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GoGlobal Mission Rwanda & Uganda

Discover Africa's booming tech startup scenes in Kigali and Kampala.

PROGRAM



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After Kenya and Nigeria, **Startups, Agoria and Close the Gap** join forces to organize this Tech Go Global Mission to discover Africa's booming tech scenes in Rwanda and Uganda in the framework of the Belgian [Digital for Development program](#).

Rwanda, Kigali:

Monday 23 March: Arrival at Kigali International Airport – stay at Onomo Hotel Kigali (*)**

- Welcome drink in the evening (no program scheduled).

Tuesday 24 March: The Singapore of Africa

- Kick off session at **Kigali Innovation City** hosted by the **Rwanda Development Board**: “Singapore of Africa” to “A testing laboratory for Africa” with overview of the tech startup scene with testimonials (i.e. **Savics**)
- Visit of the brand new **Carnegie Melon University** Industry Hub
- Discovery of “Move” an eMobility Solution initiated by Volkswagen, Siemens, SAP and GIZ (German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH) at the **Volkswagen Assembly plant**
- Visit of **Mara Phones**, the very first “Made in Africa” phone.
- Dinner at the Pili Pili Restaurant.

Wednesday 25 March: Co-creation day

- Co-creation session with local tech startups at **CcHub Design Lab**
- Immersion sessions in **local tech startups**;
- Official **grand opening of Zorabots showroom** in Kigali (Belgian scaleup active in robots for healthcare, hotels and retail)
- Reception hosted by **Belgian Embassy**

Thursday 26 March: Immersion in tech solutions

- Visit of **Zipline** drone facility in Muhanga. Zipline enables life-saving deliveries of medicine and medical supplies by drone.
- Digital for Development best practices and “Reverse pitching” session by NGOs at **Red Cross**
- Visit of the Kigali Genocide Memorial
- Drive to the airport

Flight to Entebbe Airport, Kampala, Uganda

It is particularly important that all participants take the same flight from Kigali to Kampala (Flight WB 422 at 19:30-21:20 on 26MAR) to fit the program's schedule.

Uganda, Kampala:

Thursday 26 March: Arrival in Kampala – stay at Emin Pasha Hotel (***) or Urban Blue Hotel (****)**

Friday 27 March:

- Kickoff session at **Innovation Village** with B2B sessions with local tech players (co-organized with APMS Solutions Ltd and FIT, AWEX and Hub Brussels)
- Visit of **Safeboda**, Uganda's most known startup
- AI session at **United Nations Pulse Lab**
- Reception at **Belgian Embassy**

Saturday 28 March:

- Closing session on “Private Sector Development” organized by **Enabel** at the **Design Hub**
- Leisure afternoon at the **Kaazi Beach Resort** at Victoria Lake
- Drive to Entebbe Airport for the night flight back to Europe

Conditions and practical information

Cost

The price is **1.690 euro per person** (without VAT) for startups, non-profits, small and medium sized enterprises, and academics, and 2.590 euro per person (without VAT) for corporates (+250 employees). **Prices include accommodation, food, activities and local transport.**

Flights

Prices **exclude** flights. Once you register, our partner [ALK Reizen](#) will automatically send you a flight quote within 72h.

If you do not wish to receive a quote from ALK Reizen and you would like to book your own flights, **it is particularly important that all participants take the same flight from Kigali to Kampala** (Flight WB 422 at 19:30-21:20 on 26MAR) to fit the program's schedule. The program starts on Tuesday 24 March early in the morning, so please arrive on Monday 23 March. The program ends on Saturday 28 March, late afternoon. Contact Elke@alkreizen.be for a quote.

If interested to extend your trip (1 day trip to Rwanda's Akagera National Park or 2 day safari in Uganda's Murchison Falls), contact our partner <http://www.2travel2safaris.com/contact/> who can arrange a customized trip.

Visa & Vaccines

A **visa is required** to travel to both Rwanda and Uganda. The visa cost is \$50 for Rwanda and \$50 for Uganda and can easily be **obtained on arrival** at the airport. Just make sure to bring the exact amount in cash. Alternatively, you can also apply for the East African Visa at \$100 (which includes Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya) online [through this link](#) and you will need a copy of your passport, a photo ID (smaller than 40KB) and an invitation letter, which we can provide you.

Some **vaccines are required** (ex: Yellow Fever) and others are recommended. Please contact your doctor or any **travel clinic** asap to make proper arrangements.

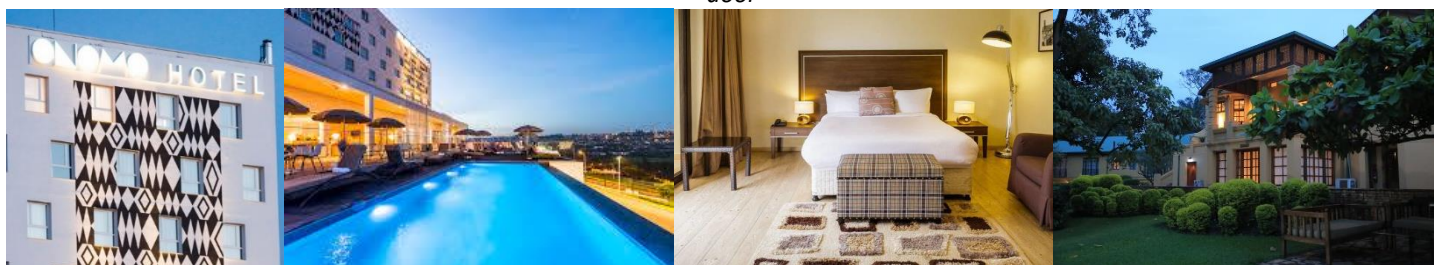
Registration and questions

[Register here](#) asap as we will accept 40 participants max. Contact Frederik Tibau, Startups.be, +32 497 25 56 01 or frederik.tibau@startups.be or Julie de Bergeyck, Close the Gap, +32 474 99 71 16, julie.de.bergeyck@close-the-gap.org.

Hotel information

Rwanda - **Onomo Hotel Kigali (***)**

Uganda - **Emin Pasha Hotel (*****) or Urban Blue Hotel Kampala (****)** *Participants will be split between two hotels next door*



More info: <https://www.close-the-gap.org/rwanda-uganda>

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