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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (hybrid), 28 February-1 March 2024

Information note for participants

Introduction

The fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will consist of the annual meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, followed by the ministerial segment. During the session, the Conference of African Ministers will consider various statutory matters. The session is one of the main forums in Africa for African ministers responsible for finance, planning and economic development and governors of central banks to discuss issues pertinent to the development agenda of Africa.

The session will be held in person, at Elephant Hills Hotel and Resort at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and online¹ from 28 February to 5 March 2024. General information to help attendees to plan their travel to Victoria Falls and their participation is provided below.

Participants are encouraged to keep a copy of the present information note with them throughout the session.

To keep costs down and to protect the environment, the present document will be provided in electronic format only. Additional information can be found on the web page for the session, at <u>www.uneca.org/eca-events/cfm2024</u>.

Overview

The theme of the session is "Financing the transition to inclusive green economies in Africa: imperatives, opportunities and policy options". The vital role of enterprises and targeted green subsidy programmes in the achievement of sustainable development and climate resilience in Africa will be highlighted, as will the need for countries to take collective action to mobilize green and development finance while leveraging private sector investment, sustainable debt practices, green bonds and regional cooperation. Such efforts are essential for a transition to climate-resilient and inclusive green economies aligned with the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union.

¹ The logistics for online participation will be sent by email to registered participants at a later date.



Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development Fifty-sixth session

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (hybrid), 4 and 5 March 2024

The ministerial segment will be preceded by the forty-second meeting of the Committee of Experts, which will be held from 28 February to 1 March. Side events will be held on 2 and 3 March. The ministerial segment will be held on 4 and 5 March.

Letters of credentials

Delegations are kindly requested to submit to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa their letters of credentials, duly signed by the appropriate authorities of their respective Governments, at their earliest convenience.

Letters of credentials must indicate the names, titles and contact details of representatives nominated to attend the fifty-sixth session. They can be sent by email to <u>eca-soc@un.org</u>, with a copy to <u>eca-uncc-aa@un.org</u>. Originals sent by postal mail should be marked to the attention of the Executive Secretary and sent to the following address:

Office of the Executive Secretary

Economic Commission for Africa

United Nations

9th Floor, Niger Building

Menelik II Avenue

P.O. Box 3002

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Questions regarding the accreditation procedure should be directed to:

Secretary of the Commission

Office of the Executive Secretary

Economic Commission for Africa

Email: eca-soc@un.org

Venue and accommodation

Annex II contains a list of recommended hotels. You may wish to stay at the conference venue (Elephant Hills Hotel and Resort), which is situated on a small hill overlooking the Zambezi River, just to the north of the town of Victoria Falls, which is 4 km upstream of the famous waterfall. The resort is equipped with advanced conference facilities that are suitable for large conferences. In view of the large number of participants expected, additional facilities will be provided in large tents.

You are kindly requested to contact your hotel directly to arrange, confirm and guarantee your booking. You will be responsible for bearing all costs associated with your accommodation. Special United Nations rates are available for rooms booked at the hotels listed in annex II.

Please note that the organizers will not be able to arrange accommodation for participants.

Visa and immigration requirements

You must have a passport that is valid for at least three months from your date of entry. You should check the visa requirements for entering Zimbabwe on the <u>eVisa Zimbabwe</u> website.²

As a participant in the fifty-sixth session, you can obtain a business visa on arrival at Harare or Victoria Falls airport regardless of your nationality, even if you would normally be required to obtain a visa in advance to enter Zimbabwe. Please ensure that you print your invitation letter and bring it with you, as you will have to present it to the immigration authorities. The cost of a visa on arrival will be \$55 for British and Irish passport holders, \$60 for Chinese passport holders, \$70 for Canadian passport holders and \$30 for all other participants who require a visa. Please ensure that the visa covers the full duration of the session, including the time that it takes for you to leave the country.

Holders of a United Nations laissez-passer, or a diplomatic or service passport, will be provided with a business visa free of charge on arrival.

Exit permits or endorsements shall be granted free of charge when participants leave Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe has three visa categories. Annex I indicates which visa category applies to each participant, based on the participant's passport. The visa categories are as follows:

(a) **Category A**: Participants from category A countries and territories do not require a visa to enter Zimbabwe.

(b) **Categories B and C**: Participants from category B and C countries and territories can obtain a visa on arrival in Zimbabwe, upon payment of the requisite fee.

ECA is required to provide a list of participants to the immigration authorities at least one week prior to participants' travel.

Although participants from category B and C countries and territories may obtain a visa on arrival, they also have the option of applying for a visa in advance using the e-visa application portal of the Government of Zimbabwe (<u>www.evisa.gov.zw</u>), or by submitting an application to the embassy of Zimbabwe in the country of departure. The process could take up to seven working days.

The secretariat will communicate with the airlines concerned (as indicated by participants at the time of registration) to facilitate the smooth boarding of conference participants. Please carry your conference invitation letter with you to show at the airline check-in counter and to immigration officials both on departure and arrival.

If you are travelling from a country that does not have an embassy of Zimbabwe, please contact the secretariat at eca-soc@un.org at least two weeks before the start of the conference to coordinate the assignment of a protocol officer to provide meet-and-greet services.

² <u>www.evisa.gov.zw</u>.

Airport reception and transport

The host Government will provide a meet-and-greet service at Victoria Falls Airport, where a dedicated conference protocol desk labelled with the conference banner will be clearly visible.

The host Government will provide transport from Victoria Falls Airport to the recommended hotels listed in annex II. Shuttle bus services will also be provided to take participants from their hotels to and from the conference venue every day. Please note that if you are not staying at one of the hotels listed in annex II, you will be responsible for your own daily transport to and from the venue. To facilitate transport on arrival at the airport and at the end of the session, the secretariat will send to registered participants beginning on 5 February a link to an electronic form that they are requested to fill in with their flight details and hotel information.

For each very important person of an ECA member State, one private vehicle will be made available for airport transfers and for ground transport while in Victoria Falls. Should the member State be sending more than one very important person, kindly inform the secretariat at eca-soc@un.org at least two weeks before the conference to arrange additional vehicles as needed.

For those who wish to take public transport, public taxis will also be available.

Registration and identification badges

Online registration

Conference registration will be through a dedicated microsite on the Indico platform (<u>https://indico.un.org/event/1008656/registrations/13701/</u>). You are advised to register for the conference as soon as possible, but no later than 27 February 2024, to facilitate the smooth coordination of the issuance of photographic identification badges and the compilation of the list of participants. This online registration is mandatory, in line with the standard United Nations security procedures required to facilitate security clearance. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

Badges

For security reasons, you will be required to show a valid badge to gain access to the venue and meeting rooms, and you must wear your badge at all times. You can collect your badge from the registration counter, which will be open from 25 February to 4 March between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on 5 March between 8 a.m. and noon. If you lose your badge, please report immediately to the registration counter.

Documentation

All participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own laptops or tablets. To reduce the environmental impact generated by the use of paper, participants are encouraged to consult digital versions of conference documents. All unrestricted, official documents and statements related to the session will be available in the official languages of ECA (Arabic, English and French) on the Paper-Smart portal, at <u>https://papersmart.uneca.org/meeting</u>.

The documents can also be downloaded from the official website of the session at <u>www.uneca.org/cfm2024</u>, under "Documents".

A print-on-demand service will remain available to in-person participants during the session. Nonetheless, it is expected that requests for hard copies of documents will be made only when strictly necessary. Such requests will be honoured on an exceptional basis. No more than five copies per document per delegation will be provided. Participants requiring this service are asked to complete the request form on the Paper-Smart portal and send it to the email address provided.

Languages

For all proceedings, the working languages will be Arabic, English and French.

Please note that Zimbabwe has 16 official languages. English is widely spoken, and Shona and Ndebele are the main Indigenous languages.

Currency

You are advised to bring an adequate supply of hard currency or traveller's cheques to cover your expenses in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe operates a multi-currency system. The United States dollar, South African rand, British pound, euro and Botswana pula are all accepted, although most transactions are in United States dollars. Major credit cards, including American Express, Diners Club, Mastercard and Visa, are accepted in Zimbabwe.

The EcoCash mobile payments solution is widely used and is therefore useful if you obtain a local SIM card.

Electricity supply and voltage

The standard voltage in Zimbabwe is 220–240 volts and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Power sockets are type G (the standard socket type used in the United Kingdom, which takes plugs with three square pins). An image of this socket type is shown below.



You are advised to bring a plug adapter and a voltage converter (if warranted) to allow you to charge your devices in Zimbabwe.

Mobile network operators

Econet, Telecel and NetOne are the three main mobile network operators in Zimbabwe. All three offer prepaid SIM cards. A 3G SIM card costs \$2. You will need to show your passport when purchasing a SIM card from an authorized store.

Many foreign mobile telephone companies offer roaming services in Zimbabwe.

Customs requirements

To comply with national customs regulations, you should declare all laptops and conference equipment in your possession when you enter Zimbabwe.

Health care

First aid will be provided free of charge by medical personnel at the conference venue. Participants are advised to update and buy additional travel health insurance that covers health care and emergency evacuation when travelling.

If you use chronic medication, make sure that you have packed enough stock for your entire stay in Zimbabwe. This will ensure that you do not run out of any regular medication that may not be on sale at Victoria Falls. Please note that some medication is sold under a different brand in different countries.

The following medical facilities are located in the nearby town of Victoria Falls:

Premier Clinic

413 Clark Road

Zambezi Complex (opposite OK Supermarket)

Victoria Falls

Phone: +263 772 120 270

Contact: Dr. Elwin Finnity

Email: <u>efinnity@psmi.co.zw</u>

The Health Bridge (THB) Private Hospital

Address: 95 West Drive

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel.: +263 83 284 6634/5

Website: www.thehealthbridge.org

Victoria Falls Medical Centre

Address: West Drive (next to Medical Air Rescue Services (MARS))

Tel.: +263 83 284 0529 / 3356

Please ensure that your vaccinations are up to date at least four to six weeks before travelling to Zimbabwe. More information is available at <u>https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/zimbabwe</u>.

Vaccination against yellow fever is required for travellers who have departed or transited through a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission no more than six days before arriving in Zimbabwe. If this is the case, you should carry your yellow fever vaccination certificate with your travel documents.

Active cholera transmission is widespread in Zimbabwe, but rare among travellers. Certain factors may increase your risk of contracting and becoming seriously ill from cholera. More information on cholera transmission and vaccination can be found at <u>www.who.int/en/news- room/fact- sheets/detail/c holera</u> and at <u>www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/cholera.html</u>.

Malaria prophylaxis is recommended. More information on malaria prevention can be found at <u>www.cdc.gov/malaria/travelers/country_table/a.ht</u> <u>ml</u>.

Traveller diarrhoea is a common disease found almost everywhere. Always maintain proper hand hygiene and eat foods that are hot. Avoid cold dishes as much as possible and eat fruit that can be peeled or washed before consumption.

Procedures for media accreditation

All members of the media will require accreditation by the host Government and the secretariat of the conference.

Media professionals from outside Zimbabwe

All invited sponsored and self-sponsored media professionals travelling to Zimbabwe must register online at <u>https://indico.un.org/event/1008656/regis</u> <u>trations/13701/</u>. Once your registration has been approved by the organizing team, you will receive an official invitation letter to facilitate your visa application process. Media professionals residing in countries without an embassy of Zimbabwe will be advised on attendance modalities once their registration has been approved.

Invited media professionals must submit a letter of assignment and a valid official identification document (such as a press card, work identification document, driving licence or passport) to <u>denekews.uneca@un.org</u> as proof of their media affiliation. They should also present the same items when they reach the registration counter at the conference venue.

A media centre will be set up at the venue to facilitate media coverage of the session. More information on this will be communicated directly to registered media.

Media professionals will be required to complete an equipment form to facilitate customs clearance. The form will be sent to invited media professionals together with an official invitation letter.

More information on accreditation for media professionals from outside Zimbabwe is provided in annex III.

Media professionals based in Zimbabwe

Media professionals based in Zimbabwe can apply for on-site registration. To do so, you must present a letter of assignment and passport to the designated media desk from 1 February 2024. You may write to <u>denekews.uneca@un.org</u> shortly before the start of the conference for further information on the procedures to be followed.

Facilities and services

Internet

The Wi-Fi password will be communicated to all participants when they reach the venue and will be on display in all areas where participants gather.

Security advisory

The Government of Zimbabwe will provide 24-hour security to all very important persons attending the session. All hotels and conference venues will be monitored and guarded by police officers. As is the case in any other tourist resort town, visitors are discouraged from venturing into unlit areas at night. You are strongly encouraged to read the security information provided by your hotel to ensure your personal safety. Please also be aware that the town of Victoria Falls is surrounded by the Zambezi, Mosi-oa-Tunya and Victoria Falls national parks, which are home to many large wild animals. You are advised to remain security-conscious, stay alert and vigilant, maintain a low profile, avoid going anywhere alone where possible, avoid going out at night, and report any incidents to the security team.

While you are at the conference venue, please ensure that you:

- Wear your conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it.
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated or destroyed.
- Do not bring unauthorized persons or children into the conference facilities.
- Look after your valuable property.
- Check that you have taken all your documents and personal items before you leave the conference halls and meeting rooms.
- Inform the security and safety services or a security officer on duty if you lose anything valuable.

When you are in your hotel, please abide by the following safety advice:

- Lock your door when entering or leaving your hotel room.
- Before leaving, inspect your room to make sure that no money, jewellery, cameras or other valuables are visible.
- Before you leave your hotel room, deposit valuables and any other important portable items at the reception desk and ask for a receipt or leave them in the safe in your hotel room.
- Should you observe anything suspicious or unusual, please inform the security and safety services or a security officer.

Emergency contact details

Entity	Contact numbers
United Nations Department for Safety and Security Operations Centre in Zimbabwe	+263 772 132 204/6, +263 719 534 632
Zimbabwe State security	+263 712 872 592 / +263 773 648 800
Elephant Hills Resort security	+263 777 599 186 / +263 772 481 686
Victoria Falls National Park security	+263 83 284 4353/+263 83 284 2294
Fire service	+263 83 284 4400
Ambulance service	+263 83 284 4646 / +263 83 284 4764

General information about the town of Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls is a small town in the Province of Matabeleland North, in Zimbabwe. The town lies on the southern bank of the Zambezi River, at the western end of the famous waterfall bearing the same name. The town is connected by road and railway to Hwange (109 km away) and Bulawayo (440 km away), both to the south-east. According to the census carried out in 2022, Victoria Falls has a population of over 33,000. Victoria Falls Airport is located

18 km south of the town and has international services to numerous cities in Southern Africa.

The town is a short distance from Mosi-oa-Tunya (meaning "the smoke that thunders"), known worldwide as Victoria Falls, on the Zambezi River. Since the river forms the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, the Falls are shared by the two countries.

Climate

Zimbabwe has a tropical climate with many local variations. The southern parts of the country are known for their heat and aridity, while parts of the central plateau receive frost in winter. The Zambezi valley is also known for its extreme heat, whereas the eastern highlands have cool temperatures and the highest rainfall in the country. The rainy season generally runs from late October to March. In some areas of the country, the hot climate is moderated by high altitudes.

Time zone

Zimbabwe observes Central Africa Time (UTC+2).

Aerial view of the venue



Annex I *

Category A

Visitors from the countries and territories listed below do not require a visa to travel to Zimbabwe.

1.	Angola	17.	Kenya	32.	Samoa
2.	Antigua and Barbuda	18.	Kiribati	33.	Seychelles
3.	Aruba	19.	Leeward Islands	34.	Singapore
4.	Bahamas	20.	Lesotho	35.	Solomon Islands
5.	Barbados	21.	Madagascar	36.	South Africa
6.	Belize	22.	Malaysia	37.	Saint Kitts and Nevis
7.	Botswana	23.	Malawi	38.	United Republic of
8.	Cayman Islands	24.	Maldives		Tanzania
9.	Democratic Republic	25.	Malta	39.	Togo
	of the Congo	26.	Mauritius	40.	Trinidad and Tobago
10.	Cyprus	27.	Montserrat	41.	Turks and Caicos Islands
11.	Eswatini	28.	Namibia	40	
12.	Fiji	29.	Nauru	42.	Tuvalu
13.	Ghana	30.	Saint Lucia	43.	Uganda
14.	Grenada	31.	Saint Vincent and the	44.	Zambia
15.	Hong Kong, China	- /	Grenadines		
16.	Jamaica				

^{*} The A, B and C category lists in the present annex have been reproduced here for ease of reference only, exactly as they appear on the visa regime webpage (<u>www.evisa.gov.zw/regime</u>) of the eVisa Zimbabwe website. The designations employed in the present annex do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the United Nations Secretariat concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities.

Category B

1.	Albania	25.	Costa Rica	50.	Honduras
2.	Algeria	26.	Croatia	51.	Hungary
3.	Argentina	27.	Cuba	52.	Iceland
4.	Armenia	28.	Czechia	53.	India
5.	Australia	29.	Denmark	54.	Indonesia
6.	Austria	30.	Dominican Republic	55.	Islamic Republic of Iran
7.	Azerbaijan	31.	Ecuador	56.	Ireland
8.	Bahrain	32.	Egypt	57.	Israel
9.	Belarus	33.	El Salvador	58.	Italy
10.	Belgium	34.	Equatorial Guinea	59.	Japan
11.	Bermuda	35.	Estonia	60.	Kazakhstan
12.	Bhutan	36.	Ethiopia	61.	Republic of Korea
13.	Bosnia and	37.	Finland	62.	Kuwait
	Herzegovina	38.	France	63.	Kyrgyzstan
14.	Brazil	39.	French Guiana	64.	Latvia
15.	British Virgin Islands	40.	French Polynesia	65.	Liechtenstein
16.	Brunei Darussalam	41.	French West Indies	66.	Lithuania
17.	Bulgaria	42.	Georgia	67.	Luxembourg
18.	Burundi	43.	Germany	68.	Macao, China
19.	Canada	44.	Gibraltar	69.	Marshall Islands
20.	Cabo Verde	45.	Greece	70.	Mexico
21.	Chile	46.	Guam	71.	Federated States of
22.	China	47.	Guatemala		Micronesia
23.	Comoros	48.	Guyana	72.	Moldova
24.	Cook Islands	49.	Haiti		

Visitors from the countries and territories listed below can obtain a visa on arrival in Zimbabwe, upon payment of the requisite visa fee.

73.	Monaco	89.	Puerto Rico	105.	Tajikistan
74.	Netherlands	90.	Reunion	106.	Turkey
75.	New Caledonia	91.	Romania	107.	Turkmenistan
76.	New Zealand	92.	Russian Federation	108.	Ukraine
77.	Nicaragua	93.	Rwanda	109.	United Arab Emirates
78.	Norfolk Island	94.	American Samoa	110.	United Kingdom
79.	Northern Mariana	95.	San Marino	111.	United States of America
	Islands	96.	Sao Tome and	112.	Uruguay
80.	Norway		Principe	113.	Uzbekistan
81.	Palau	97.	Senegal	114.	Vatican City
82.	Palestine	98.	Serbia	115.	Bolivarian Republic of
83.	Panama	99.	Slovakia	1101	Venezuela
84.	Papua New Guinea	100.	Slovenia	116.	United States Virgin Islands
85.	Paraguay	101.	Spain		
86.	Peru	102.	Suriname		
87.	Poland	103.	Sweden		
88.	Portugal	104.	Switzerland		

Category C

Visitors from the countries and territories listed below are normally required to obtain a visa before travelling to Zimbabwe. However, ECA has reached an agreement with the Government of Zimbabwe for visas to be issued on arrival to participants from countries and territories in category C.

1.	Afghanistan	22.	Iraq	43.	Saudi Arabia
2.	Anguilla	23.	Jordan	44.	Sierra Leone
3.	Bangladesh	24.	Kosovo	45.	Somalia
4.	Benin	25.	Lao People's	46.	South Sudan
5.	Bolivia		Democratic Republic	47.	Sri Lanka
6.	Burkina Faso	26.	Lebanon	48.	Sudan
7.	Cambodia	27.	Liberia	49.	Syrian Arab
8.	Cameroon	28.	Libya		Republic
9.	Côte d'Ivoire	29.	Mali	50.	Taiwan
10.	Central African	30.	Mauritania	51.	Thailand
	Republic	31.	Mongolia	52.	North Macedonia
11.	Chad	32.	Montenegro	53.	Togo
12.	Colombia	33.	Morocco	54.	Tunisia
13.	Congo	34.	Myanmar	55.	Viet Nam
14.	Democratic People's	35.	Nepal	56.	Yemen
	Republic of Korea	36.	Niger		
15.	Djibouti	37.	Nigeria		
16.	East Timor	38.	Oman		
17.	Eritrea	39.	Pakistan		
18.	Gabon	40.	Philippines		
19.	Gambia	41.	Qatar		
20.	Guinea	42.	Refugee		
21.	Guinea-Bissau				

Annex II

Recommended hotels

Name	Distance from the conference venue	Room types, availability and rates for conference participants per night ¹ (United States dollars)	Contact details
Elephant Hills	0 km	1 presidential suite (\$1,500)	Tel: +263 83 284 4793-9 ²
Hotel and Resort		6 suites (\$350)	Email: <u>reservations@ehr.africansun.co.zw;</u> <u>banquetingco@ehr.africansun.co.zw</u>
		93 standard rooms (\$165)	Contact person: Nancy
Victoria Falls	3.9 km	7 premium rooms (\$922)	Tel: +263 83 284 4751-9
Hotel		4 deluxe rooms (\$1,237)	Mobile: +263 773 608 944
			Email: resoperationsmgr@victoriafallshotel.com
			Contact person: Tich
Rainbow Hotel	2.5 km	40 standard rooms (\$120)	Tel: +263 83 284 4583-5; +263 772 307 130
			Email: reservations.vfrh@rtg.co.zw
			Contact person: Eginetha
Victoria Falls	1.0 km	15 standard rooms (\$182)	Tel: +263 83 284 3211-20
Safari		10 club rooms (\$231)	Mobile +263 712 207 381/2
			Email: safgroup@saflodge.co.zw
			Contact person: Lynah
Lokhuthula Lodges	1.8 km	9 two-bedroom lodges (\$112 per bedroom) 5 three-bedroom lodges	Tel: +263 83 284 3211–20
6.1			Email: <u>reservations@saflodge.co.zw</u>
		(\$112 per bedroom)	
Wild Trekkers	5.0 km	3 family rooms (\$120)	Tel: +263 83 284 2356/53
Lodge		5 superior rooms (\$100)	Mobile: +263 783 136 750
		5 twin rooms (\$100)	Email: mervischafota22@gmail.com
			Contact person: Mervis
Pamusha Lodge	4.9 km	11 double rooms (\$120)	Mobile: +263 779 369 160
			Email: reservations@pamusha.com
			Contact person: Mrs. Makanza
Cresta Sprayview	4.0 km	20 standard rooms (\$100, \$130)	Tel: +263 83 284 4344-6 / +263 83 284 5196
Sprayview		φ130 <i>)</i>	Mobile:+263 712 597 663
			Email: <u>gm@sprayview.co.zw</u> ; <u>dutymgr@sprayview.cresta.co.zw</u>
			Contact person: Patience

¹ For hotels for which special rates for conference participants have been negotiated by the secretariat, the rates are provided in the table. Shuttle services to the conference site will be available at all hotels in the table.

² The hyphen between the 3 and the 9 in the telephone number is used in Zimbabwe to indicate that you can dial +263 83 284 4793, +263 83 284 4794, +263 83 284 4795, +263 83 284 4796, +263 83 284 4797, +263 83 284 4799.

Shearwaters	4.1 km	20 deluxe rooms (\$140)	Mobile: +263 771 417 147
Explorer Village			Email: <u>explorersvillage1@shearwatervf.com</u>
			Contact person: Chankiel
Palm River	1.6 km	35 rooms (\$303, \$426)	Tel: +263 83 284 4737-9
Hotel			Mobile: +263 8677 196 873
			Email: <u>reservations@palmriverhotel.com</u>
			Contact person: Tinashe
Mbano Manor	4.5 km	14 suites (\$280)	Mobile: +263 788 102 488 ; + 263 788 928 776
Hotel			Email: res@mbanomanorhotel.com
			Contact person: Nonhlanhla
Insika Lodge	2.0 km	11 luxury rooms (\$128)	Mobile: +263 789 852 051
		11 signature rooms (\$160)	Email: <u>Krishna@insikalodge.com</u> ;
			res@insikalodge.com
			Contact person: Krishna
Zambezi	4.2 km	12 deluxe rooms (\$120)	Mobile: + 263 772 937 650
Boutique Guest House			Email: reservations@khanondosafaris.com
			Contact person: Sandra
N1 Hotel	3.6 km	32 standard rooms (\$87)	Mobile: +263 783 890 807; +263 786 957 709
		4 twin rooms (\$87) 4 deluxe rooms (\$97)	Email: vicfalls@n1hotel.co.zw
Bhejane Lodge	4.1 km	13 double rooms (\$115)	Tel: +263 83 284 3380
			Mobile: +263 774 946 542
			Email: <u>info@bhejanelodge.co.zw</u>
			Contact person: Sandra
Premier Guest	4.4 km	20 double rooms (\$120)	Mobile: +263 774 702 333
Lodge			Email: abigail@africapremiersafaris.com
			Contact person: Abigail
Nkosi Lodge	2.6 km	15 superior rooms (\$125)	Mobile: 263 83 284 0414; +263 83 284 7321
			Email: res@bayeteguestlodge.com
			Contact person: Bron
The Shrub Lodge	3.5 km	15 double rooms (\$160)	Mobile: +263 772 897 808; +263 712 219 220
			Email: phiri@shrublodge.com
			Contact person: D. Phiri
Bishophouse	6.1 km	14 double rooms (\$90)	Mobile: +263 776 310 611
			Email: info@bishophousevicfalls.com
			Contact person: Benjamin
Telescope		6 standard rooms (\$180) 6 executive rooms (220)	Mobile: +263 714 234 000
Boutique Lodge		1 executive suite (\$260)	Email: <u>stay@telescope.co.zw</u>
			Contact persons: Norma and Tatenda

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Dzimbahwe Lodge	5.5 km	7 double rooms (\$100) 4 king rooms (\$120) 5 triple rooms (\$100)	Mobile: +26377 346 2343; +263 716 355 194; +263 772 399 779 Email: <u>reservations@dzimbahweguestlodge.com</u> Contact person: Grace
Victoria Falls Deluxe	5.5 km	6 standard rooms (\$100) 5 executive rooms (\$150) 2 deluxe rooms (\$180)	Mobile: +263 778 400 017; +263 774 016 072 Email: <u>deluxereservations@khanondosafaris.com</u>
Miombo Mews	5.2 km	15 two-bedroom apartments (\$80)	Mobile: +263 789 458 231 Email: <u>info@miombomews.com</u>
Shongwe Oasis	4.4 km	6 double rooms	Tel: +263 83 284 4209 Mobile: +263 772 903 803 Email: <u>reservations@shongwelookout.com</u> Contact person: Precious
Shongwe Lookout	4.5 km	8 double rooms	Tel: +263 83 284 4209 Mobile: +263 772 903 803 Email: <u>reservations@shongwelookout.com</u> Contact person: Precious
Ilala Lodge	3.6 km		Tel: +263 83 284 4737 Mobile: +263 712 212 270 Email: <u>reservations@ilalallodge.co.zw</u>
Bayete Guest Lodge	5.0 km		Tel: +263 83 284 2273 Email: <u>bayetelodge@gmail.com</u>
Victoria Falls Rest Camp	3.0 km		Tel: +263 83 284 0509–11 Email: <u>reservations@restcamp.co.zw</u>
Mopani Lodge	4.9 km		Tel: +263 83 284 6023 Email: <u>reservations@mopani.travel</u>
Stanley and Livingstone	12.8 km		Tel: +263 83 284 2313/4571 Email: <u>lodges@horizons.co.zw</u>
Batonka Guest Lodge	4.0 km		Tel: +263 83 284 6923 Email: <u>info@batonkaguestlodge.com</u>
Imbabala Zambezi			Tel: +263 83 284 4571 Email: <u>res6@ wildhorizons.co.zw</u>
Elephant Camp	12.0 km		Tel: +263 83 284 4571–3 Email: <u>res6@wildhorizons.co.zw</u>
Tatenda Safari	4.6 km		Mobile: +263 779 556 114; +263 779 384 337 Email: tatendasafaris@yahoo.com
Victoria Falls Backpackers Lodge	4.0 km		Tel: +263 83 284 2209 Mobile: +263 712 443 333 Email: info@victoriafallsbackpackers.com

Old Ursula	7.8 km	Tel: +263 83 284 2313/4571
		Email: lodges@horizon.co.zw
		Contact person: Wilma
Mandebele	4.2 km	Tel: +263 83 284 7093
Lodge		Mobile: +263 775 127 165
		Email: margiepornss@gmail.com
A'Zambezi	1.8 km	Tel: +263 83 284 4561–9
River Lodge		Email: <u>Reservations.Azambezi@rtg.co.zw</u>
Pillacol Lodge	4.6 km	Mobile: +263 783 130 516; +263 772 765 055
		Email: pillacolguesthousereservations@gmail.com
Pioneers Lodge	5.2 km	Tel: +263 83 284 0342
		Mobile: +263 787 247 838
		Email: <u>info@pioneersvicfalls.com</u>
Lezpat Travel	4.6 km	Mobile: +263 783 885 665
		Email: reservations@lezpattravel.com

Annex III

General requirements and procedures for the temporary accreditation of foreign journalists and filming crews to work in Zimbabwe (approved in 2023)

1. Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services

The Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services facilitates the clearance and accreditation of foreign journalists and media practitioners.

2. Application procedure

Journalists must apply for accreditation to the Ministry through the embassy of Zimbabwe in their country of residence or, in some cases, directly to the Ministry. The application letter should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary for Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services and should state the following details: the applicant's full name, gender, passport number, the organization they represent, designation, workstation, contact details, nature of assignment, specific coverage dates in Zimbabwe and a copy of a valid press card from their country of residence. Applications can be faxed to the Ministry using the number +263 24 270 8557 or +263 24 276 4088 or emailed to commservicesinternational@gmail.com.

3. Clearance letter from the Ministry

The Ministry responds to applications through the embassy of Zimbabwe in the applicant's country or by responding directly to the applicant.

4. Pre-travel clearance requirement

Journalists who have applied for accreditation but have not yet received a response from the Ministry should not travel to Zimbabwe until they have received their clearance letter. Clearance usually takes around 30 working days to be processed. Journalists are therefore advised to apply sufficiently far in advance.

5. Clearance letter required for issuance of visas

Journalists must present the clearance from the Ministry to obtain the visa, either at the embassy of Zimbabwe or at the port of entry in Zimbabwe, depending on the country from which the journalist is travelling.

6. Zimbabwe Media Commission accreditation

Once in Zimbabwe, the journalist should visit the Zimbabwe Media Commission for accreditation. The Zimbabwe Media Commission accredits visiting foreign journalists on a project basis.

The Zimbabwe Media Commission requires:

- (a) Two passport-size photographs;
- (b) Application and accreditation fees: \$200;
- (c) Filming of documentaries or special productions: \$2,500;

(d) Special accreditation fees apply, subject to request and approval, for Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries and other countries:

- (i) SADC: \$65;
- (ii) Rest of Africa: \$80;
- (iii) Other countries: \$150.

7. Zimbabwe Revenue Authority temporary import permit guarantees

It is the responsibility of the visiting media organization or individual temporarily importing equipment for use in Zimbabwe to financially guarantee the re-export of equipment with the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority at the port of entry. The Ministry only facilitates clearances for journalists and does not guarantee any equipment brought into the country by foreign journalists and media. The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority can be contacted at +263 24 279 $0811-4.^3$

8. Equipment clearance and licensing by the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe

Foreign journalists who intend to import video recording and live broadcasting equipment into Zimbabwe must first be cleared and licensed by the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe. A fee is charged for the process. The Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe can be contacted at +263-242-443465-7.

9. Use of drones in filming or photography

Permission to use aerial equipment, such as drones, for filming or photography should be obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe and the Ministry of Defence prior to the importation of such equipment into Zimbabwe. The Civil Aviation Authority can be contacted at $+263\ 24\ 258\ 5009-20$, while the Ministry of Defence can be contacted at +263-242-252053/4.

³ The hyphen between the 1 and the 4 in the telephone number is used in Zimbabwe to indicate that you can dial +263 24 279 0811, +263 24 279 0812, +263 24 279 0813 or +263 24 279 0814.