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A World of Wonders!

2022 ReSAKSS Annual Conference
October 25 to 27, 2022
Harare | Zimbabwe

Agrifood Processing Strategies for Successful Food Systems Transformation in Africa

Logistics Note
MEETING VENUE
The 2022 ReSAKSS conference will be held in the STEWART I Meeting room of Meikles Hotel:

Meikles Hotel:
Sam Nujoma Street
Jason Moyo Ave
Harare, Zimbabwe
Téléphone : +263 24 2707721

CONFERENCE TIME
The conference will begin with side events on Tuesday, October 25 at 9:00 AM and is expected to conclude on Thursday, October 27 at 2:00 PM.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE
The conference will be conducted in English, with simultaneous French translation available during the plenary sessions.

REGISTRATION
Participants are encouraged to register on Tuesday October 25 between 8 and 9AM before the side events. The registration desk will be available in front of the meeting space and will be opened all day on the 25th.
INFORMATION ON THE MEETING ROOMS AND VENUES ARE AS BELOW:

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TRAVEL

AKADEMIYA2063 will cover the cost of the most economical round-trip fares for sponsored participants. Based on flight availabilities, arrangements will be made for an arrival on Monday, October 24 and a departure on Friday, October 28. All other participants are responsible for arranging their own travel.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The organizing committee is working to have an arrangement with the Department of Immigration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Zimbabwe for visas upon arrival for conference participants.

All passport copies received after October 18 are required to apply for a visa online (https://www.evisa.gov.zw/home) or by going to the Zimbabwean embassy present in their country of residence.

As advised by the Zimbabwean Government, all participants should travel with USD 30, in cash, to pay for their visas at the Border. Please submit a copy of your visa to organizers for reimbursement of the fee.
VACCINATION AND COVID REGULATIONS

- Visitors to Zimbabwe must show an official health certificate at airport immigration as proof of having been vaccinated against yellow fever. Travelers can be denied entry if they lack the proper documentation.

- All passengers travelling to Zimbabwe are required to provide one of the following.
  - Proof of full vaccination (2 doses of any one or more of the vaccines approved by the World Health Organization); or
  - Proof of a negative PCR test taken within 48 hours of departure flight.

More information on the measures being implemented by the Government of Zimbabwe can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health and Child Care: http://www.mohcc.gov.zw/

AIRPORT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Airport transfers are being arranged for all the participants.

A driver will be waiting for you in the Arrivals lobby of the Airport, with a sign reading your name and/or “2022 ReSAKSS CONFERENCE”.
ACCOMODATION

Sponsored participants will be accommodated on a bed and breakfast basis at the Meikles Hotel.

Please note that all bar/mini-bar bills, room service, use of hotel phone as well as other extra expenses will be covered by the participants themselves.

All other participants are invited to make a reservation at the hotel of their choice.

We have blocked a limited number of rooms at the above stated hotel for non-sponsored participants. If you would like to take advantage of the negotiated conference rate, please contact Miss Nancy Massala at nmassala@akademiya2063.org by Monday, October 23, at the latest. Please note that you will need to settle your bill in its entirety upon checking out.

Meikles Hotel:
Sam Nujoma Street, Jason Moyo Ave, Harare, Zimbabwe

- USD 180/night Deluxe room - Bed & Breakfast
- USD 250/night (Club room – Bed & Breakfast)

MEALS

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided during the conference from October 25 to 27. A cocktail will be held at the conference venue on October 25. A small stipend will be given to sponsored participants to cover their meals during travel days.
The official currency of Zimbabwe today is the RTGS Dollar (ZWL), but due to persistent inflation, several foreign currencies act as the de-facto legal tender in the country.

As of October 21, 2022, $1 USD is equal to roughly 630 Zimbabwean Dollars although the exchange rate is subject to large fluctuations and volatility.

Harare offers a good network of banking and foreign exchange services, including ATMs located in the Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport, at Meikles Hotel and surrounding banks to the venue. Credit cards are wildly accepted at hotels and supermarkets.

The month of October in Harare experiences very rapidly increasing cloud cover, with the percentage of time that the sky is overcast or mostly cloudy increasing from 13% to 33%.

Daily high temperatures are around 82°F, rarely falling below 75°F or exceeding 89°F.

Daily low temperatures increase by 3°F, from 58°F to 61°F, rarely falling below 53°F or exceeding 66°F.

It is expected to rain on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Should you wish to go out of the hotel on that day, we advise you to take an umbrella or a raincoat with you.
MOBILE PHONES
Participants are encouraged to come to Harare with dual-band or tri-band mobile phones. They can buy a SIM card with pre-charged airtime upon arrival at the airport or their hotels.

ELECTRICITY
Zimbabwe’s electrical current is 220 volts, and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power plugs and sockets are of type D and G. We advise participants to carry a converter and/or adapter (two small round pins), should they need it.

https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/zimbabwe/

CONFERENCE SUPPORT SERVICES
Secretariat Room – This room will be located next to the plenary at the conference venue. Delegates may contact the conference staff for all their conference related requirements.

Paperless environment – Participants are encouraged to download and carry copies of any documents they will need to access venue and attend the conference. Only paper copies of the final agenda will be available at the venue.
In general, Harare is a relatively safe city. Nonetheless, as with all major cities, discretion is advised. Participants are encouraged to take necessary precautions whenever they venture out. The crime index in the city is quite high, ranging from medium to high. Street crimes, including mugging, purse-snatching, and pickpocketing are common in the capital city and in secondary cities. Most crimes are related to the theft of things, car theft, vandalism. Also, the city has a very high level of bribery. Mugging, pickpocketing, and jewelry theft are common in city centers, especially in the evening. Street lighting can be poor. Remain vigilant at Harare International Airport and when leaving banks and cashpoints.

If you require medical attention, please contact the conference committee organizers for assistance.
Things To Do In Zimbabwe

SIGHTSEEING

Wild is Life
Antelope Park
Africa Unity Square
National Gallery of Zimbabwe
Domboshawa Caves

RESTAURANTS

Queen of hearts
Amanzi
La fontaine Grillroom, Meikles Hotel
Alo Alo
Pistachio and Café restaurant