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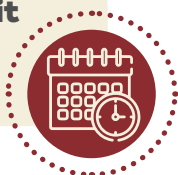


OVERVIEW

The **Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)** in partnership with the **Government of Zanzibar** and **United Republic of Tanzania** is pleased to welcome you to the 11th African Grain Trade Summit (AGTS), a premier industry platform bringing together key stakeholders in the grain sector across Africa and beyond.



Official Summit Dates



Delegates are encouraged to arrive in Zanzibar on Wednesday, **1st October 2025** to allow for registration and early networking opportunities.

The official program of the 11th African Grain Trade Summit (AGTS) will run from **Thursday, 2nd October** to **Friday, 3rd October 2025** at the Madinat Al Bahr Hotel, Zanzibar, Tanzania.

Delegates may depart after the official closing ceremony on the evening of 3rd October or extend their stay to participate in the field visit to either Fumba Port or Zanzibar Spice Gardens on Saturday, 4th October 2025. Delegates are encouraged to advise on which option they will prefer so that the Secretariat arrange the logistics accordingly.

Summit Venue



The 11th African Grain Trade Summit will be held at Madinat Al Bahr, Zanzibar, Tanzania.

» **View on Google Maps**

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SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS



Delegates Registration



- There will be on-site registration, issuance of delegate packs and badges on all days of the summit.
- Early registration & badge collection is available from Wednesday 1st October 12:00PM to 8.00PM. and will resume on Thursday 2nd October from 7.00AM to 9.00AM
- Delegates are requested to pick up their identification badges at the AGTS onsite hospitality desk at the Host Hotel reception area.
- Longer lines should be anticipated on Thursday 2nd October. Therefore, early registration and badge pick-up is strongly encouraged.
- Delegates will be expected to present their passports or national ID cards.
- Badges must be worn at all times to gain access to the conference venue and meeting rooms.
- Delegates are requested to register before 8:30am in order for the summit sessions to kick off in time.
- Delegates will be required to register for each of the Summit sessions before entering the respective venues.

Delegates can make payments on site through the EAGC staff below;

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Exhibitor Set Up



- The exhibition will run concurrently with the Summit, right outside Spring Hall (the main conference hall).
- Exhibitors will be allocated 3m by 3m by 2.5m panel booths, a table and 2 chairs. The exhibition costs are exclusive of décor, screens and branding, however a supplier on the ground will provide this service at an extra fee payable by the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact the 11th AGTS secretariat to be linked to the recommended local supplier.
- The Exhibitors are expected to arrive at Madinat Al Bahr for allocation of booths on 1st October from 2:00 PM EAT. Payments shall be collected in exchange for booth allocations.

Kindly remember to carry proof of payment for those who will be using electronic transfer as a mode of payment.

You can also make payment on the ground to:

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Exhibition layout.

Networking Cocktail



- A Pre-Summit Welcome Cocktail will be held on 1st October from 6:00PM to 10:00PM - **Sea Food Restaurant.**

Main Conference Sessions



- The Official opening ceremony graced by the Government leadership of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Government of Zanzibar with H.E. Hussein Ali Mwinyi– President of Zanzibar as the Chief Guest will be held on 2nd October from 09:00hrs to 10:00hrs.
- From 2nd to 3rd October 2025, Main conference sessions from 9:00AM to 5:30PM will be held on various topics including;
 - **i. High level Grain Trade Media Dialogue:** "From agreement to action: Will AfCFTA deliver resilient grain markets and food security for Africa?"
 - **ii. Innovating for Productivity:** Scaling climate-smart technologies and practices for sustainable food systems.

Main Conference Sessions



iii. Grain Quality and Food Safety: Harmonizing Standards and Combating Aflatoxins for Competitive Trade.

iv. Grain Spark Business breakfast: Reverse pitching by investors to agribusinesses

v. Financing African Grain Markets: Driving Access to Affordable Capital and Enabling Local Currency Trade.

vi. Smart & Seamless Logistics: Optimizing Grain Supply Chains from Farm to Regional and Global Markets.

vii. From Research to Market: Aligning Academia, Policy, and Industry to Drive Innovation and Market Growth.

The Closing Ceremony will be held on 3rd October 4:00PM to 5:00PM

Gala Diner



- A High-level Gala Dinner will be held on Thursday 2nd October from 6:00PM to 10:00PM - **Bluedome Restaurant.**

Dress code is African Attire.

Business to Business Engagements



- A Business Lounge to facilitate Business to Business (B2B) engagements has been specially dedicated at the 11th AGTS where you can have your business dealings in private or with the support of EAGC staff.
- Access to the Business Lounge is open and free by appointment only.
- Pre-book your Business Meetings by 30th September free of charge by contacting our trade facilitation desk;
 - Email: gsoko@eagc.org
 - Tel: Nelvin Obiero | +254 712 651 820
 - Tel: Faith Mutuku | +254 712 652 277
 - Tel: Nicholas Murathe | +254 712 652 104

Field Visits



- Field Visits to Fumba Port or Zanzibar Spice Gardens will be held on on 4th October 2025 from 8:00am – 3:00pm
- Delegates are encouraged to advise on agts@eagc.org which option they will prefer so that the Secretariat arrange the logistics accordingly
- The AGTS Secretariat will make plans for packed lunch with the Host Hotel.



TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION



Travel Requirements



Delegates travelling to Zanzibar, Tanzania for the 11th AGTS will require the following:

01 | Valid Passport

Your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months from the date of entry into Tanzania, with at least one blank page.

02 | Airline Ticket

A confirmed airline ticket (hard copy or e-ticket) is required for entry and exit.

03 | Yellow Fever Vaccination Card

- Travelers arriving from or transiting through countries with risk of yellow fever transmission are required to present a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate and the vaccination should be done at least 10days before their intended date of travel. For updated guidance, visit the **National Travel Health Network and Centre**.

04 | Visa Requirements

- A valid visa is required for most travelers to enter Tanzania, including Zanzibar. Ensure you allow sufficient time to apply and confirm that the start date and validity cover your full period of travel.
- You can apply for a Tanzanian visa online through the **Immigration Services Department of Tanzania**.

Travel Requirements



- **Please note:** The East African Tourist Visa (valid for 90 days) allows multiple entry into Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda, but does not cover Tanzania. Delegates must therefore apply specifically for a Tanzanian visa.
- Visa requirements and entry conditions are set and enforced by Tanzanian authorities. For more information, visit the Tanzania Immigration Services Department.
- If unsure of how Tanzania's entry requirements apply to you, please contact your embassy, high commission, or consulate.

05 | Travel Insurance

IMPORTANT!

Please be advised for entry into Zanzibar it is mandatory for one to have inbound travel insurance. You can purchase the insurance using the below link;
www.visitzanzibar.go.tz

It is strongly recommended to secure comprehensive travel insurance, ensuring sufficient cover for medical care, baggage loss, travel delays, and other emergencies.

06 | Exit Requirements

- At departure, passengers must present:
- Passport for exit stamp,
- Boarding pass, and
- Where applicable, hotel booking confirmation.

Immigration officers will permit travel only if the passenger has complied with Tanzanian rules and regulations, including the validity of their visa. Non-compliance may result in denial of exit, in which case the airline or ground handling agent will be informed.

The responsibility of ensuring all travel requirements for origin, transit, and destination lies with the passenger, as per the contract of carriage with the airline (the ticket). Delegates are advised to confirm any additional requirements with their airline, as these may change from time to time.

Transport



Zanzibar is easily accessible by air, sea and road connections from the region and internationally.

01 | Flights

Several international airlines fly directly to Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar, such as Kenya Airways, Air Tanzania, Ethiopian Airlines, Rwanda Air, Qatar Airways and Emirates, to name a few.

02 | Ferry Transport to Zanzibar

- The typical crossing time for ferries from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar is approximately 2hrs though schedules can vary by season, so it's best to check with the ferry operator directly for the most current timetable.
- Typical Ferries timings from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar are as below:

Departure time	Arrival time
07:00 a.m.	08:45 a.m.
09:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
12:30 noon	14:00 p.m.
16:00 p.m.	05:45 p.m.

- A ferry ticket from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar costs between (\$15-\$30 USD) for one way ticket, though prices can vary based on the ferry company, ticket class, and time of travel.

	Residents	Non- residents
Economy class	Tshs. 35,000/-	USD. 30
VIP class	Tshs. 70,000/-	USD. 60
Royal class	Tshs. 110,000/-	USD. 100

- Booking: Consider booking your tickets in advance, through this link www.azammarine.com

03 | Access from the Airport to the Summit Venue

- The Madinat Al Bahr Hotel, the host venue for the 11th AGTS, is located approximately 5 km from Abeid Amani Karume International Airport and about 6 km from Stone Town.

Accommodation during the summit



- The EAGC Secretariat is committed to ensuring that your participation in the Summit is not only productive, but also convenient and enjoyable.
- To make your stay seamless, we have secured a special rate of USD 140 at Madinat Al Bahr, the official Host Hotel, exclusively for our esteemed delegates and invited guests.
- Accommodation will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to get in touch with us early to take advantage of this preferential package, which also includes support with airport transfers if required.
- To facilitate express check-in on arrival at the Host Hotel, delegates are kindly requested to share their details with the hotel by 30th September 2025 for pre-registration and room pre-allocation.
- For those who may prefer alternative options, we have also provided a list of recommended hotels in Zanzibar below;

Madinat Al Bahr - Host Hotel

USD. 140

Mazizini Mbweni, Zanzibar

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Spice Tree by Turaco

USD. 160

Stone Town

Jackie Massawe | E: jacqueline@opulenthotelgroup.com | Tel: +255 779 999 032

Sea Cliff Resort & Spa

USD. 160

Kama Village, Mangapwani

Zainab Othuman, Reservations Manager | E: reservations@seacliffzanzibar.com | Tel: +255 763 457 895

Tembo Hotel

USD. 120

Stone Town

Mzale | E: reservations@tembohotel.com | Tel: +255 242 233 005; +255 242 233 777 Whatsapp: +255 779 413 348; +255 777 413 348

Golden Palm Boutique Hotel	USD. 90	Chukwani Airport Road
Celine E: reservations@goldenpalmzanzibar.com Tel: +255 659 359 393 +255 772 900 888		

Golden Tulip Stone Town Boutique	USD. 85	Stone Town
Habiba Shabani E: info@goldentulipstonetownboutique.com Tel: +255 772 018 479		

Dhow Palace Hotel	USD. 120	Kama Village, Mangapwani
E: reservations@dhowpalace-hotel.com Tel: +255 777 878 088		

Zanzibar Beach Resort	USD. 85	10 mins from Abeid Karume airport
Farida Saad E: sales@zanzibarbeachresort.net Tel: +255 658 231 825		

27 cafe Airport Hotel	USD. 50	5mins from Abeid Karume airport
Tel: +255 777 841 741		

Camilla Airport Hotel	USD. 85	5mins from Abeid Karume airport
Adam E: camillaairporthotel@gmail.com Tel: +255 777 848 889		

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The Manor E: resa1@themanorhousezanzibar.com Tel: +255 712 603 805 Dreams Hotel E: dreamshotelzanzibar2@gmail.com Tel: +255 772 864 645/673864 645 Zenj House Web: www.64zenjhouse.com Tel: +255 775 888 855 Coastal Charms Zanzibar Web: Catherine Kettie Mhango Tel: +255 712 498 259		

GENERAL INFORMATION



Dressing Code

- Formal business attire is recommended for all conference sessions and official events. Delegates may opt for smart casual wear during informal activities.

Venue Accessibility

- Please refer to the program for the various meeting venues during the summit.
- All efforts are being made to ensure the summit venue is accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Delegates requiring additional assistance are requested to notify the Secretariat in advance.

Security

- Security at the conference venue is the responsibility of Madinat Al Bahr (Host Hotel). Outside this premises, all external security related issues are the responsibility of the host country. All arriving high-level participants should alert their respective embassies for arrangements regarding security, transport, accommodation and other protocol matters.

Medical Facilities

- At the conference venue, medical assistance can be requested at the AGTS hospitality desk. A medical room with doctors on call will also be available within the conference venue for a fee.
- The nearest hospital to Madinat Al Bahr Hotel and Spa is Asaktha Hospital +255 24 223 2341

Internet / Wi-Fi

- Free wireless Internet access will be available in the conference venue during opening hours of the Summit. Most of the hotels are also equipped with free Internet access.

ABOUT ZANZIBAR



Zanzibar is a semi-autonomous region of Tanzania, renowned for its rich history, diverse culture, and stunning Indian Ocean coastline. The archipelago is made up of several islands, the largest being Unguja, where the historic Stone Town—recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site—is located.

Known as the "Spice Island," Zanzibar is famous for its clove, nutmeg, and cinnamon production, as well as its centuries-old role as a hub for trade between Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Delegates will enjoy a unique blend of cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and scenic beauty, with pristine beaches, vibrant markets, and historic landmarks within easy reach of the summit venue.

Practical Country Information

- **Weather**

- » Zanzibar enjoys a tropical climate with warm temperatures year-round. Delegates should expect average daytime temperatures of 25–30°C. Light clothing is recommended.

- **Currency & Payments**

- » The Tanzanian Shilling (TZS) is the official currency. US dollars are widely accepted in hotels and larger establishments. Credit cards are accepted at most hotels and major businesses, but cash is recommended for local markets.

- **Connectivity**

- » Local SIM cards and data packages are available at the airport and in town. Airtel, Vodacom, and Tigo offer reliable coverage.
- » Country Phone Code: +255

- **Local Customs**

- » Zanzibar is predominantly Muslim. Delegates are requested to dress modestly when outside the beach and hotel areas, particularly when visiting Stone Town and rural areas.

Entertainment & Leisure in Zanzibar

In addition to the 11th AGTS program, delegates are encouraged to experience the unique beauty, history, and culture of Zanzibar. The island offers a rich blend of leisure and adventure, with activities to suit different preferences ranging from cultural experiences to natural wonders. Some notable options include:

- **Prison Island (Changuu Island)**
 - » A short boat ride from Stone Town, this historic island is home to giant tortoises and offers an opportunity to learn about Zanzibar's colonial past while enjoying pristine beaches.
- **Stone Town Exploration**
 - » A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Stone Town is famous for its winding alleys, spice markets, carved wooden doors, and historic architecture. Delegates can explore cultural landmarks such as the House of Wonders, the Old Fort, and the Forodhani Gardens night market.
- **Nungwi and Kendwa Beaches**
 - » Located on the northern tip of Zanzibar, these world-famous beaches are ideal for relaxation, swimming, snorkeling, and vibrant nightlife. They are also known for stunning sunsets over the Indian Ocean.
- **Pemba Island**
 - » Often referred to as Zanzibar's "hidden gem," Pemba offers breathtaking diving experiences, lush clove plantations, and unspoiled nature trails. Perfect for delegates seeking quiet retreats away from the main island.
- **The Rock Restaurant**
 - » An internationally acclaimed restaurant set on a rock in the Indian Ocean, accessible by foot at low tide and by boat at high tide. A memorable dining experience with panoramic sea views.
- **Spice Farm Tours**
 - » Zanzibar is known as the "Spice Island." Visitors can tour local spice plantations, learn about the cultivation of cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, and vanilla, and experience traditional Swahili cuisine.
- **Safari Blue Tour**
 - » A popular full-day excursion that includes sailing on a traditional dhow, snorkeling, seafood feasts, and exploring sandbanks and lagoons in Menai Bay Conservation Area.
- **Jozani Forest Reserve**
 - » The island's only national park, home to the rare red colobus monkey, mangrove swamps, and nature trails for eco-friendly exploration.
- **Dare Salaam Excursions**
 - » Delegates extending their trip may also consider a visit to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city and commercial hub. The city offers vibrant markets, cultural experiences, and serves as a gateway to safari destinations.

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