

ABOUT ZAMBIA

- **Location and Size**

Zambia is located in the southern part of Africa. It covers an area of 752000 square kilometers. Its neighbors are: Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe Namibia, Botswana and Angola.

- **Climate**

Zambia has three main seasons: Warm and wet (November to April), cool (May to July) hot and dry (August to October). Temperatures vary with time and location. The average maximum day time temperature in March is 25 degrees centigrade, with minimum night temperatures of 17 degrees centigrade.

- **Currency and Banking Services**

There are no exchange controls in Zambia. Banking facilities are readily available to offer transactions. Foreign exchange services are offered by banks bureau de change and major hotels.. The local currency is the 'Kwacha'(Zambian kwacha) in denomination of K50,000; K20,000; K10,000; K5,000; K1,000; K500; K100; K50 and k20. The rate of exchange varies but is currently at K4000 per 1 US\$.

- **Credit Card Transactions**

Most of the international credit cards are accepted for business transactions in Zambia. These include Mastercard, American Express, Visa, Dinner's club and Barclays connect.

- **Local Time**

Local time is GMT+2.

- **Natural Resources and Tourism**

Zambia is very rich in natural resources. Major water bodies include four lakes, namely, Tanganyika, Mwelu, Bangweulu, Kariba and six rivers namely Zambezi, Luangwa, Kafue, Chambeshi, Luapula, and Lukuwashi. Zambia is also rich in forestry and minerals. The country boasts of some of the biggest game parks in the sub Saharan Africa with a wide range of wild animals including elephant, Lion, giraffe, buffalo, zebra, hippo, leopard, lechwe, crocodile, and deer to mention a few. The major game parks are Kafue, Luangwa, Lower Zambezi, Liuwa and Nsumbu. There are several lodges in each game park. We hope delegates will seize this great opportunity and visit the many tourist facilities that the country offers.

- **Customs and excise**

Delegates wishing to bring plant and animal products into the country must obtain import permits in advance.

CONGRESS VENUE

The congress will be held in Livingstone, the tourist capital of Zambia. Livingstone is located about 520 kilometers South of Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia. Livingstone is named after a

well known English missionary and explorer, David Livingstone. The city is the home of the famous Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The local name for the Falls is Mosi -o- Tunya (The smoke that thunders).

On the banks of the river and next to the Victoria Falls is an ultra – modern, and recently built Zambezi Sun Hotel. The Mosi-o-Tunya National Park is also situated in close proximity to the Falls and the Hotel.

The following are the main attractions in Livingstone: Victoria Falls, Mosi-o-Tunya National Park, Mukuni Cultural Village, Crocodile Park, Railway museum, Boat cruises, Helicopter flights, Water rafting, Canoeing, Jet boating and the irresistible Banji jumping. Livingstone has a permanent National Dance Troupe that performs daily.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Delegates should as much as possible make their bookings via Johannesburg to Livingstone. There are several connecting flights from Johannesburg direct to Livingstone. Should delegates wish to fly via Lusaka to Livingstone, they are advised to make early bookings with domestic flights.

Delegates will be received at the airport and transferred to their hotel provided that they give their flight details in time.

LANGUAGE

- The languages used during the congress will be English and French with simultaneous translation.

INTERNET SERVICE

- Internet service will be available

HEALTH

- Yellow fever vaccine card is required

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