



THE FIRST AFRICAN RISE UP POLICY FORUM + HUDDLE – LOGISTICS NOTE

1. Venue

The inaugural African Rise Up Policy Forum, with an additional Huddle Day, will take place at Hotel Africana in Kampala, Uganda from **24 to 26 June 2026**. The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), in partnership with the Government of Uganda, the AfriChild Centre, the Impact and Innovation Development Centre (IIDC), and the Haruv Institute, are partnering to organise the forum which will bring together child protection experts from across Africa to examine regional contexts, strengths, challenges, and solutions.

2. Registration and participation

The first ISPCAN regional Rise Up Policy Forum + Huddle will explore the contexts, strengths, challenges and solutions specific to Africa. Early Bird Registration closes May 22nd, 2026! Propose a Rise Up session: [Click here to registration](#), visit or contact policy@ispcan.org.

Registration Information:

- Early bird registration fee is USD \$215 for all delegates. Early bird registration rates end on 22 May 2026.
- Standard registration fee of USD \$250 applies from 22 May to 1 June 2026.
- Registration closes on 1 June 2026 (registration remains opens for government delegations).
- One complimentary registration available to each government (contact policy@ispcan.org)
- Delegates must live and work in Africa.
- Spaces are limited. Registration is not secured until fully paid for. Please pay as soon as possible to secure your spot. This allows us to plan for logistics as well.
- All delegates are required to identify their own funding to participate.
- Sponsors interested in supporting this event please contact memberships@ispcan.org

3. Program and events around the Session

1. Day 1 - Rise Up Policy Forum Africa - (Fiscal & Prevention Infrastructure)
2. Days 2–3 - Huddle 2.0 (Case Study Lab)

Program Information:

- Session proposal deadline: 4 May 2026
- [Click here for guidance for submitting a session](#)

Poster Information:

- The deadline for submitting a poster is 1st June 2026
- [Click here for guidance for poster submission](#)

Huddle Information can be found here: [Huddle Regional Program - ISPCAN](#)

4. Travel and Airport Transfers

Participants are required to make their own travel arrangements. Airport taxi from Entebbe International Airport to the listed hotels costs approximately USD 35 to 45, which is about UGX 130,000 to UGX 170,000 depending on exchange rates and traffic conditions.

5. Entry into Uganda and Visa information

Participants are responsible for providing a valid passport to enter Uganda. [Click here](#) to see if your country requires visa to enter Uganda. Participants will need to make their own visa payment. Participants who need visa to enter Uganda should register on the link provided below. The visa Application fee is USD 50 - Payment must be made before processing the application. This payment MUST be done online. The application will not be processed until the payment is made. [Apply for your visa here.](#)

6. Currency

The local currency is the Ugandan Shilling (UGX). Cash is widely used across most transactions, while mobile money is also common for payments. Credit cards are accepted mainly in major hotels, restaurants, and larger commercial centres. ATMs are available in across cities, towns and shopping areas.

- 1 US Dollar \approx 3,700 UGX
- 1 Euro \approx 4,300 – 4,380 UGX
- 1 British Pound \approx 4,900 – 5,100 UGX (varies by bank and market conditions)

7. Accommodation

Please note that delegates and participants will be required to make their own hotel bookings. Below are some accommodation facilities:

The costs indicated here have been specifically discounted for the conference participants

Hotel name	Single Occupancy (USD)	Contact person	Proximity from Hotel Africana
Onomo Hotel	USD 100	Name: Juliet Email: sales2.kampala@onomohotel.com Number: +256783461654	3.2km
Golf Course Hotel	USD 100	Name : Juliet Email:sales1@golfcoursehotel.com Number: +256752004617	1.4km
Fairway Hotel & Spa	USD 125	Name: Allen Email: allen@fairwayhotel.co.ug Number: +256772425542	2.0km
Speke Apartments Wampewo	USD 180	Name: Rahul Email: reseravtions@spekeapartments.com Number: +256702711009/+25675711704	200m
Koki Hotel	USD 40	Name : Immaculate Email:info@kokihotel.com / kokihotel.com Number: +256786016371 / +256705452495	2.5km
Four Points by Sheraton	USD 150	Name : Racheal Email:asm1@fourpointskampala.co.ug Number: +256758557444	1.7km
BMK Apartments	USD 90	Name : Fredrick Olimi Email: marketing@bmkhouse.com Number: +256704973003	120m
Harmony Hotel	USD 70	Name : Daniel Email: wokobz5daniel@gmail.com Number: +256781447252	650m
Hotel Africana	USD 105	Name : Fredrick Olimi Email: marketing@bmkhouse.com Number: +256704973003	0m
Hilton Garden Inn	USD 120	Name : Margaret Email: sales.kampala@Hilton.com Number: +256757926778	3.1km
Sheraton Hotel	USD 175	Name : Carol Email: carol.mbekeka@sheratonkampala.com Number: +256752744371	2.3km

Golden Tulip Hotel	USD 150	Name : Aisha Email: Sales1@gtcanaankampala.com Number: +256 312 180 800	2.1km
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8. Weather and time

There are frequent weather changes in Kampala, Uganda, so you are advised to check the latest forecast before travel. For planning purposes, Kampala is generally warm and humid during this period. From 24 to 26 June 2026, daytime temperatures are expected to range from about 24°C to 28°C, with cooler evenings around 18°C to 20°C. Light showers or thunderstorms may occur, as is common during this time of year. Kampala operates on East Africa Time (GMT+3).

9. Seating arrangements during the meeting

The organisers will allocate seats for all delegates. Registration will help ensure a smooth and efficient seating process.

10. Electricity

Uganda uses a standard electricity supply of 240V with a frequency of 50Hz. The country uses Type G plugs and sockets, which have three rectangular pins and are commonly found in the United Kingdom system. Travelers may need a plug adapter depending on the type of equipment they are carrying. The types of sockets or outlets used are like the pictures below:



11. Useful Contacts

1. **Holly Malcolm - ISPCAN**, memberships@ispcan.org (for visa on arrival and invitation letter)
2. **Bess Herbert, ISPCAN**, policy@ispcan.org (for information on the program and side-events)
3. **Clinton Twena Tumanye (AfriChild)** ctumanye@africhild.or.ug (+256 778 226 550)

12. Happening places in Kampala (bars, restaurants, religion and culture)

Restaurants & chill dining

The Lawns Restaurant, Cantine Divino, Mezo Noir, Olives Restaurant & Bar, Piato Restaurant, Jikoni Restaurant, Charcoal Grill Restaurant, Asian Fusion Restaurant, Tamarai, Pardis, Sanjha Chulha Restaurant & Bar, Mediterraneo Restaurant, Khana Khazana, La Cabana Restaurant, Yums Cafe, Golden Hill Restaurant & Lounge, Cafe Javas, Caramel Restaurant & Lounge, KFC

Bars & Nightlife

Thrones Lounge Bar & Restaurant, Le Botti, Aurous Bar & Lounge (Kololo), Tales Bar & Lounge, The Villa, Cask Lounge, Riders Lounge UG, The Alchemist Kitchen and Bar, Otters Bar, Club Guvnor, Aurus, 14/20 Bar and Black Panther Bar.

Cultural experience

Ndere Cultural Centre is a must-visit for traditional Ugandan music, dance, and storytelling. Regular performances showcase different cultures across Uganda.

Tourist attractions around Kampala

Kasubi Tombs, Uganda Martyrs Shrine Namugongo, Buganda Kingdom and Uganda National Mosque.

Christian sites

Namirembe Cathedral, Rubaga Cathedral, and Namugongo Catholic Shrine

Muslim sites

Old Kampala Mosque and Kibuli Mosque

WISHING YOU SMOOTH TRAVEL PREPARATIONS AND A PLEASANT, COMFORTABLE STAY IN KAMPALA, UGANDA.