

THE 9th Pan African Congress and Invest in Africa Spotlight Zimbabwe Conference

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 14 to 21 October 2022

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Dear 9th Pan African Congress and Invest in Africa Spotlight Zimbabwe Conference Delegate

Welcome, Titambire, Samukele to Zimbabwe A World of Wonders for the 9th Pan African Congress and Invest in Africa Spotlight Zimbabwe Conference. We thank you for registering for the 9th Edition and Look forward to your participation.

Zimbabwe is a song which, once heard, is never forgotten; a mood to suit the needs of any soul, any time; a spell that binds all those who know her. Her voice brings forth many melodies. Once again virtually and physically, Welcome to Zimbabwe, a World of Wonders.

For smooth planning purpose of your travel, Please take time to read the information below

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

1. The African Diaspora Development Institute and Government of Zimbabwe are organizing jointly the 9th Pan African Congress and Invest in Africa Spotlight Zimbabwe Conference under the theme 400 YEARS IS TOO LONG. AFRICA IS CALLING HER CHILDREN HOME! to be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 14 to 21 October 2022. The Summit is open to invited delegates.

2. **VENUE OF THE SUMMIT**

The Summit will be held at: Elephant Hills Resort Hotel

Address: 328 Parkway Drive

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel.: +263 83244793-9

Fax:

E-mail:

Website: https://www.elephanthillshotel.com/

3. **REPLIES TO INVITATIONS**

Governments and other bodies invited are requested to send their replies to the following addresses at the latest on <u>15 September 2022</u>, indicating as much as possible, their completed names and contact details:

Organisers	Host Country
Rumbidzai Takawira	
	Permanent Secretary
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International

Trade	
Harare	
Zimbabwe	
Tel.: (Please indicate)	
E-mail: (Please indicate)	

4. ENTRY FORMALITIES

4.1 A valid passport is required for visitors to Zimbabwe. With the introduction of the visa regime all countries around the globe were grouped into three categories i.e.

CATEGORY A – Countries, whose nationals do not require visas at all,

CATEGORY B – Countries whose nationals are granted visas at the port of entry on payment of the requisite visa fees,

CATEGORY C – Countries whose nationals are required to apply for and obtain visas prior to travelling.

Kindly refer to the website for detailed lists of countries.

- 4.2 Visa can be applied on online visit www.evisa.gov.zw
- 4.3 Delegates in category C are encouraged to apply for their visas well on time online to avoid any inconveniences
- 4.4Should you be facing any challenges with the online system please do not hesitate to email evisazim@gmail.com

5. TRANSPORT

- 5.1 The African Diaspora Development Institute will arrange free ground transport for all participants for transfers from and to the airport,
- 5.2 All participants are therefore, requested to submit details of their arrival and departure itineraries and booked accommodation
- 5.3 Daily shuttles will only be provided between designated conference hotels and the meeting venue in the morning and end of day at designated times
- 5.4 Private taxis are available at a fare should one want to go out during the day

6. AIRPORT TAXES & FLIGHTS

- 6.1 All ticket fares are inclusive of airport taxes.
- 6.2 Delegates are encouraged to make their flight arrangements on time
- 6.3 Delegates who fly through Zambia are required to make their ground transfers to Victoria Falls Zimbabwe

7. RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT

A reception and information desk will be open for delegates at the Victoria Falls International Airport from arrival of delegates to their departure.

8. ACCOMMODATION

- 8.1 Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements by contacting their chosen hotel through the phone numbers and email addresses, and to make their reservations.
- 8.2They should specify that they will be attending The 9th Pan African Congress and Invest in Africa Spotlight Zimbabwe Conference to be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from **14 to 21 October 2022.**
- 8.3 Delegates are encouraged to make their accommodation bookings on time to avoid any inconveniences

Below is the List of designated conference hotels by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in Zimbabwe:

Hotels	Information Tel / Fax / Mail	Distance from the venue of the course (est.)
Elephant Hills Hotel	https://www.elephanthillshotel.co m/	Venue
	Email: assistbqtmqr2@ehr.africansu	

	n.co.zw	
	Tel: +263 83244793-9	
	VOIP: +2638677004956	
The Kingdom Hotel	https://www.africansunhotels.co m/hotels/3/the-kingdom-at- victoria-falls	3km
	Email: reservations@kingdom.africa nsun.co.zw	
	Tel: +263832844275/80	
	VOIP: +263 8677004955	
Victoria Falls Safari Lodge		
	Email: resman@saflodge.co.zw	
	Tel: +263 832843211-20 Direct Line: +263 83 2843231	
	Cell: +263 712 207 381\2	
Cresta Sprayview	www.crestasprayview.com	3.5km
	Email: dutymgr@sprayview.cresta.c o.zw	
	Mobile: +263 772 395 490	
A'Zambezi River Lodge	www.azambezi-hotel.com Email: Reservations.Azambezi@rtq.co.z	1.5km
	w / nyasha.chidombwe@rtg.co.zw	
	Mobile: +263 77 245 8750	
Rainbow	https://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-	3km

Hotel	<u>rainbow-hotel</u>	
	Email: reservations.vfrh@rtg.co.zw/cc nyasha.chidombwe@rtg.co.zw	
	Mobile: +263 77 245 8750	

9. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 All travellers to Zimbabwe are required to have a vaccination card.
- 9.2 Should you not have a vaccination card you are required to produce a PCR COVID-19 Negative clearance certificate issued by a recognized facility within 48hours of date of departure/arrival in-line with WHO Guidelines
- 9.3 Anyone who displays any COVID-19 symptoms on arrival, you will be required to take another test on arrival
- 9.4 With the exception of children less than one year of age, all visitors coming to Zimbabwe from infected areas are requested to possess vaccination certificates against cholera and yellow fever.
- 9.5 If you are intending to visit low-lying areas such as Victoria Falls, Hwange, Kariba, Gonarezhou and Zambezi Valley, it is advisable to take a course of anti-malaria tablets as a precaution. However, most establishments in the country have mosquito nets and repellents.

10. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

- 10.1 Delegates are encouraged to register their participation through the website link https://www.addipac.org/
- 10.2 At the venue of the Conference, the accreditation desk will be open **one day** before the start of the proceedings. Badges will be issued at the time of registration.
- 10.3 Should you face any challenges with the online registration system please feel free to contact +263 776 693 6782.

11. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working language of the Conference is English.....

12. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Date	Program	Participants	Host
October 2022	Welcome Cocktail	By Invitation	TBA
October 2022	Rainforest Visit (Victoria Falls)	Optional Activity	Own Arrangements
October 2022	Sunset Cruise	Optional Activity	TBA
October 2022	Gala Dinner	All Delegates	TBA

12.1 Delegates are free to get more information and assistance from the onsite information desk

13. CURRENCY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 The local currency of Zimbabwe is ZWL\$.
- 13.2 However, the following currencies are accepted USD/Euro/Rand and Pula
- 13.3 Please feel free to visit https://www.rbz.co.zw/ for daily bank exchange rates.

14. CLIMATE

The month of October in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe is a sweltering spring moth, with an average temperature ranging between min 21.9°C (71.4°) and max 35.7° C (96.3° F).

LOCAL TIME

GMT+2

15. BANKING & SHOPPING HOURS

17.1 Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business during the following hours:

Monday - Friday08:00 - 15:00 hrs

Saturday 08:00 – 11:30 hrs

17.2 In general, shops are open from 0800hrs until 1700hrs and closed on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

- 17.3 Selected pharmacies have day and night service in all the main centres.
- 17.4 A 2% tourism development levy is levied on all tourism products and services.

16. EXHIBITION

- 16.1 Interested participants should contact +263 776 693 6782
- 16.2 Exhibitors are required to make their space and booth bookings by 15 September 2022 in order to facilitate smooth planning
- 16.3 For additional information and bookings please feel free to contact +263 776 693 6782

17. MEDIA REQUIREMENTS FOR JOURNALISTS

All foreign journalists wishing to cover the 9th Pan African Congress and Invest in Africa Spotlight Zimbabwe Conference scheduled for the period 14 to 21 October 2022 in Victoria Falls are welcome to do so and are further advised to apply for clearance to cover the conference before their arrival in Zimbabwe.

17.1 Foreign media applications for media work in Zimbabwe should be on letterheads and forwarded via email or by fax to:

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Information, Media and Broadcasting Services
1st Floor, Munhumutapa Building
Corner Samora Machel Avenue/Sam Nujoma Street
Harare
ZIMBABWE

Email: commservicesinternational@gmail.com

- 17.2 The Ministry will respond to applications, directing successful applicants to be issued with accreditation cards by the Zimbabwe Media Commission (ZMC) before or upon arrival in Harare or Victoria Falls.
- 17.3 Coverage of the 9th Pan African Congress and Invest in Africa Spotlight Zimbabwe Conference will be restricted to holders of valid ZMC accreditation cards.

- 17.4 Journalists are urged to apply early to avoid any inconveniences. The Ministry of Information, Media and Broadcasting Services is reachable on +263 242 764088/ +263 242 701437
- 17.5 Detailed information on normal clearance and accreditation regime as well as applicable fees is readily available upon request on commservicesinternational@gmail.com

18. TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN VICTORIA FALLS

- Rain forest tour
- Bungee Jumping
- Bridge Swing
- Bungee jumping
- Bridge slide/ zipline
- Bridge swing
- Half-day highwire pass
- Half-day Highwire & Canopy
- Flying Fox
- Canopy Tour
- White water rafting
- Gorge swing
- Boat Cruise-sunset/day
- Crocodile Farm Tour and
- Cage Diving
- Rafting and Riverboarding
- Game Drive (am/pm) and Walking Safari
- Elephant Interactive Safari
- Helicopter Flight over the Zambezi River
- Village Walk
- Boma Dinner
- Visit to Hwange National Park, 100Km from Victoria Falls

We invite you to enjoy the delights of the mighty Victoria Falls including visiting the famous Hwange National Park, among many tourist attractions in and around our destination. Please do tweet and share your experiences on our social media page #MeetInZim.

19. INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE

For further information on the Conference, please refer to https://www.addipac.org/