



SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE MID-TERM WORKSHOP OF THE UN ENVIRONMENT/GEF "CONTINUING REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE POPS GLOBAL MONITORING PLAN UNDER THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION (GMP2)" PROJECT IN THE AFRICA REGION

23-25 JULY 2018, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

About Zambia

Zambia is a land linked country in Southern Africa and has diverse wildlife, with many parks and safari areas. On its border with Zimbabwe is the Victoria Falls, indigenously called Mosi-oa-Tunya, or the "Smoke that Thunders" plunging a misty 108m into narrow Batoka Gorge.

Capital: Lusaka

Currency: Zambian Kwacha

Current exchange rate is about K9.95 to 1USD. Please visit www.xe.com for regular updates regarding the exchange rate.

Population: 15.3 million (2015)

Zambia's economy is largely dependent on agriculture and mining with Copper being the predominant mineral.

Time

Zambia is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, one hour ahead of Central European Time, seven hours ahead of Eastern USA time and ten hours ahead of Western USA time.

Meeting Venue:

Radisson Blu Hotel
Great East Road
Lusaka, Zambia

Tel: +260 96 0280900

Website: <http://http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-lusaka/>

Dates and Openings:

The meeting will be held as follows at the above venue from 9am on Monday 23rd July to 12:30pm on Wednesday, 25th July, 2018.

Registration will open on Monday 23rd July, 2018 at 8:30am and will be followed by the opening at 09:00hrs.

Language

The meeting will be conducted in English and French.



Meeting document

All documents for the meeting will be available electronically. ZEMA will offer a paper smart service and therefore, no documents will be printed for participants at the meeting venue.

Accommodation

Funded-participants will be accommodated at Cresta Golfview Hotel, Great East Road, Lusaka on full board basis. **Transport to and from the hotel to the meeting venue will be provided on a daily basis.**

<http://crestagolfview.com/>

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Non funded participants could make their own accommodation arrangements.

Meals

The accommodation will include meals for dinner and breakfast. Lunch and coffee break will be provided at the meeting venue. Should any participant have food allergies, prefer vegetarian meals or have other special requirements, please inform the organizers prior to the start of the meeting.

Transportation

Cresta Golfview Hotel is approximately 15 km from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport. The main way of getting from the Airport to the hotel is by taxi, which is a fairly short 20 to 25 minutes' drive. A one-way taxi fare to the airport will cost an average K150 (\$15). A shuttle from Cresta Golfview Hotel will be available at this charge. **Please contact the hotel to reserve airport pick-up before your travel.**

Air Tickets

The most economic air travel will be provided to all funded participants. An itinerary will be sent to you for approval and upon your confirmation, an electronic ticket will be issued and sent to you.

Visa Arrangements

Nationals from SADC and COMESA do not require Visas to enter the country. Visitors from outside these regions may require visa. For such cases, ZEMA will make arrangements with the Department of Immigration for visas to be granted at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport as the port of entry.

Daily Allowance and Payment

Funded participants will be provided with Daily Subsistence Allowance at UN rate for Lusaka. The daily subsistence allowance will be less meals and accommodation. To facilitate the payment of the DSA, sponsored participants are requested to provide their **boarding passes** to the organizers, at the meeting venue.



Beyond the payment of this allowance, UNEP/ZEMA will not accept any responsibility for the payment of hotel, meals, taxis, excess baggage charges, insurance, ground transport charges, and other incidental expenses.

Communication

Zambia has a fairly well-developed communications infrastructure. A number of cell-phone providers provide national coverage and there are well-established landline phone networks. Internet and Wi-Fi will be available at the meeting venue.

Weather Conditions

Zambia is currently in its winter season. It is usually cold in the morning and evening and temperatures range from 7 to 23 degrees Celsius. It is therefore advisable for participants to bring with them some warm clothes.

Voltage, Frequency and Plug/Outlet Type in Zambia

Voltage: 220-240 Volts

Primary Socket Type: British

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Zambia usually are the British type. You are advised to bring along an adapter for other types of plugs.

If you want to buy one in Zambia, you can do so at any local store and the shopping malls near the hotel

Power Sockets and Plugs

In Zambia, the power sockets used are of types D/G:



Health and Medical



A yellow fever certificate is mandatory if you are travelling from an infected area.

Contact Details:

For further information and assistance, please do not hesitate to contact:

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We hope these arrangements are favourable with you. If there is anything else you wish to know about Zambia before you leave home, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to meeting each one of you soon.

Have a Safe Trip!