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64TH AFRALTI GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

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Coat of Arms



National Anthem

Blessed be the land of Zimbabwe - English

Simudza Mureza weZimbabwe - Shona

Kalibusisiwe Ilizwe leZimbabwe- Ndebele

1. **VENUE – KINGDOM HOTEL, VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE**

The venue for the 64th AFRALTI Governing Council meeting will be the Kingdom Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Port of Entry – Victoria Falls Airport

2. **ZIMBABWE – GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Zimbabwe is a land locked country in southern Africa with an estimated population of 15 million people. Zimbabwe is bordered by Botswana on the west, Zambia on the north, Mozambique on the east, and South Africa on the south and has a total area of about 390 757 square kilometers. The capital city is Harare and other major cities include Bulawayo, Mutare, Gweru and Masvingo.

Victoria Falls is located in Matabeleland North Province and lies on the southern banks of the Zambezi River. The population in Victoria Falls is estimated at 34 000

3. **TOURISM**

Zimbabwe is a welcoming, unique and fascinating tourist destination and is home to the mighty Victoria Falls, which is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Other fascinating places include Lake Kariba, the second largest man-made lake on earth, Kariba Dam on the mighty Zambezi River, the refreshing Eastern Highlands, the exotic Matobo Hills and the Great Zimbabwe National Monument. The nation is richly endowed with pristine wildlife, a unique culture and a naturally warm and friendly people. These attributes contribute immensely to the high degree of attractiveness that position Zimbabwe as a prime tourist destination in the world.

In Victoria Falls you can take time to enjoy some of the following activities:

- Tour of the Victoria Falls Rainforest
- Bungee Jumping
- Bridge Swing
- Boat Cruise – sunset/day
- Crocodile farm tour and cage diving
- Rafting and river boarding
- Game drive (am or pm) and Walking Safari
- Elephant Interactive safari and Rhino Encounter
- Helicopter flight over the Zambezi River
- Boma Dinner
- Visit to the Hwange National Park, 100km from Victoria Falls

4. **WEATHER**

September is hot, dry and is one of the warmest month in Victoria Falls. Temperatures are quite high ranging from 19°C to 35°C. it is advisable to carry light clothing and wear sun hats to walk around during the day. And remember to stay hydrated.

5. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All visitors require valid passports to travel to Zimbabwe and visa regulations vary according to nationality and country of origin and these should be checked for at your nearest tourist office or embassy before leaving your country.

Visa applications can be done online through the Zimbabwe Immigration website www.evisa.gov.zw

Printed copies of the visas are required upon arrival.

Please find the Zimbabwe Visa Regime below:

<p>CATEGORY A</p> <p><i>Visitors from the countries in this category are not required to have a visa to travel to Zimbabwe.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANGOLA• ARUBA• ANTIGUA & BARBUDA• BAHAMAS• BARBADOS• BELIZE• BOTSWANA• CAYMAN ISLANDS• CONAKRY• CYPRUS• FIJI• DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO• GHANA• GRENADA• HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA• JAMAICA• KENYA• KIRIBATI• LEEWARD ISLANDS• LESOTHO• MADAGASCAR• MALAWI• MALAYSIA• MALDIVES• MAURITIUS• MALTA• MONTSERRAT• MOZAMBIQUE• NAMIBIA• NAURU• SAMOA WESTERN• SAINT LUCIA• SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES• SEYCHELLES• SINGAPORE
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOLOMON ISLANDS • SOUTH AFRICA • ST KITTS AND NEVIS • SWAZILAND • TONGA • TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO • TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS • TUVALU • UGANDA • UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA • VANUATU • ZAMBIA
<p>CATEGORY B</p> <p><i>Visitors from the countries in this category are not required to apply for a visa before travelling, but may pay for and obtain your visa when you enter Zimbabwe.</i></p>	<p>SURINAME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIRGIN ISLANDS • VATICAN • VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) • UNITED STATES OF AMERICA • URUGUAY • UZBEKISTAN • UKRAINE • UNITED ARAB EMIRATES • UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND • TURKEY • TURKMENISTAN • SWEDEN • SWITZERLAND • TAJIKISTAN • SPAIN • SLOVAKIA • SLOVENIA • SAMOA (AMERICA) • SENEGAL • SERBIA • SAN MARINO • SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE • REUNION • ROMANIA • RUSSIAN FEDERATION • RWANDA • MARSHALL ISLANDS • MEXICO • MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF • MOLDOVA • MONACO • NETHERLANDS • NEW CALEDONIA

- NEW ZEALAND
- NICARAGUA
- NORFOLK ISLANDS
- NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
- NORWAY
- PALAU ISLAND
- PALESTINE
- PANAMA
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- POLAND
- PORTUGAL
- PUERTO RICO
- LIECHTENSTEIN
- LITHUANIA
- LUXEMBOURG
- MACAO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA
- KOREA (SOUTH)
- KUWAIT
- KYRGYZSTAN
- LATVIA
- JAPAN
- COMOROS
- KAZAKHSTAN
- GUYANA
- HAITI
- HONDURAS
- IRELAND
- ISRAEL
- ITALY
- HUNGARY
- ICELAND
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
- GUAM
- GUATEMALA
- GILBRALTAR
- GREECE
- GEORGIA
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- DENMARK
- ESTONIA
- ETHIOPIA
- FINLAND
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<p>CATEGORY C</p> <p><i>Visitors from the countries in this category are required to pay for and obtain a visa before travel to Zimbabwe.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANGUILLA • BANGLADESH • BENIN • AFGHANISTAN • BOLIVIA • BURKINA FASO • CAMBODIA • CAMEROON • CD'IVOIRE • CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC • CHAD

- COLOMBIA
- ERITREA
- DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
- CONGO BRAZAVILLE
- GABON
- GAMBIA
- DJIBOUTI REPUBLIC
- GUINEA
- GUINEA-BISSAU
- IRAQ
- JORDAN
- LEBANON
- LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
- KOSOVO
- LIBERIA
- LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA
- QATAR
- REFUGEE
- PHILIPPINES
- OMAN
- PAKISTAN
- NIGER
- NIGERIA
- MONGOLIA
- MONTENEGRO
- MALI
- MAURITANIA
- MOROCCO
- NEPAL
- MYANMAR
- SAUDI ARABIA
- SIERRA LEONE
- SRI LANKA
- SUDAN
- SOUTH SUDAN
- SOMALIA
- THAILAND
- THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
- TOGO
- SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
- TAIWAN
- TUNISIA
- VIET NAM

6. **COVID-19 AND OTHER HEALTH REGULATIONS**

All travellers to Zimbabwe are required to present a Covid-19 vaccination certificate/card with 2 or more doses of the **World Health Organization (WHO)** approved vaccines or alternatively, a PCR test with a validity period of not more than 48 hours.

Those who test positive on arrival are required to quarantine for 10 days at their own cost.

If you are not fully vaccinated, you must possess a Covid-19 PCR test taken not more than 48 hours before your departure to Zimbabwe.

On departure from Zimbabwe travellers who are required to produce PCR test in their home countries will do so at their own cost.

Wearing of face masks and regular hand sanitization are still key preventive protocols being enforced in Zimbabwe.

7. **CURRENCY**

The Zimbabwe Dollar ZWL is used for local transactions. However, all hotel payments and tourist activities are paid in foreign currency through cash or visa cards.

8. **COMMUNICATION**

The access code for Zimbabwe is 263 and it operates under the Central African Time zone. The country has one fixed landline operator and 3 mobile cellular network service providers. Internet access is also available from internet cafes in and around the major cities and hotspots at major Hotels and International Airports.

9. **BANKING BUSINESS HOURS**

Banks in Zimbabwe open from 8am to 3pm from Monday to Friday and up to 11am on Saturdays. All banks are closed on Sundays. Money transfer agencies are also available in Victoria Falls

10. **CULTURE, RELIGION AND LANGUAGE**

Zimbabwe is a multi-racial society where people of different nationalities live in harmony. People living in urban areas have a westernized lifestyle and are predominately Christian, while in the rural areas many African traditions have been preserved. English is the official language and other widely spoken languages are Chishona and Isindebele which have various dialects and other minority languages, such as Sotho, Venda, Chewa, Shangani and Tonga.

11. **AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX**

A departure tax of US\$30.00 is levied on all foreign visitors (non-residents) at all Zimbabwe airports for international flights and is usually included on the ticket fare.

The revenue stamp can be bought at the Airport or pre-purchased at any commercial bank. A total of US\$5.00 is payable for each domestic ticket. However, this tax is often incorporated in the ticket fare. Always verify with the issuing agent.

12. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

In main centres and main tourist resorts, all appliances run on 220 volts to 240 volts. Outlets are of the 3-pin, 13amp type.

13. TRADITIONAL FOODS

Hotels, restaurants and homes in Zimbabwe offer a wide variety of meals ranging from oriental recipes, Chinese food, sea food to takeaways but the best of all is the local traditional recipes, they offer excellent nutrition and are a healthy option. Sadza is the staple food in Zimbabwe and is made from maize meal (or millet and rapoko) which is eaten as a thick porridge. A wide range of side dishes are available such as dried meat in peanut butter, madora or macimbi, or a range of vegetables such as kale, rape, mustard leaves, broccoli, cabbage, okra and other exotic local specialities such as (pumpkin leaves), black jack, derere and (dried vegetables) such as munyemba, nyevhe, mowa with peanut butter. Pumpkins and their seeds are also a delicious option.

14. SECURITY

Zimbabweans are known for their hospitality and friendliness towards each other and visitors alike. Although all Zimbabweans are very helpful it is always advisable to be cautious when dealing with strangers. Police officers are readily available and very helpful. They are easily identified by their uniforms. Like everywhere in the world valuables should always be safeguarded or left in the hotel safe box. Any information is accessible through the Zimbabwe Tourism Authority, Publicity Association, Police Post or the Hotel Information Desk.

15. CUSTOMS CONCESSION

Your personal possessions which are not intended for disposal or consumption in Zimbabwe are allowed entry duty-free. For dutiable goods, a maximum value of USD250.00 is permissible duty free.

16. MOTOR VEHICLES

Private motor vehicles, caravans and trailers may be brought temporarily into Zimbabwe provided they are licensed in their home countries and bear the appropriate registration plates and a nationality plaque. The International Certificate of Motor Vehicles is recognized in Zimbabwe.

17. DRIVING IN ZIMBABWE

International driving and driving licences issued in all SADC countries are valid in Zimbabwe. Visitors from other countries not covered by this agreement are able to drive for a period of 90 days using driving licences issued in their home countries. If not printed in English, it should have a certificate of authority and validity, or a

translation of the text with the bearer's photograph attached. Renewal after expiry of this period is obtained from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development. Driving is on the left hand side. At all intersections a fire engine ambulance or police vehicle sounding a siren takes precedence over all other traffic, move out of its course and remain stationary until it has passed. The general speed limit in Zimbabwe is 120km/h on open roads and 60km/h in urban areas. Toll gates are operational on all major highways and the charges vary from USD\$1.00 to USD\$5.00.

18. **TRANSPORT**

The host will provide airport shuttle services and transport in between hotels for the duration of the conference. All delegates are therefore required to provide travel itineraries and hotel preference on registration.

Travel options to Victoria Falls – The following airlines fly daily to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe:

International Flights

- **Eurowing** from Namibia to Victoria Falls
- **Airlink** from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls
- **Kenya Airways** from Nairobi, Kenya
- **Ethiopian Airways** from Addis Ababa Ethiopia
- **Air Namibia** from Windhoek, Namibia
- **Fastjet (budget)** from Johannesburg South Africa

Domestic Flights

- **Fastjet**
- **Air Zimbabwe**
- **Airlink**
- **Kuva Air**

Car Hire - cars with or without chauffeurs can be hired in most tourist areas from international recognized firms.

Taxi Services – Taxis are available at every airport and hotel in Zimbabwe.

19. **FOCAL POINTS**

The following focal points will be available to assist:

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