



NEPAD PLANNING AND COORDINATING AGENCY

INFORMATION NOTE

2018 PIDA Week

PIDA Implementation through Good Governance – Realising Smart Infrastructure for Africa's Integration

26 – 28 November 2018,

Elephant Hills Resort, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Dear Participant,

We look forward to welcoming you to PIDA Week 2018 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, under auspices of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

VENUE

PIDA Week 2018 will be held at the **Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION

NEPAD Agency will avail all related documents for this meeting. A registration desk for accreditation will be set at the entrance of the meeting room. Please confirm your names and attendance through the Agency to enable facilitate badges.

An events page has been set up on the NEPAD Agency Website, Link below:

<http://www.nepad.org/content/2018-pida-week>

Contact for confirmation and logistical arrangements:

For any enquires about the Meeting logistics, please contact **FloreK@nepad.org** or Tel: **+27 11 256 3588/ 2783476 9939**

LANGUAGE

The language used at the meeting will be English and French

EXHIBITION BOOTHS

Project Owners and PIDA stakeholders are encouraged to exhibit during the whole duration of PIDA week. An exhibition area will be allocated.

If interested in exhibiting, please email Millicent Kgeledi on millicents@nepad.org and Sophia Nesri on SophiaN@africa-union.org

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Zimbabwe Immigration caters for conference delegate's visa applications online on the e-visa website. As you start your application, when you get to the purpose of the visit, choose conferencing.

Requirements for an e-Conferencing VISA

1. Letter of invitation
2. Passport Scan (bio data – valid for at least 6 months)
3. Copy of any previous Zimbabwe VISA (if any)

Delegates are encouraged to start their VISA application on time to avoid any inconveniences. Visit <https://www.evisa.gov.zw> and make your application now.

Visas at point of entry

At the ports of entry can be paid for by card but again occasionally the machine or your card won't go through so a reserve is advisable. The exact same applies to entrance fees for the Victoria Falls rainforest.

ACCOMMODATION:

Arrangements for the Hotels are as follows:

- *The NEPAD logistical team will make direct booking for all **Sponsored Participants**.*
- *Other participants should make direct booking to the **Elephant Hills Resort under PIDA WEEK reference number 268700** to be able to get the discounted negotiated NEPAD rate of \$143 per night for the meeting.*
- *Alternatively, participants are encouraged to contact any other hotel of their choice from the following recommended list:*
- *As this is high season in Victoria Falls, this time of year, participants are encouraged to book and pay for their accommodation at the earliest opportunity to ensure they secure appropriate accommodation.*

HOTEL	CONTACTS
ELEPHANT HILLS RESORT PIDA WEEK REF: 268700	+263 13 44793 nnyandoro@legacyafricahotels.com/ reservations@elephanthillsresort.com
THE KINGDOM HOTEL	+263 213 2844275-9 hotels@legacyhotels.co.za
A'ZAMBEZI RIVER LODGE	+27 (0) 21 855 0395 http://www.zambeziriverlodge.com/#Number
VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE	+263 213 284 321 120 http://victoria-falls-safari-lodge.com/
PAMUSHA LODGE	reservations@pamusha.com
BAYETE GUEST LODGE	res@bayeteguestlodge.com
SWEET HOLIDAY HOMES	sweetholidayhomeszw@gmail.com
CRESTA SPRAYVIEW	dutymgr@sprayview.cresta.co.zw
LIVINGSTONE LODGE	livingstonelodgezw@gmail.com
SHEARWATER ADVENTURES	reservations@shearwatervf.com/reservations@shearwatervf.com
ILALA LOGDE	+263 4 758713/4/ +253 4 774709 reservations@ilalalodge.co.zw
AMADEUSGARDEN	reservations@amadeusgarden.com +263-213-284 2261

TRANSPORTATION

Kindly arrange airport shuttle directly with the hotel of your choice, when finalizing your reservations.

FLIGHTS

The following are airlines fly directly into Victoria Falls Airport:

- British Airways, South African Airways and Fastjet offer daily direct flights from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls
- Ethiopian Airways fly's directly into Victoria Falls from Addis Ababa
- Air Zimbabwe, Hahn Air, and Kenya Airways also offers flights into Victoria Falls.

In the event that flights into Victoria Falls are full, delegates can also fly into adjacent Livingstone Airport, Zambia, which is just across the river Zambezi from Victoria Falls. In that event, delegates (i) need to meet entry visa requirements for Zambia, (ii) notify NEPAD Agency of their flight details for facilitation to cross the border to Victoria Falls.

MEALS

Lunch will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

BANKING, CURRENCY AND PAY-POINTS

The **US dollar is the official currency of Zimbabwe**. Although there are **local bond notes** in circulation these bond notes have a 1 to 1 value with the US Dollar. They can be used for any purchases in Zimbabwe but do not have value outside the country. So if you are given a bond note as change make sure you spend it whilst in the country.

- **Credit Cards**

Almost all hotels, shops, restaurants and activity operators now accept credit cards; **MasterCard and Visa only - NOT American Express**. However as with everywhere occasionally a card machine won't work so it's always best to have a reserve of cash in these instances.

Best advice is to **book and pay for as much as you can in advance** so that you don't have any problems whilst here.

- **Cash and ATM machines**

All banks have ATM machines however there is a **CRITICAL shortage of hard cash within the country**. On occasion, US dollars can be withdrawn from these ATM machines and foreign cards often work better than local cards but this cannot be wholly relied on. You must bring enough cash with you, to avoid any problems.

You will need cash for National Park fees if you are doing any activities as well as curio purchases.

You must have a **cash reserve in the event that a credit card transaction fails** as mentioned in the credit card section above.

Carry mostly **small denominations of currency**. This makes paying for small purchases like curios easier, as change is not always available.

- **Travellers Cheques**

Are NOT accepted.

- **South African Rand, Sterling, Euro and Botswana Pula**

Please be aware that everything is priced in US Dollars. You can pay for things in Sterling, Euro, Rand or Pula but exchange rates are usually exorbitant.

VACCINATION

There is no risk of yellow fever in Zimbabwe. The government of Zimbabwe requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever. However, participants may take prescription medicine to prevent Malaria.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

It is Summer in [Victoria Falls and it](#) is generally hot to very hot and wet during the rainy season (Mid November to April). Average highs between 32-34°C (90-93°F) and average lows between 15-19°C (59-66°F)

POWER PLUGS

In Zimbabwe the power sockets are of type G, (of British origin) as below: This socket only works with plug G.



Type G: This socket has no alternative plugs