XIX Biennial IASC Conference

'The Commons We Want: Between Historical Legacies and Future Collective Actions'

June 19th – 24th 2023
University of Nairobi

In - Conference Excursions

Excursion loop 2:
Nairobi National Park – Bomas of Kenya – Kibera Slums Route

This loop takes us to the Nairobi National Park – Bomas of Kenya and a drive through the Kibera slums in Nairobi. This loop is designed to expose the participants to this unique mix of urbanscape and wildlife by exploring routes that reveal the different urban settlement densities starting with the Kibera slums – almost at the edge of the neighbouring Nairobi National Park. The Bomas of Kenya section adds a cultural heritage dimension that reflects the diversity of Kenyan cultures - the cultural commons.

Itinerary

06.30hrs:
Departure – University of Nairobi: 8.4.4 Parking

07.00 – 07.30 hrs:
Arrival at Nairobi National Park - Visitors undergo identification and Park entry Procedures. Bring along your identification documents.

07.30 -11.45hrs:
Game Drive at Nairobi National Park

Nairobi is known as the safari capital of Africa and is an energetic, modern city that serves as a fascinating landscape of both wildlife and bustling human-life full of activity. The park hosts a fascinating range of wildlife like the black
rhinos and zebras among many others. We will explore how the wildlife are not only kept in their natural habitat but also how the Kenya Wildlife Service has managed that habitat and the attendant ecosystem over the years.

11.45hrs – 12.00hrs:

Departure and Arrival at Bomas of Kenya

The Bomas of Kenya Presents a rich Kenyan culture with captivating traditional dances and cuisine, vibrant music and immersive experiences that showcase the diversity and heritage of Kenya. The word Bomas is a Kiswahili word for homesteads and it literally means ‘traditional homesteads of Kenya’. The Bomas of Kenya is located within the Ngong Forest which presents a unique common within an urban space.

12.00-13.00hrs:

Visit to the traditional Bomas (homesteads) and other material culture artefacts showcasing the Kenyan cultural heritage.

We will see a cross-section of Kenyan traditional homesteads representing diverse cultural groups and traditional architecture. There will be diverse cultural artefacts including skins, knives, beads, ornaments etc on display.
13.00-14.00hrs:

Lunch at the Utamaduni Restaurant at Bomas of Kenya.

You are welcome to enjoy some of the traditional dishes.

14.00-16.00hrs:

Cultural performance incorporating traditional music and dance.

16.30hrs:

Departure and Drive through Kibera slums

Kibera is considered one of the biggest slums in Africa and the World with approximately 250,000 inhabitants. As a densely populated urban area, it experiences unique challenges relating to water, land use, housing, sewage, waste management, air quality, pollution, land ownership, health facilities, drugs, etc. We will take a drive through the road that splits the slum into parts, which offers a clear view of the slum.
17.30hrs:

Arrival at University of Nairobi