# IOPS 2023 MEETINGS MEETINGS Nictoria Folls, Zimbabwe Mete: 16-20 Oct 2023



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Zimbabwe's Insurance and Pensions Commission (IPEC) – the supervisory authority of insurance and private occupational pension funds, will host the Technical Meetings, Annual General Meeting, and the OECD/IOPS Global Forum on Private Pensions, in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Africa from 16 to 20 October 2023.

This brochure provides information on what you need to know about the host country, city, immigration laws, health protocols, and tourism options.

#### **ABOUT ZIMBABWE**

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country located in Southern Africa. It is bordered on the west, by Botswana; on the north, by Zambia; on the east, by Mozambique; and on the south, by South Africa. The capital city of Zimbabwe is Harare.

The country's Constitution recognises 16 official languages but the dominant ones are; English, Shona, and Ndebele. However, English is the official working language.

# **ABOUT HOST CITY (VICTORIA FALLS)**

Victoria Falls is a resort city situated in Matabeleland North province of Zimbabwe. Famed for its most spectacular waterfall, the majestic Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. The city is mainly surrounded by National Parks and Wildlife areas, where assortments of wild animals, including the Big Five, are found. Humans and wildlife share the routes home and to the watering hall. For more information on Victoria Falls, click https://vfcc.co.zw/

# **ABOUT THE MEETING VENUE**

The venue for the meetings is Elephant Hills Hotel in Victoria Falls, which has hosted international conferences before, with delegates of up to 1000. For more information on Elephant Hills Hotel, click www.elephanthillshotel.com

# **IMMIGRATION LAWS**

The Visa system in Zimbabwe has three categories namely:

# Category A:

Countries whose nationals do not require visas.

## Category B:

Countries whose nationals obtain visas at the port of entry after paying visa fees.

## Category C:

Countries whose nationals are required to apply and obtain visas prior to travel. Check the visa regimes here <u>https://ipec.co.zw/storage/2022/10/VISA-REQUIREMENTS.pdf.</u>

Visas can be applied online, the website for visa application is <u>www.evisa.gov.zw</u>. Delegates are encouraged to take advantage of the online visa application system and apply well on time to avoid any inconveniences.

The Zimbabwe IOPS 2023 Local Organising Committee comprising representatives from the country's Department of Immigration, is available to assist delegates with visa facilitation, should they face any challenges, especially for those that are required to get visas prior to travel.

# **HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

Visitors to Zimbabwe are only required to present a valid Covid-19 vaccination certificate at the port of entry while those who are unvaccinated must present a valid negative Covid-19 PCR certificate.

The City of Victoria Falls, the host city, reached Covid-19 vaccination herd immunity, making it a safe destination for delegates.

# TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN VICTORIA FALLS

Rain forest tour Bungee Jumping Bridge Swing Bungee jumping Ø Bridge slide/ zipline Bridge swing Half-day highwire pass Half-day Highwire & Canopy Flying Fox Canopy Tour White water rafting Boat Cruise-sunset/day Crocodile Farm Tour and ⊘ Cage Diving Rafting and Riverboarding Elephant Interactive Safari Helicopter Flight over the Zambezi River ⊘ Village Walk Ø Boma Dinner ✓ Visit to Hwange National Park, 100Km from Victoria Falls

# **INTERNATIONAL AIR ACCESS**

The host city is well linked to the world with the following airlines flying into Victoria Falls:

- ⊘ Air Zimbabwe
- Ø British Airways
- ⊘ Lufthansa, Eurowings
- ⊘ Qatar Airways
- ⊘ Kenya Airways
- ⊗ Kuva Air
- South African Airways
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- ⊘ Air Namibia

# CURRENCY REGULATIONS

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The local currency of Zimbabwe is the Zimbabwe dollar. You can visit: www.rbz.co.zw for daily bank exchange rates. The following currencies are also accepted USD/Euro/Rand and Pula.

#### CLIMATE

The average temperature in Zimbabwe in the month of October ranges from 27–37° C

# LOCAL TIME

GMT+2

**REGISTRATION** To register visit www.ipec.cozw/iops23

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