have ideas to propose for agenda sessions, please contact Amanda BenDor (abendor@path.org) or Carl Fourie (carl@jembi.org).

See below the outline of the agenda for the OpenHIE Community Meeting. ***The agenda will be updated in the weeks before the conference.***

Day 1 - "Enabling System Interoperability"

Time	Location	Session Description	Presenter(s)	Slides *Please post presentation slides here
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Marquee Conference Room	Registration		
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Marquee Conference Room	Formal Opening of the Meeting and Welcome Remarks	Dr Mpoki Ulisubisya, PS Tanzania MOHCDGEC Steve Davis, CEO PATH	
9:00 - 9:45 AM	Marquee Conference Room	OpenHIE Conversation: A Brief History of OpenHIE and Goals of the Meeting for the OpenHIE Community	Paul Biondich, Regenstrief Carl Fourie, Jembi Health Systems Dykki Settle, PATH Shaun Grannis, Regenstrief Jennifer Shivers, Regenstrief	
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Marquee Conference Room	Unveiling the "Unconferencing" Approach: How to get the most out of the OpenHIE Community Meeting	Amanda BenDor, PATH Carl Fourie, Jembi Health Systems	
10:45 - 11:30 AM	Marquee Conference Room	Networking Coffee Break and "Unconference" Voting		
11:30 AM- 12:15 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Implementers' Experiences: OpenHIE in Action - Highlight how OpenHIE was used for BID Project in Tanzania Sign up for Site Visits	Oswald Luoga, PATH Emily Nicholson, IntraHealth International Ally Shaban, IntraHealth International	Interoperability_BID_OpenHIE_PPT_with Diagram Mosa and Ally 31_July_2018.pptx
12:15 - 1:00 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Leadership and Governance: Where to start: Exploring approaches to designing interoperable solutions (policy practices; infrastructure investments; peer networking)	Hermes Sotter, Director of ICT at the Tanzania MoHCGDEC Carol Kyozira, Uganda Ministry of Health HMIS Division	Digital Health Landscape in Uganda
1:00 - 2:15 PM		Lunch and Group Photo		
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Leadership and Governance: Use of OpenHIE for BID Initiative in Tanzania	Hassan Mtenga, PATH	

	Tembo Meeting Room	Facilitating Data Exchange: Developing a national interoperability framework	Thomas Fogwill, South African CSIR	Thomas_Fogwill_Arusha_openHIE.pdf
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - HIS Interoperability Toolkit	Manish Kumar	
3:15 - 3:45		Coffee Break and Networking		
3:45 - 4:30	Marquee Conference Room	Implementers' Experiences: DATIM Deep Dive	Jennifer Shivers, Regenstrief	Slides
	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - HackConnect-Athon	Carl Leitner Carl Fourie	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Introduction and Use Cases to the Terminology Services	Carol Macumber Jonathan Payne	
4:30 - 4:45		Transition Break		
4:45 - 5:30	Marquee Conference Room	Wrap up and reflections from the day	Amanda BenDor, PATH	
5:30 - 6:30		Software Showcases / Demo		

Day 2 - "Country-Driven Success"

Time	Location	Session Description	Presenter(s)	Slides *Please post presentation slides here
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Marquee Conference Room	Opening and Recap from Day 1	Henry Mwanyika, PATH	
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Marquee Conference Room	Implementers' Experiences: Experience in implementing HIE at the National Level - Tanzania Story	Walter Ndesanjo - ICT Officer, Tanzania MoHCGDEC Sultana Seif - ICT Officer, Tanzania MOHCGDEC Erick Kitai, Director of ICT, Tanzania PORALG TBA, Tanzania eGovernment Agency	
	Tembo Meeting Room	Leadership and Governance: Cross Border HIE	Dr. Ahmed Bashir, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	
	Faru Meeting Room	Leadership and Governance: Building Interoperable Solutions Fishbowl discussion	Thomas Fogwill, CSIR Carl Fourie, Jembi Health Systems Pierre Dane, Jembi Health Systems	
9:30 - 9:45 AM		Transition Break		
9:45 - 10:45	Marquee Conference Room	Implementers' Experiences - Highlights from Ministry of Health in Ethiopia	Fekadu Wannaw, John Snow, Inc (JSI)	Ethiopia's Experience Implementing an eHealth Architecture

	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Workforce Development: How to train people on HIEs	Brian Dixon	 Dixon_OHIE_2018_Workforce.pdf
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Ukraine Experience	Oleg	NETWORK_eHealth_Tanzania.pdf
10: 45 - 11:15 AM		Coffee Break and Networking		
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Implementers' Experiences: Where there is no EMR - South African Experience	Andrew Boule - University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa	
	Tembo Meeting Room	Implementers' Experiences: Introducing the new openHIE Health Financing towards UHC community	Alicia Spengler, GIZ Carl Leitner, PATH	 OHIE18 Health Fi...ssion intro.pptx
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Supply Chain sub-committee	Craig Appl	
12:15 - 12:30 PM		Transition Break		

12:30 - 1:15 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Implementers' Experiences: Liberia's ongoing in-country initiatives to adopt the OpenHIE architectural framework for building the country's HIS	Mike Mulbah, MOH Liberia Ally Shabon, IntraHealth International Emily Nicholson, IntraHealth International	 Liberia's Present...2018 - Final.pptx
	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - openIMIS for Universal Health Coverage & National Health Insurance - a valuable use case for the openHIE framework	Alicia Spengler, GIZ Carl Leitner, PATH Nils Kaiser	 20180801 openH...ssion_new.pptx Outputs of working groups https://www.dropbox.com/sh/nkkqklwo8ruaxy/AADJVZDT673UUiAqWYelrPlxa?dl=0
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Value Based Priorities for Data Exchange	Michael Stelmach	
1:15 - 2:15 PM		Lunch and Networking		
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Marquee Conference Room	SESSION CANCELLED	SESSION CANCELLED	
	Tembo Meeting Room	Implementers' Experiences: Experiences Implementing the Health Facility Registry	Diao Diallo, JSI Bah Oury - RTI Gretchen Moran - eHealth Africa Pooben Dass - NHIIS South Africa Jermiah Chienda - Kuunika	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - explore Opportunities of using OpenHIE in community services referral and case management	Makunda	
3:15 - 3:45 PM		Coffee Break and Networking		

3:45 - 4:45 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Implementers' Experiences: Country Sharing Roundtable - facilitated by Dykki Settle with audience Q&A	Dykki Settle (PATH) and MOH Leaders	
4:45 - 5:30 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Wrap up and reflections from the day	Carl Fourie, Jembi Health Systems	
6pm	Foyer	Evening Event		

Day 3 - "Innovations breaking new ground in information exchange"

Time	Location	Session Description	Presenter(s)	Slides *Please post presentation slides here
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM		Site visits (sign up on Day 1)		
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Marquee Conference Room	Opening and Recap from Day 2	Wayan Vota, IntraHealth International	
8:30 - 11:00	Foyer	Transportation leaves for Site Visits		
8:30 - 9:15 AM	Marquee Conference Room	The African Health Information Exchange (Data Use Partnership) project in South Africa	Andrew Boulle, University of Cape Town Rosemary Foster, HST Chris Seebregts, Jembi Health Systems	
	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - eIDSR	Wayan Vota Carl Fourie	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Indicator Reporting and Analysis	James K Bryn R Ismail Carl Leitner	
9:15 - 9:30 AM		Transition Break		
9:30 - 10:30 AM	Marquee Conference Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Case Based Surveillance	Richard Gakuba Samuel L Eric M	
	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Global Open Facility Registry (GOFR)	Luke Duncan Ally Shaban	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Hospital Experience Integrating with Interoperability Layer	Michael S.	

10:30 - 11:00 AM		Coffee Break - Networking		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Leadership and Governance: OpenHIE Communities	Carl Fourie, Jembi Health Systems Paul Biondich, Regenstrief	
	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Open discussion: Amending the OpenHIE Architecture Diagram to better show where custom/implementation specific systems fit in	Ryan Crichton, Jembi Health Systems	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Data Sharing Policies and Protocols; Information Security	Brian Dixon Terry Cullen	
12:00 - 12:15 PM		Transition Break		
12:15 - 1:15 PM	Marquee Conference Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Tanzania Experience of the Health Information Mediator	JSI, MOH	
	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - OpenHIE at Regional Levels and Multi-Country Data Exchange	Wilfred S	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Governance of the Community	Erick G.	
1:15 - 2:15 PM		Lunch and Networking		
2:15 - 3:00 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Interoperability and Standards: OpenHIE on FHIR	Carl L Ryan C Trevor	
	Tembo Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Feedback Loops and Desolved Decision Making	Adele W	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - Patient Identification and Biometrics	Teddy Victor Chelule, Living Goods Paul	
3:00 - 3:30 PM		Coffee Break and Networking		

3:30 - 4:15 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Interoperability and Standards : Accredited reference implementation software and Standards Compliance and Procedures	Shaun Grannis, Regenstrief Carl Fourie, Jembie Health Systems Luke Duncan, IntraHealth International Ryan Crichton, Jembi Health Systems Carl Leitner, PATH	
	Tembo Meeting Room	Implementers' Experiences: Uganda Interoperability Model based on OpenHIE	Jonathan Mpango, Makerere University Kenneth Musenge CDC, Uganda	
	Faru Meeting Room	"Unconference" Open Session - How to assess and continuously improve maturity of health information systems for achieving better health outcomes	Manish Kumar, MEASURE Evaluation James Kariuki, CDC	
4:15 - 4:30 PM		Transition Break		
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Marquee Conference Room	Closing the Community Meeting	Paul Biondich, Regenstrief	

What is the “Unconferencing” Approach?

The OpenHIE Community meeting agenda will have some preset sessions, much like you see at other conferences. But the agenda also has some “Unconference” sessions in which participants determine the agenda. At the OpenHIE Community Meeting, we want to be sure Community Members get what they need from the conference, so the flexible agenda will enable time and space for important discussions to occur. This innovative approach of “Unconferencing” has been applied at conferences in the technology sector (i.e. Google) and has been very well received as an approach to customize a conference to meet the peer-to-peer learning goals of participants.

On the first day of the OpenHIE meeting, we will have an interactive session where participants will propose sessions they would like to see added to the agenda. Some Community Members are already proposing these sessions using the wiki page, seeding ideas that are important ahead of the Community Meeting. During the interactive session, we'll compile a list of all the sessions proposed and participants will vote on their top choices. Those with the most votes will be added to the “Unconference” sessions in the agenda of the meeting.

Unconference Session Proposals

Unconferencing lets you (as the attendee) set the topics you'd be interested in attending or presenting so please feel free to propose early session topic ideas to be considered and voted for “unconference sessions”.

Topic and Description	Possible Host / Organisation	Persons Proposing (so we can follow up with you)	Brief Description of Proposed Session
OpenHIE Supply Chain Community Activity Report	VillageReach	Tenly Snow	This would be a primary session sharing information on the activities of the Supply Chain Community from inception to today.

Working Session: HIE Health and Supply Chain - Defining common actors, definitions and information	VillageReach + Implementing Organizations on the health side	Tenly Snow	The OpenHIE Health and Supply Chain domains share a number of cross-cutting services as has been defined in the supply chain community. This working session will present the current thinking of the committee, define common service needs and work together to validate these ideas toward developing an integrated health and supply chain solution. We need experts in health, service delivery and logistics to get this right.
Where the heck is my shipment? - What it takes to get an immunization from the manufacturer to the arm.	VillageReach, Logistimo and mSupply	Tenly Snow	This session would share common supply chain terminologies, definitions, actors and processes to educate the OpenHIE community about the supply chain. This session may/may not include reference to GS1 standards.
Health Information System Interoperability Maturity Toolkit for Low-Resource Settings	MEASURE Evaluation	Manish Kumar	USAID's MEASURE Evaluation project, in collaboration with the Digital Health and Interoperability technical working group of the Health Data Collaborative, has developed an Health Information System (HIS) Interoperability Maturity Toolkit for use by countries to assess and improve HIS interoperability. The toolkit enables countries to identify gaps associated with HIS interoperability and plan appropriate interventions to bridge those gaps. The first version of the tool was completed in December 2017 and will be reviewed annually based of lessons from implementation. In this session, we will (1) understand the rationale for developing HIS Interoperability Maturity toolkit; (2) learn when and how to use the assessment tool for strengthening HIS interoperability; and (3) discuss applicability of this toolkit as part of the OHIE's ongoing in-country activities aimed at building strong interoperable HIS.
How to assess and continuously improve maturity of health information systems for achieving better health outcomes	MEASURE Evaluation	Manish Kumar	This session will introduce the "HIS stages of continuous improvement" tool to the participants, describe the five stages, and explain how the tool's application can identify gaps and support development of roadmaps to improve capabilities related to HIS processes, people and systems essential for achieving a country's health goals. The tool's development is a collaborative effort of the Digital Health and Interoperability Technical Working group of the Health Data Collaborative, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and MEASURE Evaluation (a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development).
IHE Connectathon prep What it is and how do I prepare for it			
Supply Chain		Carl L	
Architecture review board		Shaun G	
Case Based Reporting	Eric-Jan Manders	Theresa Cullen	Some countries have made significant investments in health information systems that were at least in part motivated by the implementation of a national HIV program. Where facility-based electronic health information systems exist, there are opportunities for automated public health reporting from the facility. In response to guidance from multilateral organizations such as WHO and UNAIDS, initiatives are emerging to implement a routine HIV case-based surveillance system. This session shows how case based reporting (CBR) generated from point of care HIT systems can support health information exchange and how CBR and HIEs can be leveraged in a surveillance use case. These use cases can support and align with overall country eHealth strategy.
Civil Registration and Vital Statistics		Ed Duffus/ Chris S / Annina /Carl	
Global Open Facility Registry Tool -	IntraHealth	Luke/Richard /Emily	An overview of the tool being built for DATIM and Digital Square, a conversation around desirable features for the tool and the role of facility registries
Disease surveillance and emergency response	Wayan Vota	Paul Biondich	Focus on developing OpenHIE community approaches and tools for governments to use for disease surveillance and response for both fast-moving contagions (Ebola) and slow moving epidemics (HIV). This convening presents a unique opportunity to build awareness and momentum for an OpenHIE Disease Surveillance/Response Working Group and start the initial discussions.

Accelerating adoption of the OpenHIE Framework	OHIE Architecture Community (Shaun Grannis / Jennifer Shivers)	OHIE Architecture	• Strategy for conformance testing of OHIE components • Framing processes to help enable architecture conformance? • How do we translate accelerate the OpenHIE architecture into real-world implementations? What role does conformance testing play in acceleration.. • Who needs to support conformance testing? • Who needs to actually do the conformance testing? • Implementers? • Tool developers?
FHIR Gaps	OHIE Architecture Team (Shaun Grannis / Jennifer Shivers)	OHIE Architecture	What are the FHIR gaps in supporting existing workflows and country needs and how do we fill them in? / Open HIE + maturing HL7 FHIR standards
OHIE Architecture	OHIE Architecture Team (Shaun Grannis / Jennifer Shivers)	OHIE Architecture	• Architecture diagram conventions alignments • Health Supply chain representation • Health Insurance representation • Other feedback and changes • Health product registry • places of service vs systems/tools of service "below the line" • discussion on what is the metadata core on which business domains can be built upon
Reference Components	OHIE Architecture Team (Shaun Grannis / Jennifer Shivers)	OHIE Architecture	• Reference Implementation releases of architectural components • packaging of metadata core
Health Intersections and FHIR		Carl L /Amanda B	
Establishing a laboratory information systems (LIS) community	RTI/UW?	Gordon Cressman	
Terminology Services - empowering the OHIE platform towards semantic interoperability	OHIE Terminology Services Community	Jon Payne, Carol Macumber	• Discussion of Terminology Services, their role in the OHIE stack, and country use cases • Introduction to FHIR Terminology Services in support of common country use cases • Report (and reach out for additional information from participants) on use of standard terminologies across the international OHIE community • OpenHIE Metadata Clearinghouse: what services and content would best serve the community? • Using the OpenHIE Terminology Services Maturity Model to develop country terminology strategy
Case Based Surveillance	Use-cases	Jembi	An open discussion forum on how Case Based Surveillance is being empowered and how teams are seeing the use of health information exchange patterns to achieve this.
openIMIS: A valuable use case for the openHIE framework	openIMIS Initiative/GIZ	Alicia Spengler, GIZ	A <u>two part session</u> to discuss uses of openHIE components for openIMIS: Part one: Presentations that concentrate on providing the audience with information on the current progress with regards to the openIMIS initiative including the technical roadmap and the community of practice. The input will also include implementation experiences as well as an example of how data generated from the system is currently being used, and further potential. Part two: Group work according to the different components of the openHIE framework (If it is deemed during the session that some registries are not applicable to openIMIS, fewer groups will be formed to focus on the most important registries). Each individual group to brainstorm on the possible interactions of openIMIS and the registry being discussed. The groups will also identify recommendations for the openIMIS technical roadmap as well as the openHIE framework to make such interactions possible.

Ad Hoc Note Taking

During OHIE18 we strongly encourage those having ad hoc meetings to take virtual / collaborative notes and post them to this wiki page below is instruction on how to create an OpenHIE community ether pad and a table to keep your notes so you can easily find them later.

1. Go to <https://notes.ohie.org>
2. Type in "YYYY-MM-DD Topic Title"
3. Hit "OK" and ether pad will create the page for you
4. Add the Topic and URL in the table below

Topic	Notes
Example	https://notes.ohie.org/2018-07-30_Example_Etherpad

Site Visits

As part of the OpenHIE Community Meeting, participants will have the opportunity to visit health facilities in or near Arusha city, to see Electronic Immunization Registry implemented by the [BID Initiative](#) that used components of the OpenHIE architecture. Each site visit will include no more than 10 people, and will include a demonstration of the immunization registry system in operation at the site. The site visit will also showcase data use strategies that used by the team to build data use culture among frontline health care workers.

All participants who register to attend the OpenHIE Community Meeting can participate in one site visit at no additional charge. Participants will sign up for site visits during the first day of the conference. Site visits will be planned in parallel to the meeting sessions. Site visits will take place the morning of the third day of the Community Meeting (Thursday, August 2) and the morning of the first day of the Connect-a-thon (Friday, August 3). It is recommended that participants who are not joining the Connect-a-thon plan to attend a site visit on August 3, the day after the Community Meeting. It is recommended that participants who are participating in the Connect-a-thon, join site visits on August 2, the third day of the Community Meeting.

Connect-a-thon

Please visit the connectathon page for more information: [2018 OpenHIE Connectathon](#)

The exchange of health system metadata is a critical issue for LMICs to address as they:

- improve the monitoring of health system performance;
- strive to meet SDG targets;
- prioritize interventions to improve the quality of care and clinical outcomes; and
- provide continuity of care across multiple levels and service providers in the health system.

Meeting these goals is rapidly driving a consensus on best practices and standards for interoperability of digital health tools for use in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). Leveraging [HL7 FHIR](#) and [OpenHIE](#) is foundational.

Growing requests for accessible, affordable and expanded standards education are emerging from national and regional LMIC health entities in both Asia and Africa. The Connect-a-thon will provide an opportunity to build local and regional expertise in the use of these data exchange standards by involving the data analysts and developers that know the data and systems in operation on the ground. In addition, the Connect-a-thon seeks to promote a culture of data use by getting people excited about the potential uses of the data they are already collecting and by crowdsourcing new uses of existing data that will improve the delivery of healthcare.

Agenda and more details can be found [HERE](#).

NOTE: The connect-a-thon is free to attend, but expressed interest is required during registration for the conference because space is limited. If you have any questions please contact [Jamie Thomas](#).

Registration

To register for OHIE18, please [CLICK HERE](#). For groups traveling together, please ensure each individual registers using the registration form.

Apply for Scholarship

The inaugural OpenHIE Community meeting will bring together Ministry of Health and Ministry of ICT leaders, experienced OpenHIE community members, developers of related health application software, and anyone new to the OpenHIE community who wants to learn more during a 3 day Community Meeting and 2 day Connect-a-thon. The event will take place at Mount Meru Hotel and Conference Center on July 31 - August 4 in Arusha, Tanzania.

There will be a limited number of scholarships available, providing travel support for participants of this event. Those chosen for a scholarship should be active, motivated members of the OpenHIE Community. Scholarship recipients should be ready to come to the Community meeting, bringing ideas, experiences and lessons learned to share with other participants.

Please complete this form to apply for a Scholarship to the OpenHIE Community Meeting by June 15, 2018. No late applications will be accepted. Recipients of scholarships will be notified by June 30, 2018.

The Scholarship Application Period has closed. Scholarships will be announced in late June.

If you are attending OHIE18 or wish you could but cannot and want to keep in touch with people at the conference.

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Traveling to Tanzania

Visas and Invitation Letters:

Countries	Visa amount	Comments
Ethiopia and Guinea	50 USD	Needs to have approval, and the request should be done in two months before entry to Tanzania
Ghana, Malawi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe	No Visa Needed	No visa needed for Tanzania travel
Indonesia, Liberia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Sierra Leone and Vietnam	50 USD	The visa can be provided on Arrival
USA	100 USD	The visa can be provided on Arrival

Information about visas can be found here: <http://www.tanzaniaconsul.com/visa.html>

There are some countries which their nationals require special clearance from the Commissioner General of Immigration or the Commissioner of Immigration (Zanzibar) prior to issuance of the Visa. These countries fall under the referral visa category. Applicants whose nationals fall under referral visa category are not advised to book flight tickets or make any reservations before they get their visa.

List of Countries which their Nationals require Referral Visa:

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Chad
- Djibouti
- Ethiopia
- Eritrea
- Equatorial Guinea
- Kazakhstan Republic
- Kyrgyzstan Republic
- Lebanon
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Niger
- Palestine
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somali land
- Somalia
- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Stateless (persons or persons with refugee status)

To do this, simply send an email to the Tanzania consulate nearest to you (eg embassy in Washington DC). The email must contain:

- The visa application form duly completed, stating the name and the contact information in Tanzania.
- A copy of the first pages of the passport
- A copy of the ticket (recommended)

Once the request is sent, the consulate sends documents for processing at the Immigration Service in Tanzania that returns a certificate in pdf format to present on site for the establishment of the visa.

The duration of treatment is quite random, it can last from 3 days to 6 weeks depending on the season. Do not hesitate to call the consulate to obtain information.

If you require an invitation letter please contact [Esther Mushi](#) as soon as possible. Yellow fever vaccination cards are a prerequisite for your travel to Tanzania.

Vaccinations

For a list of CDC recommended vaccines, visit here: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/tanzania>

Accommodations

Please send your request to reservations@mountmeruhotel.co.tz (addressed to Hawa Simba) and identify yourself as attending a "PATH event". The hotel is able to take a credit card to secure the room and then charge payment when you check in. Please be advised that payment can be through bank transfer (see bank details [here](#)) or credit card guarantee and rooms without deposit will be cancelled.

- **Shared Room Price: \$82/night (per person)**
- **Single Room Price: \$130/night**

Other accommodations in the area [Kibo Palace Hotel](#) and [Four Points Arusha](#) (5 min drive from Mount Meru Hotel and Conference Centre). If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jamal Nassor - jnassor@path.org.

Transport

To coordinate transport for people from and to Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) we will be asking for travel itineraries over the next couple of months via email. If you have already booked your travel please share you itinerary with Jamal Nassor - jnassor@path.org.

Event Sponsorships

Coming Soon!

Please contact ohie-implementers@googlegroups.com for more information.