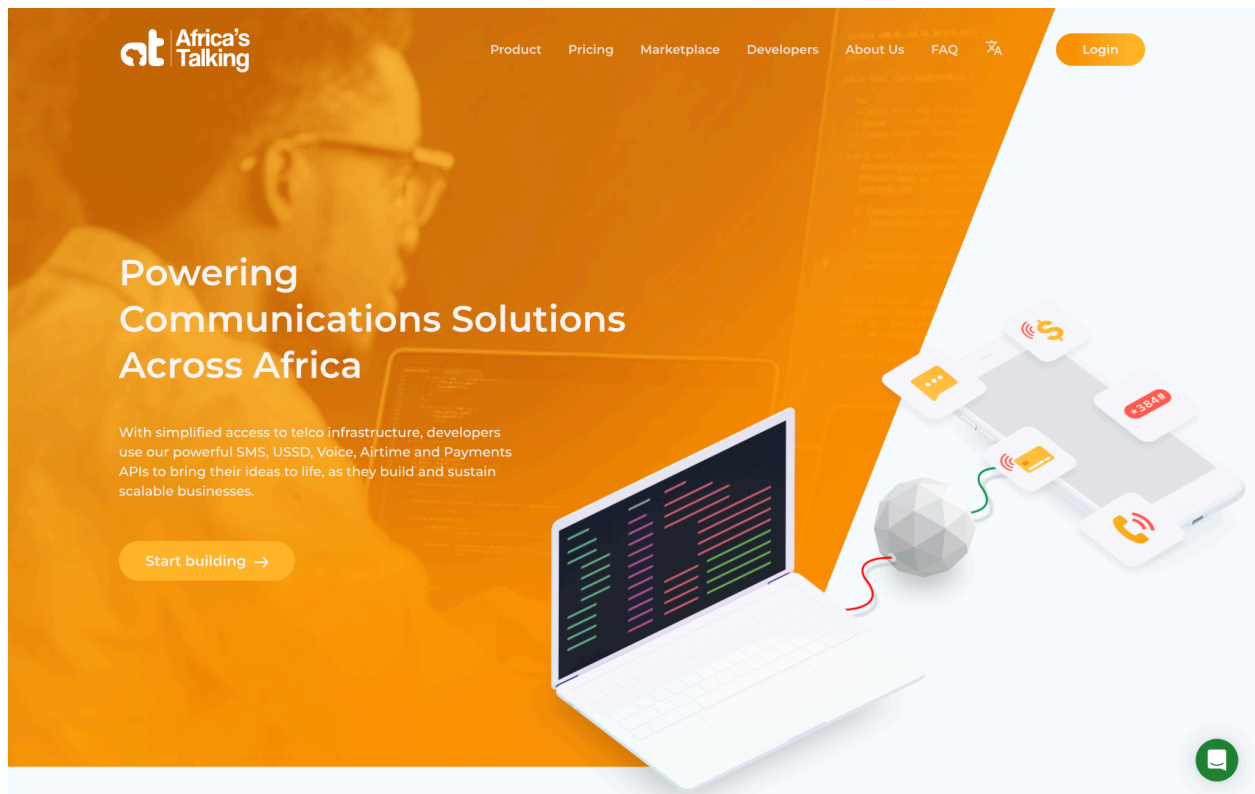# Africa's Talking Account Management 101

This is a quick guide on how to get going with the new Africa's Talking Account Management Features.

Registering an Account

If you don't have an account, you can register for one by clicking "Start building" on our website or here -> https://account.africastalking.com/auth/register
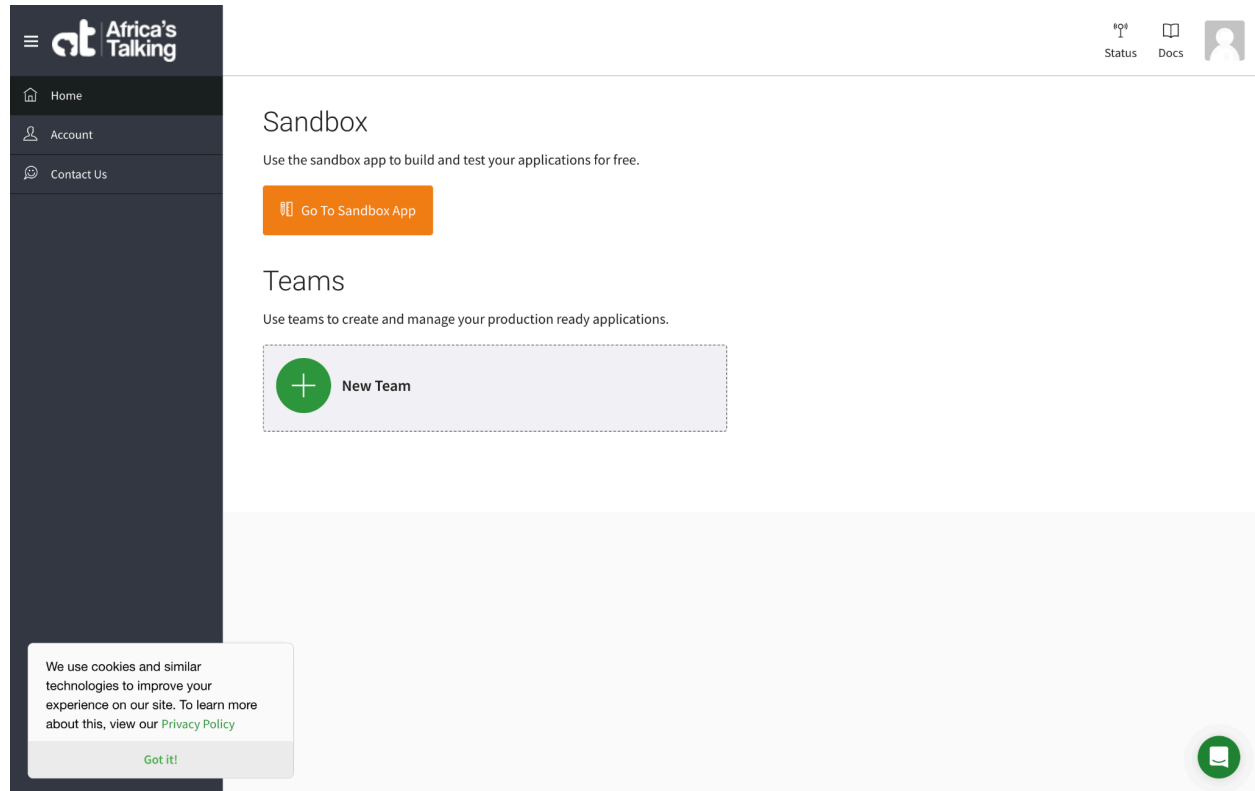

The information needed for registration includes:
1. First & Last Name
2. Email Address
3. Password
4. Country
5. Agree to Terms of Service

Once you register your account you will receive 2 emails, a welcome email and an account verification email. You must verify your account before proceeding. An unverified account has limited functionality.

You should now be on the "Home Page", the primary actions here are your Sandbox and Teams. The page looks as follows:

Two-Factor Authentication

Your account is automatically protected by two-factor authentication. When logging back into your account, you will be prompted to key in a 6-digit code that will be sent to the email address you used to create your account.

Sandbox App

Every account gets a sandbox application. This is the environment you should use to build, test and debug the applications you'll be creating.

Teams

Teams are where your production-ready applications will be located and as the name implies, it allows you to work on applications together. Creating a team is quite easy, there's a huge "New Team" prompt on the "Home Page" and the only thing you need to provide is a team name.

Once you create a team, you can create live applications and add members to your team with different access levels. The team page looks as follows:

Creating Applications

To create an application you need to provide an application name, username and country. The name is simply an identifier, it can be whatever you want. The username is what you'll use to authenticate API requests from the application. Lastly, the country is used to determine certain attributes like what currency your application is going to use.

Opening an application takes you into the dashboard, the previous experience you were used to. Nothing has changed at this level. You will be able to access your dashboard as usual.

Adding Team Members

Team members have access to all the applications in a particular team. Before you add a team member you need to make sure that they have an Africa's Talking account. You will add the member using the email they registered their Africa's Talking account with.

You'll also need to indicate what access level the new team member will have. There are currently three access levels to choose from:
1. **Admin:** This member has the same rights as the owner, but the distinction is that they do not own the team.
2. **Write:** This member is allowed to change the values of applications in the team other than the API key and balance notification settings.
3. **Read:** This member is not allowed to change the values of applications in the team.