



Kenya Travel Alert

Crime; Terrorism

Africa > Kenya > Nairobi

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The State Department alerts U.S. citizens that the 14th session of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is scheduled to take place in Nairobi, Kenya from July 17 - 22, 2016. As with all large events, there is the opportunity for criminal elements to target participants and visitors. Large-scale public events can also be a target for terrorists. Expect road closures, hotel room shortages, and movement restrictions in and around Nairobi's Central Business District during the conference. Protests, rallies, and demonstrations could occur with little notice. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence.

U.S. citizens should:

- Be prepared for additional security screening and unexpected disruptions, particularly in central Nairobi.

- Monitor media and local information sources regarding UNCTAD-related developments and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities.

 - Avoid crowds, and remain alert when using public transportation.

 - Report specific safety concerns to local law enforcement authorities.

- Stay in touch with family members and ensure they know how to reach you in the event of an emergency.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution , Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for Kenya.

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

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