

African School on Air Quality and Pollution Prevention

Information Pack

Program Rules, Guidelines, Weather Information, and Essential Participant Details

This programme brings together emerging professionals, researchers, and practitioners dedicated to improving air quality, strengthening pollution prevention strategies, and advancing environmental health across the African continent. This Information Pack provides essential guidance to help you prepare for the programme and ensure a productive, safe, and enjoyable experience.

1. Program Objective and Purpose

The African School on Air Quality and Pollution Prevention aims to:

- Strengthen understanding of air quality science, pollution sources, monitoring technologies, modelling and forecasting tools, and mitigation strategies relevant to Africa.
- Build practical skills through laboratory sessions, monitoring demonstrations, field activities, and applied exercises.
 - Facilitate collaboration, dialogue, and interdisciplinary knowledge exchange across African institutions and backgrounds.
 - Promote regional cooperation and lay foundations for long-term partnerships in air quality management and pollution prevention.

Participants will benefit from lectures, hands-on training sessions, group discussions, field visits, and joint recreational activities that support teamwork and community building.

2. Program Duration and Schedule

Dates: 1st – 10th December 2025

Venue: Impact Building Conference Facility, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana

Main Program Days

Monday to Friday are dedicated to academic, technical, and laboratory sessions, as well as discussions and capacity-building exercises.

A full detailed schedule, including daily session times, facilitators, field visits, and evening engagements, will be provided in due course and shared with all participants.

Weekend Schedule

Saturday – Joint Recreational Activity

A social and recreational activity will be organised to promote bonding, networking, and cultural exchange. Participation is strongly encouraged.

Sunday – Personal Activities

Sunday is free for personal activities, rest, worship, or independent exploration of Kumasi.

3. Arrival, Visa, Departure, and Registration

Entry and Visa Requirements

- Holders of passports from all African countries currently travel to Ghana visa-free.

Health Requirements

All international participants must travel with:

- A valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Card
- Valid Travel Insurance

Arrival Information

Arrival Date: Sunday, 30th November 2025

Please plan arrival for the afternoon or early evening.

Accommodation Check-In: Impact Building, KNUST

A valid ID is required for room allocation and check-in.

Onsite Registration

Date & Time: 1st December 2025, 08:00–08:30 UTC

Venue: In front of the Impact Building Conference Facility

Bring:

- Passport or National ID
- Emergency contact information

Departure Information

Programme Ends: 10th December 2025

Accommodation Check-Out: By 12:00 UTC on 11th December 2025

Keys must be returned before departure.

4. Weather Information for Kumasi, Ghana (December Period)

Kumasi experiences warm tropical weather throughout the year. December marks the early dry season.

Typical Conditions

- Daytime: 28°C–34°C
- Nighttime: 22°C–24°C
- Humidity: Moderate to high
- Rainfall: Low, occasional light showers
- Harmattan (possible):
 - Mild haze or dust
 - Slightly reduced morning visibility
 - Drier air and reduced humidity

Recommendations

- Wear lightweight, breathable clothing
- Use sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses
- Stay hydrated
- Bring moisturiser and lip balm
- Note haze or dust during early morning outdoor sessions

5. Participant Packing Checklist

- Bedding is provided, but you may bring your own
- Light, breathable clothing
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat or cap
- Towel and personal toiletries
- Any prescribed medications
- Insect repellent
- Basic first-aid supplies
- Small travel locks

Electrical Plug Type

Ghana uses:

- **Voltage:** 220–240V
- **Plug Type:** Type G (three rectangular pins, same as the UK)

Please bring appropriate adapters and ensure your devices support this voltage.

6. Summary of Code of Conduct

Full Code of Conduct available here:

<https://kems.knust.edu.gh/event/57/attachments/124/216/Code-of-Conduct%20AOPPSS.pdf>

Professional Conduct

- Be punctual and actively engaged
- Participate fully in group activities
- Maintain academic integrity

Respect and Behaviour

- Treat everyone with respect
- Avoid harassment, discrimination, or bullying
- Respect cultural and personal differences

Safety and Security

- Follow field-visit safety instructions
- Maintain clean accommodation spaces
- Report concerns to organisers

Technology and Media

- Use devices responsibly during sessions
- Do not record or share material without permission
- Respect confidentiality

Environmental Responsibility

- Reduce waste and dispose of litter properly
- Respect natural sites during field visits

Attendance Requirements

- Minimum 90% attendance required for certification
- Unexcused absences may affect eligibility

Consequences

- Warnings, exclusion from activities, or removal from the programme depending on severity

7. Communication and Contact Information

A dedicated WhatsApp group will be used for all programme communication. Link will be shared before the start date.

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8. Materials and Resources

Programme materials, lecture slides, and reading resources will be available at:
<https://kems.knust.edu.gh/e/aqppss>

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop for all technical sessions.

9. Field Visits and Practical Activities

Field visits are compulsory. Participants must:

- Follow all safety instructions
- Dress appropriately for outdoor conditions
- Be punctual for all departures
- Respect the rules of host organisations

10. Attendance, Assessment, and Certificates

Participants must:

- Attend **at least 90%** of all sessions
- Participate in assessments and group work
- Attend all field visits

Certificates of Completion will be awarded at the close of the programme.

11. Dress Code

- Professional or smart-casual attire for academic sessions
- Comfortable clothing and shoes for field visits
- Modesty and professionalism expected at all times

12. Feedback and Evaluation

Feedback will be collected during and after the programme to enhance future editions of the African School on Air Quality and Pollution Prevention.

13. Final Note

By agreeing to participate, all attendees commit to the guidelines, expectations, and Code of Conduct outlined in this Information Pack. We look forward to welcoming you to Kumasi for an enriching, collaborative, and memorable experience.