



## **KENYA NATIONAL RESEARCH FESTIVAL 2025 DELEGATES INFOPACK**

***"Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security: Empowering  
Communities through Research, Science, Technology, and  
Innovation."***

**August 18th - 22nd, 2025**

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Dear Esteemed Participant,

Welcome to the Kenya National Research Festival 2025! We are delighted to host you at Egerton University, Njoro, for what promises to be a dynamic and insightful event. This info pack is designed to provide you with all the essential information to make your participation enjoyable and seamless.

## 1. About the Festival

The Kenya National Research Festival (KNRF) is a premier national event that brings together researchers, scholars, innovators, policymakers, and industry experts from across Kenya. Under the timely theme of "Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security: Empowering Communities through Research, Science, Technology, and Innovation," the festival aims to foster groundbreaking innovations, facilitate engaging discussions, and create valuable networking opportunities to address critical challenges facing our nation.

## 2. Event Details

- **Festival Dates** : August 18th - 22nd, 2025
- **Venue** : Egerton University, Main Campus, Njoro Town, Nakuru County- Kenya.
- **Registration** : *Please refer to the official KNRF 2025 website ([festival.nrf.go.ke](http://festival.nrf.go.ke)) for registration.*
- **Arrival** : Monday, August 18th, 2025
- **Departure** : Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

## **The Host**

The Kenya National Research Festival (KNRF) is organized by the National Research Fund (NRF) in collaboration with Egerton University and the County Government of Nakuru.

### **a. National Research Fund**

The National Research Fund (NRF) was established under the Science, Technology, and Innovation Act No. 28 of 2013 to facilitate research and development activities in Kenya.

### **b. Egerton University**

Egerton University is the oldest institution of higher learning in Kenya. It was founded as a Farm School in 1939 by Lord Maurice Egerton of Tatton.

### **c. The County Government of Nakuru**

Nakuru County is an agriculturally-rich county blessed with diverse natural attractions including Lake Nakuru National Park, Lake Naivasha, and the Menengai Crater. It was officially designated as Kenya's fourth city in 2021.

### 3. Venue Information

#### Egerton University, Njoro Campus

The main campus of Egerton University is located in Njoro, approximately 25 kilometers southwest of Nakuru town. It offers a conducive environment for academic and research pursuits.



**Festival Facilities:** Egerton University boasts various conference facilities.

- i. The main festival proceedings will take place at Physical Conference,
- ii. An exhibition will be set at the Egerton University Pavilion
- iii. Demo farms will be set up at Egerton University Farm 7.
- iv. Machinery plots

#### 4. Registration

To register for the Kenya National Research Festival 2025, please visit the official event website: **[festival.nrf.go.ke](https://festival.nrf.go.ke)** or scan the QR code provided on the event poster below



Please bring a valid ID/Passport and your confirmation email for registration and collection of nametag.

#### 5. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements. Egerton University has limited on-campus accommodation (ARC Hotel). There are also several hotels in Nakuru city and Njoro town with varying rates ranging from USD 20 to USD 150.

##### On-Campus Accommodation:

- **ARC Hotel, Egerton University:** Located within the university premises. For inquiries and bookings, please contact the ARC Hotel directly.



**Off-Campus Accommodation (Nakuru City & Njoro Town - indicative list, please book in advance):**

**Nakuru City (approx. 25km from Egerton University):**

The following hotels would be ideal for accommodation within Nakuru City:

- Midland Hotel Nakuru - <https://www.midlandhotel.co.ke/en/>
- Sarova Woodlands Hotel and Spa - <https://www.sarovahotels.com/woodlands-nakuru/>
- Merica Hotel - <https://www.merica.co.ke/>
- Claire de Lune Moonlight Hotel - <https://www.clairedelunemoonlighthotel.com/>
- Grand Winston Hotel - <https://grandwinstonhotel.com/>
- Ziwa Bush Lodge - <https://www.ziwalodge.com/>
- Sandalwood Suites Nakuru - Studios & One Bedroom Suites- <https://sandalwoodsuitesnakuru.com/>
- The Ole-Ken Hotel - <https://www.theolekenhotel.co.ke/>
- Vienna Woods Hotel Nakuru - <https://www.viennawoodsholidayinnltd.co.ke/>

**Njoro (closer to Egerton University):**

The following hotels would be ideal for accommodation within Njoro Town:

- The Salmuc Hotel - [https://www.hotels.com/ho800860320/the-salmuc-hotel-njoro-kenya/?locale=en\\_GB&pos=HCOM\\_ME&siteid=310000033](https://www.hotels.com/ho800860320/the-salmuc-hotel-njoro-kenya/?locale=en_GB&pos=HCOM_ME&siteid=310000033)
- Antonio Cottages Njoro - <https://antoniocottages.com/>
- Donix Suites - <https://donixsuites.com/>



*It is highly recommended to book your accommodation in advance, especially given the festival dates.*

## **6. Travel and Transport**

### **a. Getting to Nakuru:**

#### **From Nairobi to Nakuru:**

- i. **By Car:** Driving from Nairobi to Nakuru takes approximately 2-2.5 hours via the Limuru-Mai Mahiu-Naivasha-Nakuru Highway.
- ii. **By Public means:** Public service vehicles (matatus or buses) are readily available from various termini in Nairobi (e.g., Mololine Services, Easy Coach, North Rift Shuttles, Eldoret Express, Ena Coach, Guardian Bus). The journey takes approximately 2.5-3 hours.

### **b. Getting to Egerton University (Njoro Campus) from Nakuru Town:**

- i. **Taxi/Ride-hailing Services:** Taxis and ride-hailing services (e.g., Uber, Bolt) are available in Nakuru town. The journey to Egerton University takes approximately 25-30 minutes.
- ii. **Matatus:** Local matatus ply the route from Nakuru town to Njoro and then to Egerton University. These are a more economical option.

## **7. Visa Information (For International Participants, if applicable)**

Kenya requires visas for citizens of many countries. Please check the current visa requirements for Kenya well in advance of your travel dates. You can typically find this information on the website of the Kenyan Embassy or High Commission in your country of residence or the Directorate of Immigration Services, Kenya (e-citizen portal).

## **8. Health and Safety**

- ✓ **Medical Services:** Egerton University has an on-campus health facility. Nakuru town also has several hospitals and clinics.
- ✓ **Personal Safety:** While Nakuru is generally safe, always be aware of your surroundings, especially when moving around at night. Do not carry large sums of cash and keep valuables secure.

## 9. What to Bring

- ✓ **Identification:** National ID/Passport.
- ✓ **Comfortable Clothing:** Lightweight clothing is generally suitable for the Kenyan climate. Evenings in Njoro can be cool, so a light jacket or sweater is advisable.
- ✓ **Adaptor:** Kenya uses Type G (UK) electrical outlets (240V, 50Hz).



- **Medicines:** Any personal medication you may require.

## 10. Exploring Nakuru County

While you are in Nakuru, consider exploring some of its renowned attractions:

- **Lake Nakuru National Park:** This is a world-renowned wildlife haven, is located in Nakuru, generally northeast of Egerton University, approximately 128 kilometers away. It's famed for its stunning flocks of flamingos, though their numbers can vary, and a rich diversity of wildlife including rhinos, giraffes, and leopards.





- **Menengai Crater:** To the northeast and about 148 kilometers from the university, you'll find the majestic Menengai Crater. This dormant volcano offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Great Rift Valley, making it a perfect spot for nature enthusiasts and photographers.



- **Lord Egerton Castle:** Also situated to the northeast of Egerton University, roughly 148 kilometers away in Nakuru, is the historic Lord Egerton Castle. This architectural marvel boasts an intriguing story and offers a glimpse into a bygone era.



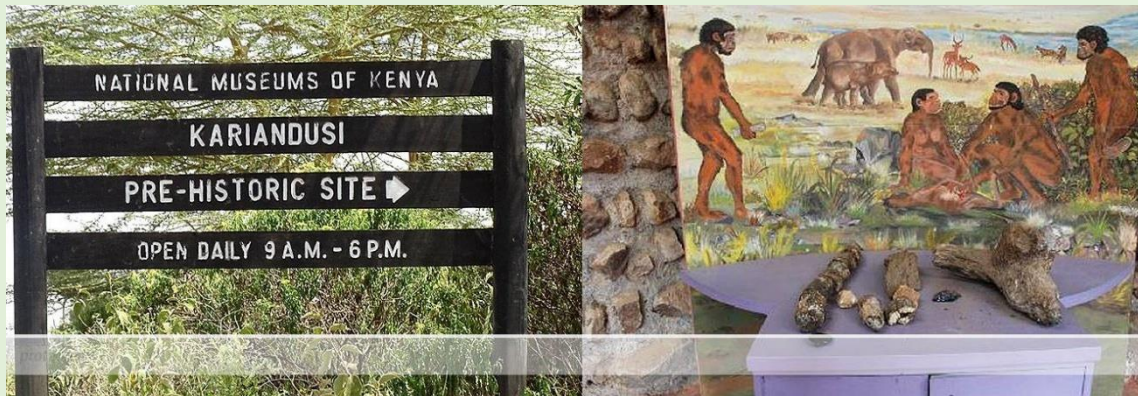
- **Hyrax Hill Museum:** For those interested in history and archaeology, Hyrax Hill Museum is located in Nakuru, generally to the northeast of the university,



at an approximate distance of 138 kilometers. This significant archaeological site reveals remnants of early human settlements, providing valuable insights into ancient communities.

- **Kariandusi Museum:** Another important archaeological site, Kariandusi Museum, is situated to the southeast of Egerton University in Kanyawa, about 111 kilometers away.





- **Lake Elementaita & Lake Bogoria:** Further afield, but certainly worth the journey, are Lake Elementaita and Lake Bogoria. Lake Elementaita, known



for its rich birdlife, is located to the southeast of Egerton University, approximately 115 kilometers away. Lake Bogoria, famous for its hot springs and large flamingo populations, is a bit further to the northeast, around 190 kilometers from the university.

- **Hell's Gate National Park:** The distance is approximately 111 kilometers (about 69 miles), and the journey typically takes around 2 hours and 15 minutes by car. The general direction is southeast, heading towards Nakuru and then continuing on the A104 highway towards Naivasha. The park is located just past Naivasha town.





- **Olkaria Geothermal Spa:** The Olkaria Geothermal Spa is situated inside Hell's Gate National Park. The driving distance from Njoro is roughly 123 kilometers (about 76 miles), with a travel time of around 2 hours and 30 minutes. The route is similar to the one for Hell's Gate, continuing past the main park gates to reach the spa.



These attractions provide excellent opportunities to explore the natural beauty and rich history of the Nakuru region during your visit.

## 11. Contact Information

For any urgent inquiries regarding the Kenya National Research Festival 2025, please refer to the official contact details provided below:

**a. Email**

- i. [festival@nrf.go.ke](mailto:festival@nrf.go.ke) , or
- ii. [info@nrf.go.ke](mailto:info@nrf.go.ke)

**b. Phone Number**

- i. 020-4403386 or
- ii. Contact Jacob Njagih via +2547 21281207

**c. Website**

- i. [www.festival.nrf.go.ke](http://www.festival.nrf.go.ke) or,
- ii. [www.nrf.go.ke](http://www.nrf.go.ke)

We look forward to welcoming you at Egerton University for a grateful Kenya National Research Festival 2025!

Sincerely,

**The Kenya National Research Festival Organizing Committee**