

Fifth conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-V)

Information note

Conference venue

The CCDA-V conference will be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from the 28th-30th October 2015. The venue will be the Elephant Hills Resort, where some of the participants will also stay.

Elephant hills hotel and resort is situated on a small hill overlooking the Zambezi River, 4km upstream from the Victoria Falls with advanced conferencing amenities for upto 500 participants.



Hotel information

ClimDev-Africa has reserved a number of hotels to accommodate participants. Participants can stay at any of the hotels where arrangements have been made. The list of the hotels is attached in appendix I.

Participants will be responsible for settling their hotel bills including accommodation, meals, telephone, Internet/fax, room service, mini-bar and laundry.

Some participants will be accommodated in Livingstone, a town that is across the border in Zambia.

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Visa processing

The application of an entry visa to the Republic of Zimbabwe is the responsibility of each participant. The Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate will only assist participants to obtain visas by sending official invitation letters, where required, but participants are requested to contact the Zimbabwean Embassy, High Commission or Consulate in their country of residence for any information on this subject.

All travelers arriving in Zimbabwe should have a valid passport. Zimbabwe has three (3) Visa categories, namely A, B and C.

There are three categories of countries in the visa process. Category A do not need visas to enter Zimbabwe, while Category B nationals can obtain a visa on arrival on paying visa fees. Category C nationals are required to obtain a visa on arrival. Countries in the three categories are provided in Appendix II.

To process a visa for entry into Zimbabwe, please open the e-visa website at <https://www.evisa.gov.zw>. Note that on average, it takes 2-3 days to obtain an online visa.

Immigration requirements

To comply with the import customs regulations of the Government of Zimbabwe, conference participants should declare laptops and conference equipment they may carry with them when entering the country.

Registration

Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the meeting. There will be a documentation and registration desk at the reception located at the Elephant Hills Hotel, where participants can register and receive an information package.

For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear the meeting badge all the times during the meeting.

Language

The Conference working languages will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in these languages.

Local transportation

The organizers have arranged for shuttle buses for airport transfers. If you would like to use the bus provided by the organizers to travel from Victoria Falls airport to the CCDA-V venue and back but are not sponsored, kindly complete an online form to indicate your travel itinerary. The form is provided at <http://www.climdev-africa.org/ccda5/localtransport>

Buses will be available to provide daily transportation from all block booked hotels to the conference venue.

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

DSA will be provided to sponsored participants in Victoria Falls at the conference venue (exact place and time will be announced at the conference).

Health care

Visitors to Zimbabwe should be in possession of a valid vaccination certificate for yellow fever. Ebola checks will be done at the point of entry. A Medical Doctor will be onsite at the workshop venue. Participants should ensure that routine vaccinations are up to date, including hepatitis A, rabies and typhoid.

In case of accident or illness during the meeting, the participant must immediately inform a member of the Organizing Committee through the contact persons. Participants should ensure that they are adequately insured, either at their own expense or at the expense of the body that sponsored them - against illness, accident, temporary disability, death and damage to third parties and that for the duration of the meeting. ECA does not assume any responsibility or liability for such risks.

Below is the list of a few clinics in Victoria Falls:

T.H.B. Private Hospital

www.thehealthbridge.org

Victoria Falls Medical Center

+263 13 43356,

Victoria Falls

Money

Zimbabwean operates a multi-currency system. United States Dollars (USD), South African Rand (ZAR), British Pound Sterling, Euro and Botswana Pula are legal tender, although most transactions are in US Dollars. Credit & Debit Cards: American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted in Zimbabwe. ATMs are widely available.

Participants are advised to bring an adequate supply of hard currency or travellers-cheques.

Bank working Hours:

8.00am- 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

8.00am – 12,00noon Saturday.

Closed Sundays and public holidays

Security

The Government of Zimbabwe will provide 24 hour security for all the VIPs. All hotels and conference venues will be manned by the police. Zimbabwe is a peaceful country. Like any other tourist resort town

around the world, visitors are discouraged from venturing into unlit area. Please read the security information provided by your hotel for your personal safety. Note also that Victoria Falls is a resort town located in a National Park with wildlife

Climate

Victoria Falls town is located to the extreme North-West of Zimbabwe at an altitude of 930m above sea level. In October, the town enjoys hot daytime temperatures as high as 36°C and as cool as 15°C early morning. Humidity ranges from 25% on dry days and 100% when there are afternoon or evening showers, especially during the last half of the month. Winds are generally North-Easterly and light to moderate i.e. from 5 to 10 knots.

Time zone

Zimbabwe time zone is GMT+3

Electricity supply

Electricity supply in Zimbabwe is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp, three square pin (United Kingdom) socket. An image of this socket type is included below.



Mobile phone service

Econet, Telecel and Netone are the main mobile Telecommunication Companies in Zimbabwe which offer SIM cards with pre-charged airtime. The cost of a 3G SIM card is 2 USD . Participants will require their passport when purchasing a SIM card from authorized stores.

Zimbabwe has roaming convention with many countries.

General Information on Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls is a town in the province of Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe. It lies on the southern bank of the Zambezi River at the western end of the Victoria Falls themselves. It is connected by road and railway to Hwange (109 km away) and Bulawayo (440 km away), both to the south-east.

According to the 2012 Population Census, the town had a population of 33,060. Victoria Falls Airport is located 18 km south of the town and has international services to Johannesburg and Namibia.

Appendix I: Hotels

Hotels with special arrangements with ACPC (and special rate for participants):

Hotel Name	Category	Website
Elephant Hill Hotel	5 Star	www.elephanthillsresort.com
Victoria Falls Hotel	3 Star	www.victoriafallshotel.com
CrestaSpray view Hotel	3 Star	www.crestasprayview.com

Appendix II: Visa regime

Category A: no visa required

1 Antigua & Barbuda	15 Kenya	29 Singapore
2 Aruba	16 Kiribati	30 Solomon Isle
3 Bahamas	17 Leeward Isl	31 St Kitts
4 Barbados	18 Lesotho	32 St Lucia
5 Belize	19 Malaysia	33 St Vincent & The Grenadies
6 Botswana	20 Malawi	34 Swaziland
7 Cayman	21 Maldives	35 Tanzania
8 Congo (DRC)	22 Malta	36 Togo
9 Cyprus	23 Mauritius	37 Trinidad & Tobago
10 Fiji	24 Montserrat	38 Turk & Caicos Islands
11 Grenada	25 Namibia	39 Tuvalu
12 Hong Kong	26 Nauru	40 Uganda
13 Hong Kong (China)	27 New Zealand	41 Vanuatu
14 Jamaica	28 Samoa Western	42 Zambia

Category B: visa on arrival countries upon paying visa fee

1 Argentina	18 Hungary	36 Papua New Guinea
2 Austria	19 Indonesia	37 Poland
2 Australia	20 Iceland	38 Portugal
4 Belgium	21 Ireland	39 Puerto Rico
5 Bermuda	22 Israel	40 Russia
6 Brazil	23 Italy	41 Seychelles
7 Brunei	24 Japan	42 Slovak
8 Canada	25 Korea (South)	43 Spain
9 Czech Republic	26 Kuwait	44 Sweden
10 Cook Island	27 Liechtenstein	45 Switzerland
11 Denmark	28 Luxemburg	46 Uruguay

12 Dominic Rep	30 Monaco	47 United Kingdom
13 Egypt	31 Netherlands	48 United States of America
14 Finland	32 New Zealand	49 Vatican
15 France	33 Norway	50 Virgin Islands
16 Germany	34 Palau Islands	
17 Greece	35 Palestine	

Category C: visa must be obtained prior to travel (via online application)

1 Afghanistan	41 French Guiana	80 Nicaragua
2 Albania	42 French Polynesia	81 Niger
2 Algeria	43 French West Indies	82 Nigeria
4 Andorra	44 Gabon	83 Norfolk Islands
5 Angola	45 Gambia	84 Northern Mariana Isl.
6 Armenia	46 Georgia	85 Oman
7 Azerbaijan	47 Gibraltar	86 Pakistan
8 Bahrain	48 Guam	87 Panama
9 Bangladesh	49 Guatemala	89 Paraguay
10 Belarus	50 Guinea	90 Peru
11 Benin	51 Guinea Bissau	91 Philippines
12 Bhutan	52 Guyana	92 Principe
13 Bolivia	53 Haiti	93 Qatar
14 Bosnia-Herzegovina	54 Honduras	94 Reunion
15 Bulgaria	55 India	95 Romania
16 Burkina Faso	56 Iran	96 Samoa (America)
17 Cambodia	57 Iraq	97 San Marino
18 Cameroon	58 Jordan	98 Sao Tome
19 Cape Verde Islands	59 Kazakhstan	99 Saudi Arabia
20 Central Africa Republic	60 Korea (DPRK)	100 Senegal
21 Chad	61 Krygyzstan	101 Serbia

22 Chile	62 Laos	102 Sierra Leone
23 China	63 Latvia	103 Somalia
24 Colombia	64 Lebanon	104 Sri Lanka
25 Comoros Islands	65 Liberia	105 Sudan
26 Congo (Brazaville)	66 Libya	106 Suriname
27 Costa Rica	67 Lithuania	107 Syria
28 Conakry	68 Macau	108 Tajikistan
30 Cote d'Voire	69 Madagascar	109 Taiwan
31 Croatia	70 Mali	110 Thailand
32 Cuba	71 Mashall Islands	111 Togo
33 Djibouti Republic	72 Mauritania	112 Tunisia
34 Equator	73 Mexico	113 Turkey
35 El Salvador	74 Micronesia	114 Turkmenistan
36 Equatorial Guinea	75 Moldova	115 Ukraine
37 Eritrea	76 Mongolia	116 Uzbekistan
38 Estonia	77 Morocco	117 Venezuela
39 Ethiopia	78 Myanmar	118 Yemen Republic
40 Ethiopia	79 Nepal	119 Yugoslavia
	80 New Caledonia	

Appendix III: Selected restaurants in Victoria Falls

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