



GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION NOTE

Less than 20 days to go – Aquaculture Africa Conference (AFRAQ23): 13-16 November 2023, Mulungushi International Convention Centre (MICC), Lusaka, ZAMBIA.

REGISTRATION:

We hope most of you have all registered and presenters have submitted their abstracts. Everyone **MUST register online** in order for us to capture badge details. Payment on site is accepted for those who are unable to pay online. Advance/Early Bird registration closes on 27th October 2023. Late registrations are still being accepted.

To register online visit: <https://www.was.org/Meeting/Registration/Submit/AFRAQ23>.

- Exhibitors: please add the names for your staff online – use the same link as the booth registration.
- All registered participants can pick up their badges and conference materials on **Monday 13 November from 12:00 to 17:00PM** or on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 07:30AM. The Conference begins at 09:00AM (Tuesday, 14th November 2023).
- You are invited for a meet and greet, WELCOME DRINK at MICC on Monday 13th November from 17:00-18:00PM

CONFERENCE VENUE

MULUNGUSHI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (MICC) is located along **Great East Road Opposite Arcades Shopping Mall**, Lusaka and approximately 20-25 minutes' drive from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (depends with traffic). Phone +260 211-291229; +260 211-290506.

<https://www.micc.co.zm/>

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

1. *Zambia visa application*

It is your responsibility to secure your visa to travel to Zambia, if needed. Check the visa eligibility and application requirements on <https://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/> or at your local/designated Zambia Embassy/Consular service. If registered to attend AFRAQ23 and require an **official letter of invitation from AFRAQ23 local hosting parties** for the visa application, please urgently contact the WAS AC Secretariat: africanchapter@was.org.

For those who have pre-approved evisa-on-arrival notifications, do not forget to bring the printed copy of your valid passport, AFRAQ23 Invitation Letter by Host and your Approval Receipt for presentation at Entry. This may expedite the issuance process.

2. *Flights to Lusaka, Zambia*

Make sure you book your flights early. You can book through your Travel Agent or directly on online booking platforms. Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, Lusaka Zambia is generally accessible with direct flights from major hubs in Africa such as Johannesburg, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Livingstone/Victoria Falls, Dubai and others.

3. Airport shuttles and ground transportation



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Contact them directly for your local transport and airport shuttle needs. Arc Save Travel has special deals for pre-post Conference Travel Tours around Lusaka or countrywide, Zambia.

Also within Lusaka, an uber-like e-hailing service called “Yango” operates efficiently. https://yango.com/en_zm/

Cabs are widely available in Lusaka but may not always be metered. Be sure to negotiate the rate or fee upfront. Have small denominations of US dollars or kwacha available in case change is not available.

4. Hotels and accommodation

It is your responsibility to secure your accommodation for the conference. AFRAQ23 has listed some of the Hotels close to the conference venue for consideration: <https://www.was.org/Meeting/pdf/AFRAQ23HotelInfo.pdf>. Contact the Hotel directly as soon as possible to reserve your accommodation. International booking platforms may also be useful. **Ensure your accommodation is close to MICC to avoid early morning traffic delays.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- ✚ **COVID-19:** Since April 2023, all travellers to Zambia will no longer be required to show proof of vaccination or testing against COVID 19
- ✚ **A YELLOW FEVER VACCINE** is mandatory for most travellers from a yellow fever endemic country. Please ensure you travel with your yellow fever certificate/ Valid Yellow Fever Card. Check with your Embassy or Travel Agent on list of countries from where Yellow Fever Card is mandatory. It is advisable to take other necessary precautions, such as using insect repellent and taking anti-malaria medication.
- ✚ **SAFETY:** Like travelling anywhere in the world, it pays to take common-sense approaches to your safety and not to take any form of risk. In general, Zambians are friendly and helpful, and incidents are generally both rare and minor. If you take normal precautions, you should be safe. Keep your valuables safely. Be aware of your surroundings when walking in the streets as pickpockets could strike. In case of emergencies, please contact your local Hotel for assistance.
- ✚ **TRAVEL & HEALTH INSURANCE** is always recommended but not mandatory

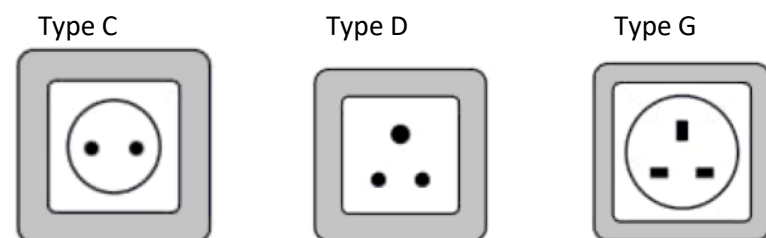
CURRENCIES AND LOCAL TRANSACTIONS

The Zambian Kwacha is the unit of Currency for Zambia. The current exchange rate of the Kwacha to the USD is approximately 22.00 ZMW to 1USD. The exchange rate fluctuates on a daily basis. Credit cards (MasterCard, VISA) are accepted by major hotels, restaurants and in major malls around the country. Local Kwachas can be dispensed by most ATMs at banks and in Malls in Lusaka.

Forex Bureau de Change are available at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, most local Banks and around most Malls around the city. These do change major foreign currencies, USD mostly preferred.

OTHER USEFUL TRAVEL ITEMS

✚ Zambia uses outlet types C, D, G at a voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50 Hz.
Plug Compatibility:



- ✚ Local time is GMT/UTC plus +2 hours
- ✚ Official Language: English
- ✚ Dialling Code: +260
- ✚ Climatic Conditions: Zambia has a sub-tropical climate. Weather from mid-November can be hot and rainy with frequent, intense showers followed by bright sunshine. Light weight summer clothing and sunscreen may be advised.

For more information on visiting ZAMBIA: <https://www.zambiatourism.com/>

Wishing you a safe travel to AFRAQ23, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

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