

The International Community of Banyakigezi (ICOB)

17th Annual Convention



August 1st - 5th, 2019

Hilton Meadowlands, East Rutherford, New Jersey



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Fellow Banyakigezi, well-wishers and friends, I have the pleasure of inviting you to the International Community of Banyakigezi (ICOB) Convention to be held at the Hilton Meadowlands from August 1st-5th 2019 in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Our theme this year is, “Innovation Driven Tourism”. This is building on last year’s Convention Theme and Program that focused on Tourism as an Engine of Uganda’s Development.

There is no better time than now to broadcast the undeniable beauty and splendor of the Uganda. We believe our combined effort to market the tourism potential of the Kigezi region and Uganda at large will yield tremendous economic and social benefits to the region and country. We will hear from experts in the areas of tourism.

It will also be a time of interaction, traditional cultural performances and merrymaking in our usual Banyakigezi style.

I am providing key points of information below:

BREATHTAKING UGANDA:

ICON-NJ 2019 has partnered with Breathtaking Uganda formerly Fernando Tours for group ticketing, travel logistics and marketing of the 17th annual ICOB convention. Their contact information is below:

Breathtaking Uganda

Plot 67A Spring Road, Bugolobi
Guardian Georgia Building 4th Floor
P.O.Box 28990, Kampala
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E: info@breathhtakinguganda.com
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GUEST ARRIVAL:

- Arrival of out of town guests - Thursday August 1, 2019
- Convention commences - Friday August 2, 2019
- Major Airports
 - Newark Liberty International Airport, Newark, New Jersey
 - The airport is 12 miles from the Airport (about 20 minutes’ drive)
 - John F Kennedy International Airport
 - The airport is 25 miles from the Airport (about 60 minutes’ drive)

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UBER RATES:

LOCATION	Pool	UberX	Comfort	Travel Time
Newark Airport	\$17.36	\$24.50	\$33.45	30 mins
LaGuardia	N/A	\$114.49	N/A	60 mins
JFK	N/A	\$151.93	N/A	80 mins
Newark Penn	\$12.96	\$20.10	\$28.08	30 mins
NY Penn/ NY Port auth	N/A	\$68.22	N/A	30 mins
NY Port Authority	N/A	\$68.22	N/A	30 mins

ACCOMMODATION:

We have obtained a group discount at the Hilton Meadowlands, Two Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, NJ 07073. The summer is peak season, therefore prompt reservation is encouraged. The negotiated rates are very attractive. One can access the discount by booking on the Hilton Meadowlands Hotel booking link that has been created specifically for ICOB delegated:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hi/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=EWRSMHF&spec_plan=GCA01A&arrival=20190801&departure=20190805&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

If you prefer to contact the hotel for your booking, please be sure to mention group code GCA01A for the discounted rate. The hotel contact is 201-896-0500

REGISTRATION:

All delegates planning to attend convention are encouraged to prepay the registration fee in advance. Please log onto the website link below to register. For delegates in Uganda please contact Mrs. Peninah Ngategize at +256-772-407479

<https://abanyakigezi.net/index.php/new-jersey/>

For those that intend to pay for registration on arrival, you can still register on line and indicate that you will be paying on arrival in the 'Additional information box. We need to compile numbers to submit to the hotel for catering purposes. Your corporation is greatly appreciated. This is the link to register: <https://abanyakigezi.net/index.php/new-jersey/>

COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS AND OTHER ITEMS

We will be ordering commemorative T-Shirts for all delegates, please plan to purchase one in support of the Kigezi Education Fund (KEF) at time of registration and during the gala diner on August 3rd, 2019. We ask that you wear your T-shirt on Sunday for our Tour Of New York City.

Other commemorative items will also be sold at the diner gala, we appreciate your support. To avoid wastage, we are asking that you let us know if you will be purchasing a shirt, and in what size by signing up here: <https://forms.gle/F3hQ8iZVabMH16vw8>

We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable 17th ICOB convention.

Best regards,

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