



## ZAMBIA 2023 IAOS-ISI CONFERENCE

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INFORMATION NOTE



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Zambia will be hosting the 2020 Zambia Conference: Better Lives for 2030 in Livingstone, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The 2023 Zambia Conference is the 17th International Association for Official Statistics Conference and 3rd International Statistical Institute Regional Statistics Conference. It is jointly organised by the International Association for Official Statistics, International Statistical Institute and the Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats).

The conference is being held after the rainy season, and the mighty Victoria Falls, one of Seven Wonders of the World, should be a magnificent sight to be witnessed.

## 1.0 Registration of Delegates

Registration of delegates will be done online at : <https://www.zamstats.gov.zm/register>. All delegates are advised to collect their conference IDs and other conference materials upon arrival at the Conference venue. Accreditation and Issuance of conference ID cards and bags will start on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2023 between 8:00am – 8:00pm. This process will continue on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April between 8:00am and 8:00pm and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April up to 12:00pm.

All participants will be required to wear their identification badges all the time to be allowed entry into the conference venues for identification and security purposes. Participants should ensure they present their passports for onsite accreditation.

### **Important: COVID-19 measures**

- All COVID-19 travel related restrictions for entry into Zambia have been lifted. All travellers to Zambia will no longer be required to show proof of vaccination, recovery or testing against COVID- 19.
- However, we recommend that delegates may wear a face mask at all times while in public spaces to protect themselves from COVID-19.



## 2.0 Working language of the Conference

The conference will be conducted in English and French.

## 3.0 Passport and Visa Requirements (VISA AND IMMIGRATION)

Requirements for visitor's visas to Zambia differ from country to country. Participants are encouraged to ascertain well in advance whether or not they will need a visa to enter Zambia, as well as applicable exemptions.

All Delegates applying for VISAs for the IAOS-ISI Conference to channel their applications directly to Immigration Office for processing and not through Zambia Statistics Agency. This will enable the Immigration Department to process VISA as quickly as possible. Kindly note that you do not need to upload copies of certified Certificate of Incorporation. All you need to upload is the invitation letter from ZamStats and other documents (EXCL. CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION). PLEASE APPLY FOR A BUSINESS VISA). The Immigration Department also requires that all participants' passports should be valid for at least 6 months before expiry.

Holders of diplomatic passports as well as United Nations Laissez Passer will receive visas gratis.

Delegates who require visas to enter Zambia are also strongly encouraged to apply and obtain visas online via the immigration website on <http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm>

## 4.0 Conference Venue-Avani

The Workshop and meeting will be held at AVANI Victoria Falls Resort in Livingstone, Zambia.





## 5.0 Hotel and accommodations arrangement-Avani

The negotiated room rates for participants is USD129 (bed and breakfast included) for a Standard Room at AVANI Victoria Falls Resort where the conference will take place. The list of other recommended hotels and Lodges can be found on <https://www.zamstats.gov.zm/2023-iaos-isi-conference/about-conference/>

**Check list under Hotel and Accommodation arrangement**



The hotel will also provide shuttle services to and from the airport. When making your reservation at AVANI Victoria Falls Resort kindly use the link provided and contact the hotel staff as indicated below.

The Hotel will also provide separate prayer rooms –for our male and female delegates requiring these. It will also provide Iftar and Suhoor meals for colleagues fasting during the holy month of Ramadan.

## Booking Link:

<https://secure.minorhotels.com/rooms.aspx?bc=AV&hc=VVIC&checkin=14/05/2020&nights=8&adults=2&rooms=1&children=&roomcode=&language=en&group=CEN0520>

## Contact person:

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Website: www.avanihotels.com

## Conference Packages

In addition to accommodation costs, all participants will be responsible for all other costs: i.e. telephone, room service, mini-bar and laundry, additional meals (dinner) - and must pay these directly to the hotel at checkout.

Buffet Lunch (with one non-alcoholic beverage) and two teas/coffees per day will be provided to all accredited participants during meeting days only.

Dinner: Participants will cater for their dinner and other incidentals.

Extra Expenses: All delegates will be responsible for the full payment of any extra costs they incur, such as laundry, telephone bills, use of the business centre, alcohol consumption and any others. Delegates will be subject to the full check out procedures of the hotel. T

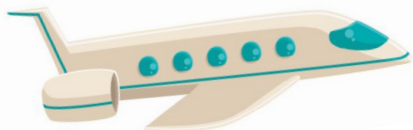
Conference Entertainment: Conference organisers will host a welcome cocktail party and a gala dinner for all participants. **Boat cruise will be available on the last day of the conference, however, delegates will have to incur their own cost.**

## Weather in Livingstone

Temperatures in April hovers between 18°C and 30.5°C with possibility of rainfall.

Disclaimer: The Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants secure, prior to departure, international medical insurance for the period of participation.

## 7.0 Flight Options



Several International and local Airlines operate to and from Livingstone such as Kenya Airways, South African Airways, Ethiopia Airways, Proflight, among others. It is recommended that participants secure their return/onward air passage prior to their arrival in Livingstone.

For those that would want to fly to Zambia through Lusaka, the Capital city of Zambia, airlines that operate to and from Lusaka, include Kenya Airways, South African Airways, Ethiopian Airways, Emirates, Air Namibia, Air Malawi, Air Tanzania, Rwandair. If you fly through Lusaka, you would need to book a local flight from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (Lusaka) to Livingstone and the available flights are Mahogany Air and Proflight.



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## 8.0 General information

### *(i) Weather and time zone information*

The climate in Zambia is tropical or sub-tropical depending on altitude. The hot, humid, and rainy season is from mid-November to March with a dry season from April to mid-November. The driest months are June, July and August, when it practically never rains.

In Livingstone, May temperatures range from average highs of 28 degrees Celsius during the day and lows of 10 degrees Celsius at night.

The time zone for Zambia is GMT/UTC + 0 hours. For the time difference between Zambia and your country please visit <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>.

### *(ii) Electricity*

The electrical current in Zambia is 220-240 Volts. The plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



### *(iii) Currency*

Zambia uses Kwacha (ZMW) as its official currency. Zambia offers various diverse methods of spending money, including cash, electronic and has a strong financial system for local and international banks. One of the most convenient ways is using your debit card or credit card. Major credit cards, such as MasterCard and Visa, are widely accepted here. Debit cards and cheque cards can be used over the counter and at ATMs wherever there's a MasterCard or Visa sign. You will find ATMs on banks all over Livingstone. The banks are generally open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday. Most hotels and large store accept credit cards.



#### *(iv) Health Services*



Zambia is certified yellow-fever free country. However, Please note that a valid yellow fever certificate is needed upon arrival. One can also have access to medical facilities while in Zambia. A Clinic will be set up at the conference venue. In case of serious health cases the following health facilities may be visited (MoH).

Health Care Service available during your temporary stay in Livingstone

Government Health Facilities	
1	Airport Urban Health Centre
2	Army School of Ordinance Clinic
3	Boma Urban Health Centre
4	Chreso Ministries Urban Health Centre
5	DALICE Urban Health Centre
6	Dental Urban Health Centre
7	Hillcrest Health Post
8	Livingstone Central Hospital
9	Police Urban Health Centre
10	Prison Urban Health Centre
11	Victoria Falls Urban Health Centre
12	ZAF Clinic
Private Health Facilities	
13	Shafik Hospital
14	Mukuni Mini Hospital
15	Southern Medical Centre
16	Medprof
17	St. Francis
18	Mwenda Health Centre

#### *(v) Mobile phone services*



There are 3 mobile phone service providers namely Airtel, MTN and Zamtel. SIM cards are readily available at a cost of US\$0.45 from the mobile phone service providers' branches which are conveniently located at the airport, Shopping malls, among other places. You will need to present your passport as SIM registration is a requirement by law. Depending on your service provider in your country, you can also roam while in Zambia. The Zambia country code is +260



to the conference. The organizers will not accept any liability for damages and/or losses of any kind, which may be incurred by conference participants or by any persons accompanying them during official activities.



Victorial Falls Airport in Zimbabwe. . Kindly look out for the signpost **Zambia 2023 IAOS-ISI Conference**. There will be a bus from the Airport to various hotels where delegates are booked.



Shuttle bus services will be provided from selected hotels to the conference venue. The recommended hotels will have an information stand for any queries. Shuttle buses will be available to participants travelling between the recommended hotels and the conference venue in the mornings and at the end of the daily sessions.

*(ix) Security*



While Livingstone is a peaceful and safe place, delegates are advised to take precautions and be alert just like in any city at any given time especially at night. Ensure that you carry your passport always for easy identification should you encounter law enforcement officers in their routine duties. For participants who would like to explore the city ensure you use registered taxis. Most major hotels will be able to recommend registered and reliable taxis. A security briefing will be conducted at the start of the conference.

*(x) Useful Conference Contacts:*

For any urgent logistical matters upon your arrival in Livingstone, kindly contact the host organizer:

Name	Email	Telephone contact
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**9.0 Useful general contacts:**

Emergency phone numbers  
Ambulance: 992  
Police: 911  
Fire service: 993

**10.0 Tourism Activities**

Zambia offers numerous attractions that will take your breath away. The Victoria Falls, Africa's only one of the 7 natural wonders of the World, is grand and a must see. In addition to this, destination Livingstone offers a variety of tourism products which are outlined in Annex 1. There will be a desk that will be stationed at the venue with packages of various tourism sites/activities to visit.

However, for those willing to explore other destinations within Zambia, visit the Tourism website on [www.zambia.travel](http://www.zambia.travel).

## Annex I

**Victoria Falls:** locally known as Mosi-oa-Tunya or Shungu Namutitima (The Smoke That Thunders), is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. At the height of 108 meters and curtain fall of 1.7 KM wide, shared between Zambia and Zimbabwe, 1.2 km is on the Zambian side. Dr. David, Livingstone the Scottish Missionary and Explorer, first sighted the Victoria Falls on the Zambian Side and exclaimed the famous quote "scenes so Lovely, must have been gazed upon by angels in flight", is a must see in one's life time. During its full curtain season (January to July), the Falls comes alive at night during full moon periods availing the mystical famous and spectacular Lunar Rainbow. The May full moon is scheduled for 18 May, so this promises to provide many opportunities to see the Lunar Rainbow.



**Game drives:** The Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, home of the white rhino, covers 66 Square Kilometers along the banks of the Mighty Zambezi River which avails a wide variety of game that includes Elephants, Buffalos, Wildebeests, Giraffes, Zebras, Warthogs and a variety of antelopes and bird life. Its small size permits a view of all these in just about 3 hours aboard an open air 4x4 safari vehicle.





**Game Walk Safaris:** An eco-way of viewing the wildlife in its pristine wilderness of the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park giving a thrilling up-close view of the white rhinos and other game. The Experienced guide usher through the walks while giving the best knowledge of the animals, flora and fauna and ensuring that only memories are picked in exchange of the foot prints left.



**Sunset Cruise:** The boat Cruise on the Zambezi river offers the spectacular sunsets. Taking you upstream along the banks of the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park offers an opportunity to view the wildlife. This is a great time to hear the sound of a Hippos and see Elephants as they cross the river from time to time or as they feed on the islands. A cruise is a relaxing way to end your day as you enjoy complimentary variety of beverages and snacks as the sunsets.



**Helicopter flight:** referred to as the 'Flight of Angels' after a famous quote by David Livingstone the first European to have documented his visit to the Mighty Victoria Falls in November 1855. The flights offers a rare view of a true African wilderness full of a diversity of wildlife especially over the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park and the Zambezi river gorges.



**Micro Lights:** Fly like a bird on a two seat fixed wing aircraft. This gives a 360 degree stunning view of the Victoria Falls and the surrounding areas that include the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park and the ziz zag gorges of the Zambezi. With an eye of a bird view, it is very likely to see wildlife such as the Hippos in the Zambezi river, Elephants, Giraffe, Zebras and other game as it flies lower than a helicopter. Though personal cameras cannot be used on this flight, cameras are mounted on the wings auto capturing the scenes. Photos and videos are made available for purchase at the end of each flight.



**Walking with Lions:** In an effort to encourage conservation, operators have been selected to keep wild cats for breeding purposes. The African Lion is one of the highly endangered species of wild cats on the continent. Once breeding is complete their offspring do not have any human contact and are released into the wild to help boost their population.



The walks and interactions are done to raise funds for the project and also used as educational campaigns.



A large crocodile, likely a Nile crocodile, is resting on a rocky bank. Its head is raised, showing its mouth with sharp teeth and a red interior. The crocodile's body is covered in dark, scaly armor. In the background, there is a body of water and some green vegetation.

### Livingstone island/ Devil's Pool:

The island is a spot where Dr. David Livingstone first caught sight of the Victoria Falls in 1855. The Island is seasonal only offered when the water level is low (July to March) while the Devils pool, one of the best natural pools in the world is on this island, it offers a unique swim when the river is really low (Late August to early January). The island overlooks the main falls giving unrivaled view of the Victoria Falls. The Pool is separated from the water fall by a rock, making it a courage tester but proved safe with super experienced guides. Pick-ups from the Royal Livingstone Hotel sun deck is by speed boat though the current of the Zambezi river on a journey of about five minutes. This is a magical experience.



### Royal Livingstone Express Steam Train Dinner:

Consists of five carriages; two dinning cars, a kitchen car, lounge car and an observation car with steam locomotives 10th class 156 and 12th class 204 built in 1930's and renovated in 1971 and later restored in 2005. The train is fully air-conditioned and offers a five star five course set dinner. Two routes are taken by the train. The first route is on the Cape to Cairo mainline which goes up to the Victoria Falls bridge. There a stop is made for 20 minutes and all aboard disembark to view the Victoria Falls.



The train then heads back and dinner is served before arriving at the station. The second route is on the Mulobezi railway line through the valleys of the Zambezi river via the townships and later via the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. A stop for the sunset is made before a return journey with dinner served.



**Livingstone City Tour:** The city was named after David Livingstone, the Scottish explorer. With preserved buildings in its colonial style, yet most of them still in their original use, the city tours are must do.



The tour goes through the market places of both the curio sellers as well as ordinary markets. This gives an authentic picture of the day to day life of the average Zambian people who are met in their normal environment carrying out their day-to-day activities. The Livingstone museum which houses a wide range of memorabilia of Dr. David Livingstone is also included in the city tours.

**Victoria Falls River safaris:**

Propeller free safari boats give an unforgettable experience. Explore the Zambezi through wide winding river and the myriad of islands channels above the Victoria Falls. A unique safari way of viewing the water animals such as the hippos, crocodiles, water monitors along the shores. The banks of the Zambezi are not short of the wildlife from the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park and these small boats maneuver through to bring you as close to these animals as possible.



**Horse Safaris:** Horseback trails offers the opportunity to get up close and personal with wildlife while exploring the magnificent Zambian landscapes. All riders, novice to experience, will enjoy the leisurely ride through the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park and along the banks of the Zambezi river as.



**Under the spray:** Walking down the 111 meters gorge to the boiling pot and looking at the falls bottom-up while the spray is cooling you off, is a breathtaking experience that gives another perspective of the Victoria Falls from the bottom of the gorge. After a walk down, you cross the Zambezi under the supervision of the caring guides by paddling in the raft and then walk through the rocks to swim and stand right below the falls. The experience is unexplainable. An activity not to be missed if visiting during the low water season (July to December).



### Traditional Cultural Dances:

Maramba Cultural Village is a museum established to preserve the arts, crafts and culture of Zambia. The Cultural Village has a village atmosphere and houses artists, wood carvers, Blacksmiths and other craftsmen. Traditional foods can also be arranged for gro



The village offers Zambia's culture from all the 10 provinces being demonstrated in music and dance every weekend and public holidays. The Sound of the African drum at the village is not one to be missed.



**Bungee Jump:** If you are in need of a rush of adrenaline, then the bungee at the Victoria Falls is a must. The bungee on the 1905 Rhodesia Railways bridge is a must to complete that adrenaline tour of Zambia as you plunge down 111 meters into the Batoka chasm.



**Rafting:** The Zambezi river below the Victoria Falls offers the best white water rafting in the world. This activity is dependent on the water levels and is best done around June to January. The full day trip starts with a safety talk, then a 111 meters walk down the boiling pot below the Victoria Falls. In the inflated rafts the experienced and fun-loving guides take you through the 25 rapids of the Zambezi gorges. A camp is set on the way to save a s trip, a review of the trip is done on



**Fishing:** The Zambezi River is rich in Tiger fish and the Sport fishing. The guides will take you to the best fishing areas where urge for catching fish will be satisfied. The river also has about 75 species. The activity is enjoyed by professional anglers, recreational fishermen or first timers. Game viewing is a bonus during each fishing trip. Hippos and birds are a must see. Ensure your catch is recorded for it may just be the biggest catch of the year.



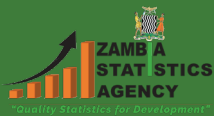
*We wish you fruitful exchanges during the conference and a pleasant and most memorable stay in Livingstone!*





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