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**10TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
PAN AFRICAN POSTAL UNION (PAPU)
PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE**

7-25 JUNE 2021

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**

Flag



Coat of Arms



National Anthem

Blessed be the land of Zimbabwe - English
Simudza Mureza weZimbabwe - Shona
Kalibusisiwe Ilizwe leZimbabwe- Ndebele

1. VENUE

The 10th Ordinary Session of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) Plenipotentiary Conference will be held at Kingdom Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 7-25 June 2021.

2. ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe is a land locked country in southern Africa with an estimated population of 12,5 million people. It is bordered by Botswana on the west, Zambia on the north, Mozambique on the east, and South Africa on the south. The capital city is Harare and other major cities include Bulawayo, Mutare, Gweru and Masvingo.

Victoria Falls/Folosi is a city, accorded the city status on 9 December 2020, in the province of Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe. The city is located northwest of Matabeleland North province, in front of the borders with Zambia, separated from it by the Zambezi River and the binational Victoria Falls. It lies few km from the Zambian city of Livingstone, and is surrounded by the Zambezi, Mosi-oa-Tunya and Victoria Falls national parks

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, 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.

4. WEATHER

June is winter season in Zimbabwe and is one of the coldest months. Average temperatures range from 12°C to 25°C.

June is a dry, cool month in Victoria Falls, with night time temperatures dropping to below 10C, although daytimes are mild and temperatures can go up to the mid-20s.

Warm clothes are a necessity when travelling to Zimbabwe in June.

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• GUINEA 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• SOLOMON ISLANDS• SOUTH AFRICA• ST KITTS AND NEVIS• SWAZILAND• TONGA
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<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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • GERMANY • DENMARK • ESTONIA • ETHIOPIA • FINLAND • FRANCE • FRENCH GUIANA • FRENCH POLYNESIA
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<p>CATEGORY C</p> <p><i>Visitors from the countries in this category are required to pay for and obtain your visa before you travel to Zimbabwe.</i></p>	<p>ANGUILLA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BANGLADESH • BENIN • AFGHANISTAN • BOLIVIA • BURKINA FASO • CAMBODIA • CAMEROON • CD'IVOIRE • CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC • CHAD • COLOMBIA • ERITREA • DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

	<p>OF KOREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONGO BRAZAVILLE • GABON • GAMBIA • DJIBOUTI REPUBLIC • EQUATORIAL 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
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6. CURRENCY

The Zimbabwe Dollar ZWL is used for local transactions.

7. 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 namely, Netone, Telecel and Econet. Sim packs are readily available and can be obtained at the post office. Internet access is also available from internet cafes in and around the major cities and hotspots at major Hotels and International Airports.

8. BANKING BUSINESS HOURS

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

When converting foreign currency, proof of identity in the form of a passport is required.

Please note that changing money on the streets is illegal and unsafe.

9. MEDICAL CARE

The city is served by Victoria Falls District Hospital, The Chinotimba Clinic, Mkhosana Clinic, Premier Medical Aid Society, a few surgeries and The Health Bridge private hospital.

Visitors are required to check with their medical insurance service providers to confirm whether their medical requirements will be covered in Zimbabwe.

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 Sindebele 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. 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. Outlets are of the 3-pin, 13amp type.

The Zimbabwean power grid uses 220/240 volts AC 50 Hertz. Wall sockets (square 3 pin) are rated to carry a maximum of 15 amps. It is important to carry a 3 pin square adapter.

13. TRADITIONAL FOODS

Hotels, restaurants and homes in Zimbabwe offer a wide variety of meals ranging from oriental recipes, Chinese food, sea food to take aways 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, 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 very helpful and are easily identified by their uniforms although some may be plainclothes police. Like everywhere in the world valuables should always be safeguarded or left in the hotel safe box. If you do not know where to obtain a certain service or you are not sure always contact 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 Communications. 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 for buses and mini buses is 80 Km/h and 120km/h light motor vehicles on open roads. In urban areas the general speed limit is generally 60km/h.

Toll gates are found on all major highways and the charges are, **light vehicles US\$2, minibuses US\$3, buses US\$4, heavy vehicles US\$5 and haulage trucks US\$10.**

In local currency, light vehicles \$164, minibuses \$246, buses \$328, heavy vehicles \$410 and haulage trucks \$820.

18. TRANSPORT

Air Services – Air Zimbabwe, the national airline, operates frequent flights.

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.

Transport will be availed to delegates as follows:

- On arrival and departure from and to Victoria Falls International Airport
- From the designated hotels to the meeting venue
- During the various social events organised for the delegates

Please send us your travel itinerary for transport logistics facilitation.

The **distance** between **Victoria Falls Airport (VFA)** and **Victoria Falls City** is 18 km. The road **distance** is 19.9 km.

There are three international Airports in Zimbabwe namely:

- Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport (IATA: HRE, ICAO: FVRG)
- Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo **International Airport** (IATA: BUQ, ICAO: FVJN)
- Victoria Falls Airport (IATA: **VFA**, ICAO: FVFA)

The distance from:

- Harare to Victoria Falls is 882 km
- Bulawayo to Victoria Falls is 440 km

DELEGATES ARE THEREFORE ENCOURAGED TO FLY DIRECT TO VICTORIA FALLS AIRPORT

19. ENTRY RULES IN RESPONSE TO CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

Delegates arriving in Zimbabwe should have a PCR COVID-19 CERTIFICATE issued not more than 48 hours before boarding and reflecting a 'negative' outcome.

On leaving Zimbabwe, Delegates will be required to present a PCR COVID-19 CERTIFICATE issued no more than 72 hours prior to boarding their flight and reflecting a 'negative' outcome.

Testing and Screening on Arrival

Delegates who will arrive without the PCR COVID-19 CERTIFICATE might be tested at the port of entry where the temperature screening reveals the need for further assessment. The cost for COVID-19 testing which affected Delegates should pay, in this instance, is USD 60 - 70.

If the PCR COVID-19 Test reveals a 'positive' outcome, the delegate will be isolated for 10 (ten) days at their expense for accommodation, meals costs etc.

Information will be updated on a regular basis when new developments occur

20. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS TO BE OBSERVED WHILE IN THE COUNTRY

Zimbabwe is implementing various COVID-19 preventative measures designed to curb the spread of the Corona virus as guided by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the local Health Authorities. Citizens and Visitors are urged to maintain alertness and adhere to these preventative behaviours which include:

- Wearing of face masks (Mandatory)
- Maintaining of social distancing
- Sanitizing of hands
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap and running water

General hygienic behaviour as observed in terms of WHO guidelines is encouraged by all people.

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