Travel Note

Thank you for your interest in presence and participation at the Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa 2022 (FIFAfrica22). To ensure a hassle-free trip, please take note of the recommendations below.

Event Venue
FIFAfrica19 will take place at the Radisson Blu Lusaka

Contact of Hotel:
Address: 9029 Great East Road, Lusaka, 10101, Zambia
Tel: +260 960 280900

Contact person for self sponsoring participants
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Flights
If you are being sponsored by CIPESA, your travel itinerary will be shared with you. Please note that any requests for changes to issued bookings should be made directly with the airline. Any charges incurred for amendments or changes to booking shall be at individual’s personal cost.

Visa
Visa information can be found here. Foreign nationals wishing to enter the country fall within one of the three (3) distinct categories:

- Nationals who do not require visas in order to enter Zambia;
- Nationals that require visa on arrival; and
- Nationals that require visa in advance

eVisa services are available for nationals in categories two and three.

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date you intend to enter Zambia.
Please note that e-Visa application fees are not refundable.

Visa Letters: All visa applications will require an invitation letter. Letter requests for self-sponsored attendees can be emailed to programmes@cipesa.org with the subject: #FIFAfrica22 Visa Letter Request
**Covid-19 Travel notice**

If fully vaccinated, no negative COVID-19 test result upon entry to Zambia is needed, but you will be required to provide proof of full vaccination status.

If you are not fully vaccinated, proof of a negative COVID-19 (PCR) test taken 72 hours before departure from your country of origin, using an approved laboratory will be required.

Regardless of vaccination status some airlines ask passengers for evidence of a negative COVID-19 (PCR) test taken within 72 hours prior to travel. You should check your airline’s guidelines carefully.

Ensure that you are aware of your home country returning passenger requirements with regards to COVID-19 documentation.

Keep up with updates here.

**Airport transfers**

Local transport to/from airport (Home country): International participants are responsible for local transport to/from the airport in their home countries.

Transport to/from airport (Kenneth Kaunda International Airport): Airport pickups and drop-offs will be arranged for speakers and sponsored participants. Upon arrival, please look for someone holding a sign with the FiFAfrica logo in the public arrival hall.

Participants who are not sponsored by CIPESA are advised to arrange their own transport from the airport to the Forum venue or pre-arranged accommodation.

Cab hailing services such as Ulendo are operational in Lusaka. They are an alternative to taxis. If you opt to use a cab, there are taxis stationed at the airport.

If you are uncertain about your ground transportation upon arrival at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport please ask for guidance from the information desk at the arrivals hall.

**Accommodation**

Sponsored participants will be accommodated at the same hotel as the event venue, Radisson Blu Lusaka

Additional rooms have been secured for self-sponsoring participants at a rate of USD 127 per night inclusive of all fees and taxes. Please use the code: **2509Cipesa** in your booking. AirBnB is also available in Zambia. Early booking is advised.

Alternatively, nearby hotels include **Protea Hotel by Marriot Lusaka** and **Cosmic Lodge**.

Accommodation for CIPESA sponsored participants is booked on a bed and breakfast basis for the duration of your stay. Individual hotel expenses, including, international and local telephone calls, laundry, fax, use of the mini bar, and all other additional drinks and meals **MUST** be paid for on an individual basis prior to checking out of the hotel. Please clarify with hotel staff about your free and complimentary service entitlements before placing an order.
Expenses
Participants are responsible for all expenses related to their conference attendance. Sponsored participants will receive a modest Daily Subsistence allowance (DSA) for meals not provided and other incidental expenses. Other participants are advised to carry enough funds to cover the duration of their stay in Lusaka.

Local Currency
The official currency is the Zambian Kwacha (ZK). The current average exchange rate is about ZK 17 to 1 US Dollar.

Foreign currencies can be converted at the airport, the hotel, or any major bank in the city. Please note that most ATMs accept major credit/debit cards including Visa, Master Card, Maestro and American Express.

Departure
Please also be informed that for your departure, it is advisable to leave for the airport two hours before your flight time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Yellow Fever Certificate
A Yellow Fever certificate is mandatory for arriving passengers. All travellers are advised to take the vaccination.

Travel medical insurance
We recommend that all participants obtain travel insurance for their trip which covers the date of departure from their home country until the date of return. For personal health needs, remember to carry your own medication.

It is also recommended to use bottled drinking water and not to consume tap water.

Weather and What to pack
Zambia has varying temperatures. At the time of the conference, an average daily high temperature above 84°F (28°C) and low of 63°F (17°C) is recorded. Light clothing is advisable. It is however, recommended that participants carry a few pieces of warm clothing.

Communication
Should you wish to get a local sim card, there are various operators in the country including Zambia Telecommunications (Zamtel, LAP Green); MTN Zambia; Bharti Airtel; Cell Z (Zamtel); and ZamNet. Proof of Identity such as a passport will be required to register a local number.

Internet
All rooms at the recommended hotels have internet access. During the Forum, the venue will also have wireless Internet Access. You can also access Internet service on a locally acquired simcard which will incur additional charges.

Electricity and electrical outlets
Zambia operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. If you travel to Zambia with a device that does not accept 230 V at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter. See more about plug types here.
Dietary Needs
Zambia boasts of a variety of foods due to the diversity of cultures found in the country. Should you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us by September 25, 2022.

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We look forward to seeing you at #FIFAfrica22 and wish you an enjoyable stay in Lusaka, Zambia