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**AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ATU) ICT DAY
AND INNOVATION AWARDS
GOLDEN CONIFER, STRATHAVEN, HARARE
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE
7 DECEMBER 2026**

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**

Flag



Coat of Arms



National Anthem

Blessed be the land of Zimbabwe - English
Simudza Mureza weZimbabwe - Shona
Kalibusisiwe Ilizwe leZimbabwe- Ndebele

1. **VENUE**

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) ICT Day 2026 Commemoration and Innovation Awards will be held at the Golden Conifer, Strathaven, Harare, Zimbabwe on 7th December 2026.

Port of Entry – Robert Mugabe International Airport, Harare

2. **ZIMBABWE**

Zimbabwe is a land locked country in southern Africa with an estimated population of 15 million people. Zimbabwe is bordered by Botswana on the west, Zambia on the north, Mozambique on the east, and South Africa on the south and has a total area of about 390 757 square kilometers. The capital city is Harare and other major cities include Bulawayo, Mutare, Gweru and Masvingo.

3. **TOURISM**

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.

4. **WEATHER IN HARARE**

Harare is sunny in December with chances of light showers as it marks the start of the rainy season. Daily maximum temperature is 29°C whilst minimum temperatures averages 17°C.

5. **PASSPORTS AND 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.

Visa applications can be done online through the Zimbabwe Immigration website www.evisa.gov.zw

Printed copies of the visas are required upon arrival.

Please find the Zimbabwe Visa Regime below:

CATEGORY A	• ANGOLA • ARUBA • ANTIGUA & BARBUDA • BAHAMAS • BARBADOS
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Visitors from the countries in this category are not required to have a visa to travel to Zimbabwe.	• BELIZE • BOTSWANA • CAYMAN ISLANDS • CONAKRY • CYPRUS • FIJI • DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO • GHANA • GRENADA • HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA • JAMAICA • KENYA • KIRIBATI • LEEWARD ISLANDS • LESOTHO • MADAGASCAR • MALAWI • MALAYSIA • MALDIVES • MAURITIUS • MALTA • MONTSERRAT • MOZAMBIQUE • NAMIBIA • NAURU • SAMOA WESTERN • SAINT LUCIA • SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES • SEYCHELLES • SINGAPORE • SOLOMON ISLANDS • SOUTH AFRICA • ST KITTS AND NEVIS • SWAZILAND • TONGA • TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO • TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS • TUVALU • UGANDA • UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA • VANUATU • ZAMBIA
CATEGORY B	SURINAME • VIRGIN ISLANDS

Visitors from the countries in this category are not required to apply for a visa before travelling, but may pay for and obtain your visa when you enter Zimbabwe.

- VATICAN
- VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- URUGUAY
- UZBEKISTAN
- UKRAINE
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
- TURKEY
- TURKMENISTAN
- SWEDEN
- SWITZERLAND
- TAJIKISTAN
- SPAIN
- SLOVAKIA
- SLOVENIA
- SAMOA (AMERICA)
- SENEGAL
- SERBIA
- SAN MARINO
- SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
- REUNION
- ROMANIA
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION
- RWANDA
- MARSHALL ISLANDS
- MEXICO
- MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF
- MOLDOVA
- MONACO
- NETHERLANDS
- NEW CALEDONIA
- NEW ZEALAND
- NICARAGUA
- NORFOLK ISLANDS
- NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
- NORWAY
- PALAU ISLAND
- PALESTINE
- PANAMA
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- POLAND
- PORTUGAL

	• PUERTO RICO • LIECHTENSTEIN • LITHUANIA • LUXEMBOURG • MACAO SPECIAL - ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA • KOREA (SOUTH) • KUWAIT • KYRGYZSTAN • LATVIA • JAPAN • COMOROS • KAZAKHSTAN • GUYANA • HAITI • HONDURAS • IRELAND • ISRAEL • ITALY • HUNGARY • ICELAND • INDIA • INDONESIA • IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF • GUAM • GUATEMALA • GILBRALTAR • GREECE • GEORGIA • GERMANY • DENMARK • ESTONIA • ETHIOPIA • FINLAND • FRANCE • FRENCH GUIANA • FRENCH POLYNESIA • FRENCH W/INDIES • CZECH REPUBLIC • DOMINICAN REPUBLIC • ECUADOR • EGYPT • EL SALVADOR • EQUATORIAL GUINEA • CHILE • CHINA • CHINA (NON TOUR) • COOK ISLANDS
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	• COSTA RICA • CROATIA • CUBA • BURUNDI • CANADA • CAPE VERDE • BRAZIL • BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS • BRUNEI DARUSSALAM • BULGARIA • BERMUDA • BHUTAN • BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA • BELARUS • BELGIUM • BAHRAIN • ARGENTINA • ARMENIA • AUSTRALIA • AUSTRIA • AZERBAIJAN • ALBANIA • ALGERIA
CATEGORY C Visitors from the countries in this category are required to pay for and obtain a visa before travel to Zimbabwe.	ANGUILLA • BANGLADESH • BENIN • AFGHANISTAN • BOLIVIA • BURKINA FASO • CAMBODIA • CAMEROON • CD'IVOIRE • CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC • CHAD • COLOMBIA • ERITREA • DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA • CONGO BRAZAVILLE • GABON • GAMBIA • DJIBOUTI REPUBLIC • GUINEA • GUINEA-BISSAU • IRAQ • JORDAN • LEBANON

	• LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC • KOSOVO • LIBERIA • LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA • QATAR • REFUGEE • PHILIPPINES • OMAN • PAKISTAN • NIGER • NIGERIA • MONGOLIA • MONTENEGRO • MALI • MAURITANIA • MOROCCO • NEPAL • MYANMAR • SAUDI ARABIA • SIERRA LEONE • SRI LANKA • SUDAN • SOUTH SUDAN • SOMALIA • THAILAND • THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA • TOGO • SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC • TAIWAN • TUNISIA • VIET NAM
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6. **CURRENCY**

Zimbabwe uses a multi-currency payment system, the Zimbabwe Dollar ZWG is used for local transactions. However, for payments major cards such as Visa, Mastercard, American Express are widely accepted.

7. **BANKING BUSINESS HOURS**

Banks in Zimbabwe open from 0800hrs to 1500hrs from Monday to Friday and up to 1100hrs on Saturdays. All banks are closed on Sundays. Money transfer agencies are available in Harare.

8. 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 mobile 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.

9. CULTURE, RELIGION AND LANGUAGE

Zimbabwe is a multi-racial society where people of different nationalities live in harmony. People living in urban areas have a westernized lifestyle and are predominately Christian, while in the rural areas many African traditions have been preserved. English is the official language and other widely spoken languages are Chishona and Isindebele which have various dialects and other minority languages, such as Sotho, Venda, Chewa, Shangani and Tonga.

10. AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX

A departure tax of US\$30.00 is levied on all foreign visitors (non-residents) at all Zimbabwe airports for international flights. The revenue stamp can be bought at the Airport or pre-purchased at any commercial bank. A total of US\$5.00 is payable for each domestic ticket. However, this tax is often incorporated in the ticket fare. Always verify with the issuing agent.

11. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

In main centres and main tourist resorts, all appliances run on 220 volts to 240 volts. Outlets are of the 3-pin square plugs, 13amp type.

12. TRADITIONAL FOODS

Hotels, restaurants and homes in Zimbabwe offer a wide variety of meals ranging from oriental recipes, Chinese food, sea food to takeaways but the best of all is the local traditional recipes, they offer excellent nutrition and are a healthy option. Sadza is the staple food in Zimbabwe and is made from maize meal (or millet, sorghum or rapoko) which is eaten as a thick porridge. A wide range of side dishes are available such as dried meat in peanut butter, mopani worms (madora/ macimbi), or a range of vegetables such as kale, rape, mustard leaves, broccoli, cabbage, okra (derere) and other exotic local specialities such as (pumpkin leaves), black jack, (dried vegetables) such as munyemba, nyevhe, mowa with peanut butter. Pumpkins and their seeds are also a delicious option.

13. MEDICAL SERVICES

First aid kits and a health personnel member will be available on site to attend to minor health issues. For emergency cases, below are ambulance and healthcare service providers available in Harare. To access these services, they require a valid international health insurance cover or alternatively a cash USD payment:

Hospitals And Accident & Emergency Rooms in Harare

Service Provider	Services	Contact details
The Avenues Clinic Corner Baines /Mazowe Street Harare	Hospital Admission Accident and emergency rooms (24hours) Theatre, Radiology Pharmacy	Contact: +26308677006175
Baines Inter care 15 Baines Avenue Harare	Accident and Emergency facility (24 hours) Radiology Laboratory Pharmacy	Contact: +263776188433 or +263 242796331/2
Milton Park Medical Centre 2 Harvey Brown Milton Park Harare	Hospital Admission Emergency rooms (24 hours) Radiology services Theatre Laboratory	Contact: +263784392104
Health Point Hospital 15 Lanark Road Harare	Hospital Admission Emergency rooms (24 hours) Theatre Pharmacy Radiology Laboratory	Contact: +263242700666
Borrowdale Trauma Centre 1 Borrowdale Lane Harare	Hospital Admission Emergency rooms (24 hours) Theatre Pharmacy Radiology Laboratory	Contact: +263242886921

Ambulance Services

Name of service provider	Contact Number
ACE Air and Road Ambulance Services	Contacts:+2630782999901/4 or +242302141 Tollfree 464
MARS Air and Road Ambulance Services	Contacts: +263787135951 or +263787135957 or +263242771221 Tollfree 182
CIMAS Ambulance Services	Contact +263782729406 or +242700085/6 or +263242700070 Tollfree 922

EMRAS Ambulance Services	Contact: +263772141610 or +263732475852 or +263242250022
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14. SECURITY

Zimbabweans are known for their hospitality and friendliness towards each other and visitors alike. Although all Zimbabweans are very helpful it is always advisable to be cautious when dealing with strangers. Police officers are readily available and very helpful. They are easily identified by their uniforms. Like everywhere in the world valuables should always be safeguarded or left in the hotel safe box. Any information is accessible through the Zimbabwe Tourism Authority, Publicity Association, Police Post or the Hotel Information Desk.

15. CUSTOMS CONCESSION

Your personal possessions which are not intended for disposal or consumption in Zimbabwe are allowed entry duty-free. For dutiable goods, a maximum value of USD250.00 is permissible duty free.

16. MOTOR VEHICLES

Private motor vehicles, caravans and trailers may be brought temporarily into Zimbabwe provided they are licensed in their home countries and bear the appropriate registration plates and a nationality plaque. The International Certificate of Motor Vehicles is recognized in Zimbabwe.

17. DRIVING IN ZIMBABWE

International driving and driving licences issued in all SADC countries are valid in Zimbabwe. Visitors from other countries not covered by this agreement are able to drive for a period of 90 days using driving licences issued in their home countries. If not printed in English, it should have a certificate of authority and validity, or a translation of the text with the bearer's photograph attached. Renewal after expiry of this period is obtained from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development. Driving is on the left hand side. At all intersections a fire engine ambulance or police vehicle sounding a siren takes precedence over all other traffic, move out of its course and remain stationary until it has passed. The general speed limit in Zimbabwe is 120km/h on open roads and 60km/h in urban areas. Toll gates are operational on all major highways and the charges vary from USD\$4.00 to USD\$30.00.

18. TRANSPORT

The host will provide shuttle services from the airport. Upon arrival at the port of entry delegates will be welcomed by POTRAZ officials with placards showing the workshop title for ease of identification, POTRAZ officials will then usher delegates to shuttle buses.

Transport will be provided from respective hotels to the venue for the duration of the workshop. All delegates are therefore required to provide travel itineraries and hotel preference on registration.

Car Hire - cars with or without chauffeurs can be hired in most tourist areas from international recognized firms.

Taxi Services – Taxis are available at every airport and hotel in Harare.

19. **ACCOMODATION OPTIONS**

Delegates are kindly requested to make their own accommodation bookings. The following hotels and lodges are recommended by the host for the delegates safety, security and convenience and shuttling services will be available to the venue:

<u>HOTEL</u>	<u>ACCOMODATION RATE</u>	<u>MEALS</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Hyatt Regency Meikles Hotel	Single Standard US\$310.00 Bed and Breakfast	US\$30.00 meal only	Tel: +263-242-701234
Holiday Inn	Single Standard US\$155.00 Bed and Breakfast Double room US\$180.00 Bed and Breakfast	US\$30.00 meal only	Tel +263-242- 251200-30 reservations@holidayinnharare.co.z w
The Gray Apartments King George Road Avondale	Single Standard US\$150.00 Bed and Breakfast Double room US\$170.00 Bed and Breakfast	US\$26.00 Meal only	Nathan Cell: +263 786 581 439 Reservations Cell: +263 782 462 132
Rainbow Hotel	Single Standard US\$150.00 Bed and Breakfast Double US\$180.00 Bed and Breakfast	US\$30.00 Meal only	Tel: +263-242-772633
Monomatapa Hotel	Single Standard US\$120.00 Bed and Breakfast Double US\$150.00 Bed and Breakfast	US\$30.00 Meal only	Tel: +263-242-704501
Cresta Oasis	Single Standard US\$120.00 Bed and Breakfast Double room US\$140.00 Bed and Breakfast	US\$20.00	Tel +263-242-790861-4
N1 Hotel Samora Machel	Single Standard US\$77.00 Bed and Breakfast		Tel +263 242 701813

	Deluxe Single US\$87.00 Bed and Breakfast		Cell +263 783 910 310 samoramachel@n1hotel.co.zw
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-THANK YOU FOR VISITING ZIMBABWE-