



ATTA® Statement on Ebola in Kenya – 20 October 2026

Virginia Messina, CEO of the African Travel and Tourism Association (ATTA®), said:

“We are continuing to monitor developments in Kenya closely following the confirmation of additional cases of Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease, and our thoughts are with everyone affected, particularly the family of the patient who sadly died and the healthcare workers involved in the response.

“We welcome the swift and coordinated action taken by the Kenyan Ministry of Health, supported by Africa CDC, to identify and isolate cases, trace contacts and strengthen public health surveillance.

“It is important that travellers and tourism businesses consult the latest official advice relevant to their nationality and itinerary.

“Ebola is not an airborne disease. It is transmitted through direct contact with the blood or bodily fluids of an infected person, or contaminated materials. Understanding how the disease spreads, alongside clear and accurate communication about the measures being taken to contain it, is essential to maintaining public confidence.

“Kenya remains open to international visitors, and members of the ATTA® team, including myself have been travelling in Kenya, meeting ATTA® members and is currently continuing their stay at Essence of Africa in Zanzibar.

“We welcome the Kenya Tourism Federation's continued efforts to keep the travel industry informed and supported. We have confidence in the expertise of Kenya's public health authorities and their commitment to containing the outbreak, while recognising the importance of sustained vigilance.

“ATTA® will continue to work closely with our members and industry advisors, monitor official health and travel advisories, and share verified information to support responsible travel decisions and the continued resilience of Kenya's tourism sector.”

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