

Dear ICCM-Africa friends,

This is our first ICCM-Africa newsletter!

Via this newsletter, we would like to update you about the cancellation earlier this year of ICCM-Africa 2020, the status of your registration and our future plans including ICCM-Africa 2021!

ICCM-Africa 2020

As you already know, we cancelled the ICCM-Africa conference of 2020 due to measures of the government of Kenya against the spread of COVID-19. This was a difficult decision for us with far-reaching consequences as many participants were about to travel to Kenya. We announced in March that we would attempt to reschedule the conference, but we do not see any possibility to organise a conference in 2020 which means the next ICCM-Africa is planned for 2021.



ICCM-Africa 2021

As it stands now, we expect that the next ICCM-Africa conference will be in March or April 2021. We have not yet been able to confirm the date and location, because SIL is still busy with finalizing plans for the IT-Connect conference which usually precedes ICCM-Africa. As the availability of the BTL conference center in March 2021 is limited, we are considering either moving it to April or to a different location. If you live near Nairobi, we would like to hear from you whether you have any suggestions for other possible venues for ICCM. We will of course let you know once we have confirmed the date of ICCM-Africa 2021.

COVID-19 has brought some interesting developments in the IT world, as people started to work more from home and have video conferences. If you are interested in preparing a session about one of these topics for ICCM-Africa 2021, we would like to hear from you.



Your registration

At the time of cancellation, a number of organisations had already paid conference fees for ICCM-Africa 2020. For these participants, it will be possible to attend ICCM-Africa 2021 without paying any additional fees. In case anyone is not able to attend, you can let someone else from your organisation visit ICCM-Africa or we can grant you a refund.

Website ICCM-Africa

For ICCM-Africa 2020 we have launched a new website and new registration system as you probably already noticed. Unfortunately we have not been able to experience in real life how this registration system helps to organise the conference. Nevertheless we would like to continue improving it in the coming months. Are you a web developer and would you like to help us? Why not join us today? We are still looking for extra hands, please contact us!



Registration

Unfortunately, registration for ICCM-Africa 2020 has closed. For more information, please contact info@iccm-africa.org.

Welcome to the new registration form of ICCM-Africa.

If you are coming as part of a group, we would prefer that one group member creates an account and registers all members of the group. This helps us to automate the registration process and reduce the administrative workload. This registration form is for individual and groups.

Step 1: Register yourself
On the registration form, you will be asked to provide some details about yourself and your organisation.

Step 2: Add extra participants (if coming with a group)
If you come with a group, you can add more participants. You only need to provide the full name, choice of accommodation and e-mail address. Participants will be asked to provide more information by e-mail, such as their IT skills and how they can help shape the conference.

Step 3: Checkout
After adding all participants, you can go to checkout and select a payment method:

- Online Payment (PayPal/iDeal)
- MPesa / Bank deposit (Kenya)
- Bank transfer (Europe)
- Bank transfer (USA)
- Cash on Arrival

Online payments will for now be handled in Euro currency. We hope to process these in Kenyan shilling in a later edition of ICCM.

Scholarships

ICCM-Africa is a conference for Africans, by Africans. Unfortunately not everybody has the means to pay for the registration, therefore we work with scholarships to make sure that everybody who is interested can attend the conference. We hope to provide some more information on our website soon, so everybody will be able to apply if needed. We will need sponsors to help us to provide these scholarships. If you are able to sponsor one or more participants to ICCM-Africa, please contact KingdomIT. In any case, we are looking at possibilities to lower the conference fees in future.



Finally, we hope you enjoyed reading our first ICCM-Africa newsletter and we look forward to see you again in 2021! Please continue praying for our preparations and an end to the spread of COVID-19 in Africa.

Thank you and God blessings,

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