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The 6th General Assembly of The World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB) and the 12th Helen Keller World Conference (HKWC) will be held at Hotel Panari in Nairobi, Kenya, September 6th to 14th 2022.

### Hosting organization

The World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB)

### Dates and programme

* 6th September Arrival and regional meetings
* 6th September evening: Reception dinner
* 7th September – 8th September: WFDB GA
* 9th September – WFDB Global Report Day (NOLB)
* 10th September: Field visit/Cultural activity/Excursion
* 11th September – 13th September: HKWC
* 14th September: Departure

### Conference attendance cost

### There are two package costs for attending the events:

### Attending both the WFDB GA and HKWC: 1320 USD

### 8-day package including accommodation (single room), conference catering, Travel insurance and airport transfer.

### Attending only the GA: 480 USD

### Attending only the HKWC: 840 USD

### 5-day package including accommodation (single room), conference catering, Travel insurance and airport transfer.

The fee will include coffee/tea breaks during the meeting days, water during the conference and conference material.

Dinner is optional and can be included for the duration of your stay for 100USD for the 5-day package or 160USD for the 8-day package.

There is no specific conference fee, all is included in the package price.

The conference package cost does not include travel expenses, Visa, vaccination or other personal expenses.

Room reservations including breakfast, lunch, dinner and airport transfers is made through the registration form.

* **One-day** attendance at the HKWC will be 45 USD including lunch, coffee/tea breaks and water.

Registration and reservation forms are available for download on: [www.wfdb.eu](http://www.wfdb.eu)

### Venue

The Venue for the Conference and accommodation, is Hotel Panari, Panari Sky Centre, Mombasa Road, in Nairobi, Kenya: [https://www.panarihotels.com/hotel](https://www.panarihotels.com/hotel-nairobi/" \t "_blank) [[https://www.panarihotels.com/hotel-nairobi/](https://www.panarihotels.com/hotel-nairobi/" \t "_blank)](https://www.panarihotels.com/hotel-nairobi/)[-nairobi/](https://www.panarihotels.com/hotel-nairobi/" \t "_blank)

Distance from the International airport Jomo Kenyatta - 12,5 km, 20 - 30 minutes drive, depending on the traffic and rush hours, Distance to the downtown Nairobi - 8km, 10 - 15 minutes drive depending on the traffic and rush hours, Hotel is located on the Mombasa road halfway between International airport and downtown Nairobi. One side of the hotel is overlooking the Nairobi National Park and the other one has a scenic view of Nairobi Central Business District. Hotel is 8km away from the Nairobi National Museum and 6 km from the Railway museum. Nairobi National Park, with its main gates at very short distant from hotel Panari, offers wide open grass plains and backdrop of the city scrapers, hosting a wide variety of wildlife including the black rhino, lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, buffaloes, giraffes, and a diverse birdlife.

The price, specified above, covers the duration of the events or the parts of the events you want to attend. Reservations/Bookings are made through the registration form. Those who have preregistered will be contacted by the logistics team handling the event. Further information will be available at our website [www.wfdb.eu](http://www.wfdb.eu)

#### Funded Participants

The WFDB is happy to announce that our donors have made some funding available for participants representing our member organisations from the global south. This funding may cover the necessary accommodation (single/twin room as per requirement), breakfast, lunch, dinner and 2 coffee breaks during the conference, flight and local transportation costs. At this time, the funds are limited to one representative with deafblindness, including an interpreter-guide, per country travelling to Kenya. For locally based participants there may be additional funding available.

If you need support, please contact the conference secretariat at: [info.ga-hkwc2021@wfdb.eu](mailto:info.ga-hkwc2022@wfdb.eu) as soon as possible. Please ensure to state the names of both yourself and your assistants/interpreter-guide(s), your country of origin and your support needs in your request.

### Visa

### Most foreign visitors to Kenya must apply for a visa online. The logistics team handling the event may assist in handling visa applications as needed, on behalf of participants as a part of the group booking procedure.

### If assistance for VISA applications is needed, the applicant must provide the necessary documents enabling the logistics team to do so (scanned copy of a passport bio data page, passport-size photo, small questionary with additional personal information etc).

### For further information on visa eligibility, exemptions and entry to Kenya please visit: <http://evisa.go.ke/about-evisa.html>.

### Conference theme

With the main topic: **“*Empowering persons with deafblindness – Inclusion through investment and innovation.*”** the 12th HKWC 2022 aims to focus presenting good practices to improve the status and situation for persons with deafblindness.

A call for applications has been distributed to all organizations and is also available on our website.

## **Welcome to the 6th WFDB General Assembly and the 12th HKWC 2022**

On behalf of Mr Geir Jensen, WFDB President,

The WFDB GA & HKWC 2022 Logistics team.

For questions regarding the events, please contact: [info.ga-hkwc2021@wfdb.eu](mailto:info.ga-hkwc2021@wfdb.eu)