



Kujenga Na Data || Building with Data

Event Delegate Travel Guide

About Pollicy

Pollicy is an East African award-winning collective of technologists, data scientists, creatives, and academics working at the intersection of data, design, and technology. The organization focuses on influencing a culture of responsible data use, promoting appropriate data governance practices, and advocating for policies that support an enabling data ecosystem.

About Tanzania Data Lab (DLab)

Tanzania Data Lab (dLab) is a world-class data and innovation lab that leverages the data revolution and the fourth industrial revolution to solve local, regional, and global sustainable development challenges. dLab embraces a systems approach to infusing data-driven decision-making and policymaking by strengthening data policies, practices, and use, and leveraging data-driven innovation and partnerships to improve people's lives.

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About Data Tamasha Africa 2026

Data Tamasha Africa 2026 is a continental data festival born from the union of two of Africa's most respected data convenings. DataFest Africa, convened by Pollicy since 2019, and Data Tamasha, convened by Tanzania Data Lab (dLab) since 2017. Together, they represent over fifteen years of combined experience building Africa's data ecosystem.

The 2026 edition marks a strategic evolution in response to Africa's rapidly maturing data and technology governance environment. By 2026, over 50 African countries are projected to have data protection laws, with increasing enforcement in high-risk sectors such as health, finance, and digital identity.

Event Objectives

- Strengthen continental conversations on responsible and equitable data governance.
- Showcase African-led innovation, research, and creative practices around data and technology.
- Foster collaboration between governments, civil society, academia, media, and private sector actors.
- Build community-centred approaches to digital rights, AI governance, and data justice.
- Create networking and learning opportunities for emerging and established practitioners across Africa.

Travel & Planning

Visa & Entry

- Participants travelling to Tanzania generally require a visa, although some nationalities are exempt. Visas are available online through the [Tanzania Immigration portal](#).
- Before applying, please review the official [guidelines](#). Additionally, note that if your country is on the [designated list](#), you may obtain a visa upon arrival.

Health & Insurance

- Zanzibar requires all international visitors to purchase a mandatory [inbound travel insurance policy](#), payable at arrival or online before travel.
- Cost: USD 44 per adult, valid for up to 92 days. Proof of insurance must be presented at immigration.

Yellow Fever, COVID vaccination may be required depending on travel history. Malaria prophylaxis and routine vaccinations (Typhoid, Hepatitis A/B, etc.) are recommended.

Transport & Arrival

Participants may arrive through Abeid Amani Karume International Airport.

Alternatively, participants may travel through Dar es Salaam, followed by a domestic flight or ferry transfer to Zanzibar. Ferries operate regularly between Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar and typically take approximately two hours.

Transport options upon arrival include hotel transfers and registered taxis. Participants are encouraged to coordinate airport or ferry pickups in advance.





Accommodation & Meals

Participants are encouraged to book accommodation early at the recommended hotels below:

- **Hotel Verde Zanzibar Contact:**
Email: operations@znz.hotelverde.com
Tel.:C: +255 (0) 784 212 08 | W +255 (0) 784 212 085 |
Name: Khairun Halday
- **Tembo House Hotel Contact:**
Email: reservations@tembohotel.com
Tel: C: +255 779 413 348/+255 24 223 3005/+255 24 223 069 | W +255 777 413 348
- **Golden Tulip Zanzibar Resort Contact:**
Email: reservations@goldentulipzanzibarresort.com
Tel: C: +255 773 900888
- **Dhow Palace Hotel Contact:**
Email: reservations@dhowpalace-hotel.com
Tel: C: +255777878088
- **Stone Town View Hotel Contact:**
Email: info@stonetownviewhotel.com
Tel: W: +255 773 328 895

Tea breaks and lunch will be provided on all official event days

To Note:

Please note that hotels may require presentation of your passport for booking and check-in verification. Kindly adhere to this requirement.



Currency

The local currency is the Tanzanian Shilling (TZS), though USD is widely accepted at most hotels, restaurants, and tourist facilities. Carrying some cash is recommended for small purchases and local transport.

Climate

Zanzibar experiences tropical weather year-round, with temperatures typically ranging between 26°C and 32°C. Participants are advised to pack light clothing, sunscreen, and a light rain jacket or umbrella.

Connectivity

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available at the venue and partner hotels. Local SIM cards from [Vodacom Tanzania](#) and [Airtel Tanzania](#) can be purchased at the airport.

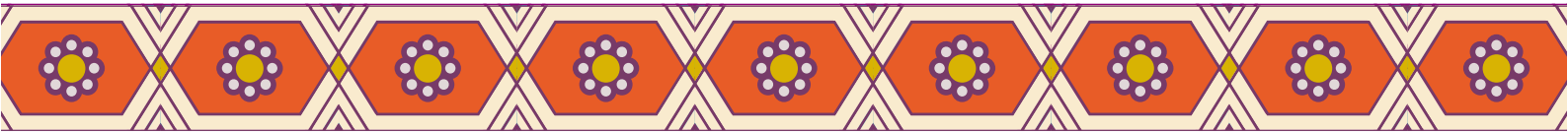
Please note that Zanzibar uses Type G and Type D plugs with a 230V power supply.

Essential Travel Checklist

Documents

- Passport (minimum 6 months validity and at least 2 blank pages)
- Visa and an invitation letter
- Accommodation confirmation
- Electronic air ticket copy
- Event registration confirmation

Health

- Yellow fever vaccination certificate
 - COVID-19 vaccination documentation (if applicable)
 - Travel insurance or proof of payment
 - Personal medication supply
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Personal Items

- Cash (USD/TZS) and bank card
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Reusable water bottle
- Chargers and travel adapters

On-site Information

Additional on-site logistics, venue guidance, registration support, and daily programme updates will be shared closer to the event dates.

Code of Conduct & Privacy

All participants are expected to uphold respectful, inclusive, and professional conduct throughout the event. Data Tamasha Africa promotes a safe environment free from harassment, discrimination, and harmful behavior.

By participating in the event, attendees consent to reasonable photography, videography, and documentation activities conducted for communication and reporting purposes.

Contact & Support:

Primary Contact Operations Coordinator

Available via phone, WhatsApp, Signal, or email before and during the event

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