TRAVEL GUIDE

Akwa Ibom Tech Week 2026



2ND – 7TH NOV. 2026

UYO AND IKOT EKPENE,
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AMEDI! WELCOME TO AKWA IBOM TECH WEEK 2026

Dear Innovators,

Welcome to Akwa Ibom Tech Week 2026, and welcome to Akwa Ibom State. This year we gather under the theme **"Scaling the Frontier: From Homegrown Innovation to Global Markets"**, across six days and two cities, Uyo and Ikot Ekpene.

Expect keynotes and panels, the Startup Pitch Competition final, a Career Fair, an exhibition floor, hub visits, a cultural night and a fitness festival to close the week.

This guide will help you settle in, get around and make the most of your stay. We cannot wait to welcome you. *Amedi*, as we say here: welcome.

Warm regards,
Ibom Innovation Network

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Nov 2 Monday	**Preventive Health, Technology and Human Performance Conference**	Ibom LED Complex, IBB Avenue, Uyo
Nov 2 Monday evening	**Golf and Tech Mixer**	By invitation only. Venue shared with invited guests
Nov 3 Tuesday	**Startup Pitch Competition Final**	Ibom LED Complex, IBB Avenue, Uyo
Nov 4 Wednesday	**Career Fair, Public Service Workshop and Cultural Night**	Ibom LED Complex, Uyo
Nov 5 Thursday	**Conference Day, Exhibition and Showcases**	Four Points by Sheraton, Ikot Ekpene
Nov 6 Friday	**Hub visits (limited seats)**	Uyo
Nov 7 Saturday	**Fitness Festival**	Starts and ends at Arise Park, Brooks Street, Uyo

Times and any venue changes are shared by email with registered attendees and on akwaibomtechweek.com.

REGISTRATION AND PASSES

COMMUNITY PASS

~~₦20,000~~

- One admission
- Access to the conference

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DELEGATE PASS

~~₦80,000~~

- One admission
- Conference access and conference kit
- Restricted areas, lounges and roundtables
- Buffet lunch and welcome party
- Ground logistics and airport transfers

VIP PASS

~~₦950,000~~

- Three admissions
- Everything in the Delegate Pass
- Two nights at Four Points by Sheraton, Ikot Ekpene (4 and 5 November)
- Ground logistics for all three

Get your pass at **akwaibomtechweek.com**. Registration is required for every pass.

VENUES

- **Ibom LED Complex, IBB Avenue, Uyo.** Monday's conference, Tuesday's Pitch Final and Wednesday's Career Fair.
- **Four Points by Sheraton, Ikot Ekpene.** Conference Day, Exhibition and Showcases, Thursday.
- **Arise Park, Brooks Street, Uyo.** Saturday's Fitness Festival starts and ends here.
- Venue details for the other days are sent to registered attendees.

Limited free buses on Conference Day

On **Thursday 5 November**, a small number of free bus seats run from **Uyo** and **Eket** to Four Points by Sheraton, Ikot Ekpene, and back.



Seats are first come, first served, so please plan your own transport too. Pick-up points and times go to pass holders before the day.

HOW TO GET HERE

By air

Uyo is served by **Victor Attah International Airport (QUO)**, about 25 to 30 minutes from the city centre. Ibom Air flies direct from Lagos, Abuja and Port Harcourt. Book your flights early at **ibomair.com** for the best fares.

By road

Bus services such as God Is Good Motors (GIGM), Capital Luxury and Akwa Ibom Transport Company (AKTC) run to Uyo from Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt, Calabar and other cities.

International attendees

Fly into Lagos (LOS) or Abuja (ABV) and connect to Uyo on Ibom Air. You can also fly to Port Harcourt and continue by air or road.

Uyo to Ikot Ekpene

Ikot Ekpene is about 45 minutes from Uyo by road. A few free bus seats run from Uyo and Eket on Thursday 5 November, but plan your own transport in case they are full.

Getting around

Bolt works well in Uyo. Taxis wait at the airport, car hire is easy to arrange, and keke (tricycles) are cheap and everywhere. **Pro tip:** every driver knows Ibom Plaza, the centre of Uyo.

WHERE TO STAY

Premium

Watbridge Hotels and Suites, Uyo ↗	**₦48,400 to ₦193,600**
Monty Suites, Uyo ↗	**₦50,000 to ₦75,000**
Four Points by Sheraton, Ikot Ekpene ↗	**from about ₦250,000**

Mid-range

Merzino Palace, Uyo ↗	**₦58,000**
Francines Place, Uyo ↗	**₦35,000**
Koria Hotel and Suites, Uyo ↗	**₦35,000**

Budget-friendly

Georgetown Residence, Uyo ↗	**₦20,000**
Amity Hotel, Uyo ↗	**₦15,000**
Ventola Accommodation, Uyo ↗	**₦13,000**

Tap a hotel to see it on Google Maps, with photos of the rooms and reviews. Prices per night, seen online on 31 October 2026. Rates change, so confirm when you book. The VIP Pass includes two nights at Four Points.

Need help with travel or a hotel?

Call or WhatsApp **0812 772 0182** and we will help you book flights, airport transfers and accommodation.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Key facts

- Time zone: West Africa Time (WAT), UTC+1
- Currency: Nigerian Naira (NGN)
- Language: English, with Ibibio, Annang and Oron widely spoken
- Dial code: +234. Networks: MTN, Airtel, Glo, 9mobile
- Weather in November: warm and humid, about 27 to 31°C
- Power sockets: Type G. Bring a UK-style adapter
- Governor: Pastor Umo Eno

Travel documents

- Within Nigeria: a valid government ID for flights
- International: passport valid for 6 months or more, a Nigerian visa unless you are from an ECOWAS country, and a Yellow Fever certificate

Culture and dress

A few Ibibio words go a long way: *"Amesiere"* (Good morning), *"Abadie?"* (How are you?), *"Idiok"* (I'm fine), *"Sosongo"* (Thank you), *"Mbok"* (Please).

- Daytime sessions: business casual
- Golf Mixer and evening events: smart casual or African wear
- Cultural Night: dress up in traditional or creative wear

Akwa Ibom people are warm and helpful. Ask for directions freely, and keep valuables safe as you would anywhere.

Money

- Cards (Visa, Verve, Mastercard) work in most hotels and restaurants
- Transfers and mobile money (Opay, Palmpay, Moniepoint) are common
- Carry some cash for keke and small vendors

Things to bring

- ID and your pass confirmation
- Power bank, laptop and chargers
- Light clothes, an umbrella and a light jacket for cold halls
- Comfortable shoes for moving between halls
- Business cards or a digital card
- Any prescription medication

Emergency contacts

- Emergency (all services): 112
- Police: 0802 091 3810
- Fire: 0813 356 4978
- Health: 0800 002 2322
- AKTW team: 0812 490 2222, 0808 221 6299
- Travel and hotel help: 0812 772 0182
- techweek@ibominnovation.org

EAT AND EXPLORE

Local dishes to try

- **Edikang Ikong:** a rich vegetable soup with fluted pumpkin and waterleaf, served with pounded yam or fufu
- **Afang soup:** a signature dish of afang leaves, waterleaf and assorted meats
- **Fisherman soup:** fresh seafood in a spicy, aromatic broth
- **Ekpang Nkukwo:** grated cocoyam wrapped in leaves and cooked with palm oil and smoked fish

Vegetarian or other needs? Most restaurants will adjust a dish if you ask.

Where to eat in Uyo

- **Moscow:** dining and nightlife
- **Brisa's Place:** brunch, lunch and dinner
- **Afe Ndia:** local cuisine
- **Tilapia and Tinz:** seafood and African dishes
- **The Outback Grill:** grills and relaxed evenings
- **Kitchies Cafe:** all-day breakfast, lunch and dinner
- **Stax Food Co:** burgers and wings
- **April Celebrations:** fine dining

Things to do

- **Ibibio Union Museum:** art and history of the Ibibio people
- **Unity Park:** evening walks and street snacks
- **Ibom Tropicana:** cinema, shops and restaurants
- **Ibeno Beach:** a day trip to one of Nigeria's longest beaches
- **Ikot Ekpene:** the Raffia City. Pick up raffia crafts on Conference Day

Welcome to Akwa Ibom State. Amedi.

MAKE THE MOST OF EACH DAY

- **Monday:** start the week at the Preventive Health, Technology and Human Performance Conference at Ibom LED. Expect movement, brain games and practical tools for focus and energy.
- **Tuesday:** watch ten startups pitch for ₦10 million at the Startup Pitch Competition Final, then stay for the founder panels.
- **Wednesday:** bring your CV to the Career Fair at Ibom LED and meet employers who are hiring. The evening closes with Cultural Night.
- **Thursday:** Conference Day in Ikot Ekpene. Arrive early, visit the exhibition booths and get a free health check at the TekMeDoc booth.
- **Friday:** hub visits around Uyo for a limited group.
- **Saturday:** close the week at the Fitness Festival, which starts and ends at Arise Park, Brooks Street, Uyo.

No pass yet?

Community Pass ₦20,000 · Delegate Pass ₦80,000. Get yours and meet the speakers at **akwaibomtechweek.com**.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- [ ] Get your pass at **akwaibomtechweek.com** and keep your confirmation email
- [ ] Book your stay early. See the hotel list on page 3
- [ ] Plan your trip to Ikot Ekpene for Thursday. Bus seats are limited
- [ ] Print your CV if you are coming to the Career Fair on Wednesday
- [ ] Pack a power bank, an umbrella and comfortable shoes
- [ ] Save our numbers: **0812 490 2222** and **0808 221 6299**
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See you in Akwa Ibom. Amedi!

