



ESA EPI Managers Meeting and Strategic Partner Meetings Harare, Zimbabwe | 27 July – 1 August 2026

Dear Participant,

The WHO Office in Zimbabwe welcomes you to the above meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe. We hope that the following information, i.e. administrative and logistical arrangements, visa information and country overview will be useful to you in preparation for your travel to and stay in Harare.



Cresta Lodge Hospitality

Country Overview:

The name Zimbabwe is derived from the Shona phrase, Dzimba dzemabwe, meaning houses of stone or stone building which are symbolized by the Great Zimbabwe ruins near the present-day town of Masvingo. Zimbabwe is landlocked and situated in Southern Africa with a total land area of 390,757 square kilometers. It is bordered by Mozambique to the east, South Africa to the South, Botswana to the west, and Zambia to the north and northwest. The country is divided into 10 administrative provinces and 63 districts. The capital city is Harare, and other major cities include Bulawayo, Gweru, Kadoma, Kwekwe, Masvingo, and Mutare. The population of Zimbabwe is estimated to be 16 million. The major ethnic groups are Shona and Ndebele.

Meeting Venue:

The meeting will be held at **Cresta Lodge Hospitality** which is located at corner Samora Machel Avenue East and Robert Mugabe Road, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: +263 242 487006-8 and email: reservations@lodge.cresta.co.zw.

Conference and Secretariat Rooms:

The conference room is called **MitiShizha** and secretariat room is called **Ruva**.

Workshop Language:

The proceedings of the meeting will be conducted in English with French and Portuguese interpretation.

Accommodation:

A block booking has been secured for all participants from outside Zimbabwe at **Cresta Lodge Hospitality**. **At a negotiated room rate of USD95.00**, bed and breakfast for a standard room. WHO funded participants' accommodation is paid for, for the duration of their stay. Non-WHO funded participants can share their itineraries with the secretariat for a booking under the negotiated room rate. All participants are encouraged to stay at the designated hotel.

Airport Transfers:

Transfers will be booked with the hotel upon receipt of your confirmed flight itineraries, **at a cost of USD15 per person one way**. Airport transfer costs will be settled individually directly with the hotel.

Passport and Visas:

Participants who require visas are kindly requested to initiate the online visa application process through <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/> (select/click the option of **visa regime** to see your country's visa category). Participants with UNLP, should carry their national passports as they may be requested at immigration checkpoint. Visa requirements are on <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/static/Brochure.pdf>. **The visa fee for a single entry is US\$30, double entry is US\$45, and emergency visa is US\$100.** After submission, you can share your reference number with Ms Agnes Furidze, furidzea@who.int (+263 773 225 857 whatsapp) and copy Ms Charity Garapo, garapoc@who.int and Munya Gore, gorem@who.int for follow up.

Travellers coming to Zimbabwe are required to complete arrival forms online before departure as paper forms are no longer in use. Please complete the form on <https://evisa.gov.zw/app/index.html>.

Climate:

It is currently winter season. Temperatures may range from **8° - 24°**. Please bring appropriate clothing to suit the temperatures.

Per Diem:

The applicable UN per diem rate for Harare is USD233. A deduction for lunch for the meeting days and accommodation for the duration of your stay will be effected. Please note that **NO per diem will be paid in Harare**.

Financial Transactions:

Zimbabwe is a multi-currency country, with the Zimbabwe dollar represented by ZiG notes. International debit/credit cards (VISA or Mastercard) are accepted in major hotels, restaurants, and supermarkets. Most shops also accept USD cash. USD cash can be withdrawn from ATMs within the city. Please note that **travelers' cheques are not accepted**.

Security:

Zimbabwe is regarded as a safe country. However, participants are encouraged to always be cautious. While the hotel is fairly safe, it is not advisable to leave valuables exposed.

Electricity:

The voltage is between 220v and 240v. Zimbabwe uses 3 square pin plugs. It is advisable to bring adapters in case you need them.

Medical Assistance & Important Contacts:

Participants are advised to see the Secretariat for any medical assistance they may require.

Technical Focal Point:

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**WELCOME & PLEASANT STAY IN
HARARE!!!**