



## CRASA 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



25—26 March 2010  
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

### **INFORMATION ABOUT ZIMBABWE AND VICTORIA FALLS**



Zimbabwe is a land locked country in southern Africa with an estimated population of 12,5 million people. The country has a total land area of 390 757km<sup>2</sup> and a total water percentage of 1%. It is bordered by Botswana on the west, Zambia on the north, Mozambique on the east, and South Africa on the south. The capital city is Harare and other major cities include Bulawayo, Mutare, Gweru and Masvingo.

## LANGUAGES

The workshop will be conducted in English. There will be simultaneous translation into Portuguese language during the AGM.

## CLIMATE

Victoria Falls lies along the Zambezi Valley, with an elevation of 1061m above sea level. It is one of the hottest areas in Zimbabwe. The average minimum and maximum temperature is between 23-30 degrees Celsius respectively. The climate is generally warm, with a daily sunshine average of seven hours all year round. The month of March falls towards the end of the summer season and rainfall should be expected.

## TIME

**Zimbabwe Time:** GMT/UTC + 2

## VISAS

All visitors require valid passports to travel to Zimbabwe and visa regulations vary according to nationality and country of origin and these should be checked for at your nearest tourist office or embassy before leaving your country.

All journalists visiting Zimbabwe need to be accredited by the Department of Information and Publicity. Please contact the Zimbabwe Embassy or Consulate in or near your country.

## CURRENCY

Zimbabwe operates a multi currency system. The United States Dollar, South African rand, Pound Sterling and Euro are used for all financial transactions. The US dollar has been adopted as the preferred currency for all government transactions

## BANKS

Banks in Zimbabwe open from 8am to 3pm from Monday to Friday and up to 11am on Saturdays, for all your financial transactions. Money transfer agencies are also available countrywide.

## COMMUNICATION

The access code for Zimbabwe is 263 and it operates under the Central African Time zone. The country has one fixed landline operator and 3 cellular network service providers. Internet access is also available from internet cafes in and around the major cities and hotspots at major Hotels and International Airports.

## ELECTRICITY

In main centres and main tourist resorts, all appliances run on 220 volts. Outlets are of the 3-pin, 13amp type.

## INSURANCE

Delegates are reminded that they are responsible for their person insurance of all aspects relating to the participation at these meetings, including travel to and from the venues.

## HEALTH

With the exception of children less than one year of age, all visitors coming to Zimbabwe from infected areas are requested to possess vaccination certificates against cholera and yellow fever. It is not advisable to swim in the country's rivers and dams as they may be infected with bilharzia. If you are intending to visit low-lying areas such as Victoria Falls, Hwange, Kariba, Gonarezhou and Zambezi Valley, it is advisable to take a course of anti-malaria tablets as a precaution. Prophylaxis is 100 percent effective. However, it is always advisable to check with your doctor or pharmacist before travelling to such areas. Most establishments in the country do have mosquito nets and repellents.

## TOURISM. CULTURE AND ART

Zimbabwe is a welcoming, unique and fascinating tourist destination and is home to the mighty Victoria Falls, which is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Other fascinating places include Lake Kariba, the second largest man-made lake on earth, the refreshing Eastern Highlands, the exotic Matobo Hills and the Great Zimbabwe National Monument. The nation is richly endowed with pristine wildlife, a unique culture and a naturally warm and friendly people. These attributes contribute immensely to the high degree of attractiveness that position Zimbabwe as a prime tourist destination in the world.

## TRANSPORT

POTRAZ will arrange transport from the airport in Victoria Falls to the hotel of your choice. In order to facilitate this please fax your flight details to the POTRAZ Offices in Harare, **Fax + 263 4 333 041 or +263 333 014 attention Norah Zaranyika, Maria Ngorima and Theresa Makoni** or email: [norah.zaranyika@potraz.gov.zw](mailto:norah.zaranyika@potraz.gov.zw); [maria.ngorima@potraz.gov.zw](mailto:maria.ngorima@potraz.gov.zw); [theresa.makoni@potraz.gov.zw](mailto:theresa.makoni@potraz.gov.zw)

## ACCOMODATION

POTRAZ has negotiated a very special CRASA Conference/AGM accommodation rate for delegates at Elephant Hills to minimize logistical challenges. Delegates are encouraged to take advantage of the negotiated rates. Please note that this rate is only applicable for the period of 21 – 27 March 2010. Please inform us if you want us to arrange hotel reservation for you.

## LIST OF HOTELS /LODGES IN VICTORIA FALLS - ZIMBABWE

HOTEL	STARS	ACCOMMODATION RATES		REMARKS	MEALS		CONTACT
		SINGLE	DOUBLE		LUNCH	DINNER	
Elephant Hills Continental Hotel (special rates for CRASA)	*****	US\$90	US\$120 (sharing)	Bed & breakfast	US\$20	US\$20	Tel: +263-13-44793/9 Fax: +263-13-44656 <a href="mailto:banqueting@ehic.zimsun.co.zw">banqueting@ehic.zimsun.co.zw</a>
Victoria Falls Hotel	*****	US\$187/ R1 227	US\$204/ R1 388	Bed & breakfast	US\$20	US\$25	Tel: 263-13-44751/61 Fax: 263-13-44762 <a href="mailto:reservationsmgr@tvfh.africansun.co.zw">reservationsmgr@tvfh.africansun.co.zw</a>
Kingdom Victoria Falls	****	US\$117	US\$136	Bed & breakfast	US\$20	US\$20	Tel: 263-13-44273/9 Fax: 263-13-44782 / 44792 <a href="mailto:assfbmgr1@kingdom.africansun.co.zw">assfbmgr1@kingdom.africansun.co.zw</a>
Hotel Mercure A/Zambezi	***	US\$100	US\$130	Bed & breakfast	US\$20	US\$20	Tel: +263-13-44561 Fax: +263-13-44511 <a href="mailto:reservations@zambezi.co.zw">reservations@zambezi.co.zw</a>
Hotel Mercure Rainbow	***	US\$90	US\$120	Bed & breakfast	US\$15	US\$15	Tel: +263-13-44583/5 Fax: +263-13-43563/45832/44652 <a href="mailto:reservations@rainbowvfa.co.zw">reservations@rainbowvfa.co.zw</a> or <a href="mailto:sales@rainbowvfa.co.zw">sales@rainbowvfa.co.zw</a>
Sprayview Hotel	**	US\$50	US\$80	Bed & breakfast (no TV in rooms)	US\$12	US\$12	Tel: 263-13-44344 Fax: 263-13-44713 <a href="mailto:sprayview@zol.co.zw">sprayview@zol.co.zw</a>
Mosi-ua-Tunya Lodge	NIL	US\$45	US\$80	Bed & breakfast	US\$8	US\$10	Tel: 263-13-44336 Fax: 263-13-44336 <a href="mailto:moslodge@telecovic.co.zw">moslodge@telecovic.co.zw</a>

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Ilala Lodge	NIL	US\$122	US\$170	Bed & breakfast	US\$20	US\$25	Tel: +263-13-44737 Fax: +263-13-44740 <a href="mailto:ilalazws@africaonline.co.zw">ilalazws@africaonline.co.zw</a>
Pamusha Lodge	NIL	US\$60	US\$80	Bed & breakfast	US\$13	US\$13	Tel: +263-13-44367 Fax: +263-13-45870 <a href="mailto:pamusha@telcovic.co.zw">pamusha@telcovic.co.zw</a>