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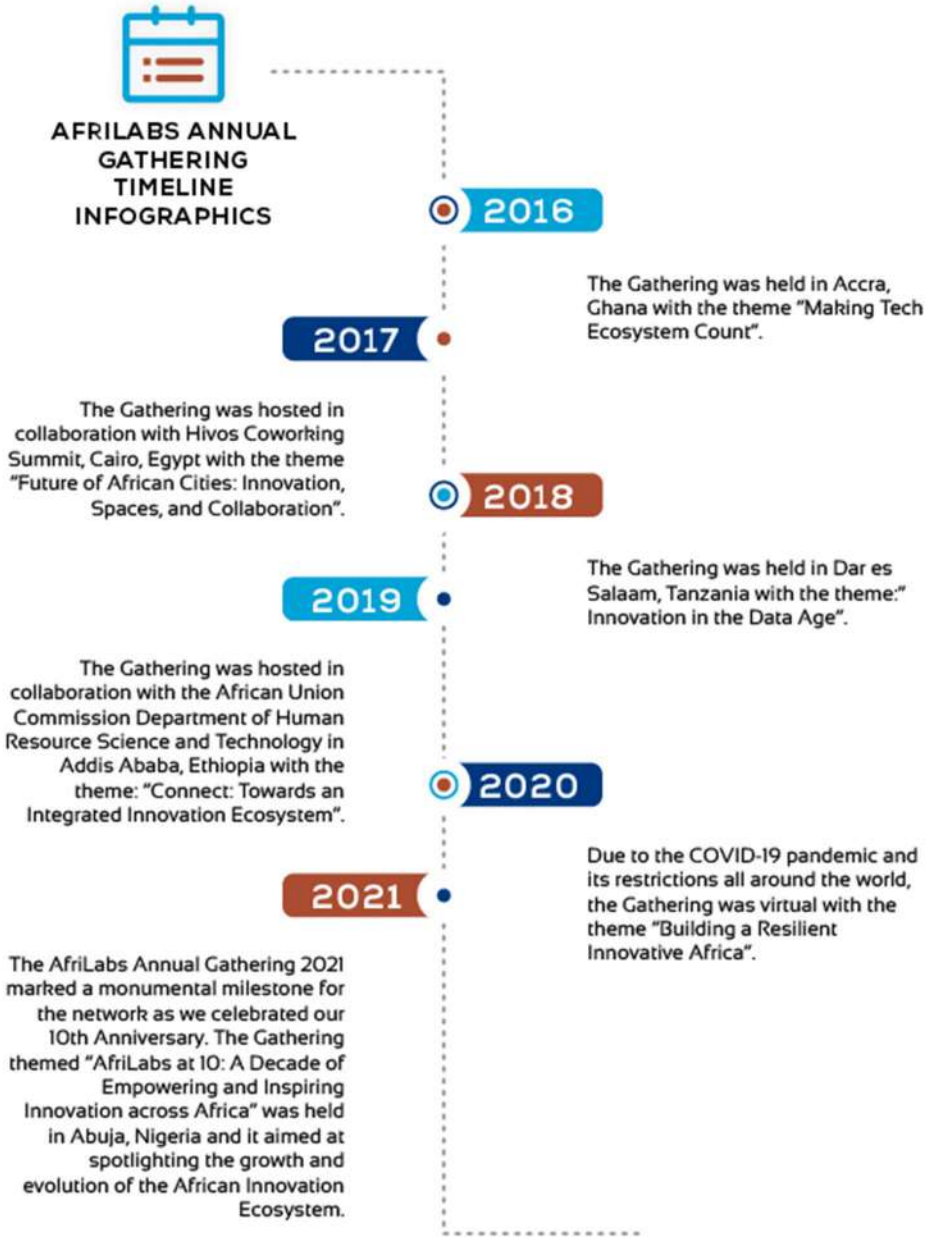
Intra-Africa Connectivity, Collaboration and Innovation

Introduction

This guidebook has been provided to all attendees of the AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2022, it will serve as a directory to enable attendees make well-informed decisions about their trip. It contains essential pre to post-event & tour information.

The AfriLabs Annual Gathering has been held in several locations across Africa

Over the years the Gathering has been held across different African countries.



About Zambia – The Host Country

Zambia, is a landlocked country in Southern Africa. Zambia is known as the undiscovered gem of Africa, and a visit in this vast country offers huge diversity to include an exploration of a land filled with waterfalls, lakes, rivers and wetlands, and the discovery of a country proud of its culture and traditions, abundant wildlife and exotic wilderness.

The Zambian technology ecosystem is at a critical stage of development and in order to facilitate the progression into the next stage, the country must be deliberate and strategic with her collaborative efforts within the continent and as such, the AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2022 will be co-hosted by AfriLabs member hubs in Zambia (BongoHive, Jacaranda Hub, Nyamuka Africa and WAEC), with the aim of connecting various stakeholders of the African technology and Innovation Ecosystem.
The Government of Zambia, continues to focus on turning Zambia into a nexus for technology in Southern Africa by leveraging on intentional Pan-African relationships, that shall ultimately yield innovation, and to embrace technology to quicken the provision of services aimed at integrated multi-sectoral approach that enhances inclusiveness in development, without leaving anyone behind.

The City of Lusaka, Zambia

VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

Yellow-Fever vaccination is required for visitors from countries with a previous history of an outbreak.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES/ UPDATE

The new revised guidelines will apply to all international travellers entering through the Points of Entry to Zambia.

1. **Persons who are FULLY VACCINATED**

• Fully vaccinated travellers do not require any form of negative COVID test results but shall be required to provide proof of full vaccination status.
"Fully vaccinated" means complete doses of a vaccine for example first and second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

2. **Persons NOT FULLY VACCINATED**

International travellers who are not fully vaccinated MUST show proof of a COVID19 PCR test for a sample collected within 72 hours before departure from the country of origin.

Re-testing at its own cost will be applied for travellers who do not meet the above stipulation.

In case of a positive result, self-quarantine at the owner's cost will be mandatory; following local Zambian protocols. Children below the age of 12 years are exempt from these measures.

Travellers from Zambia must ensure that they observe the guidelines of the countries they wish to visit.

In addition to the above information, the following will also apply;

- All arriving passengers will have their temperature checked
- All travellers should hand over their health declaration forms to the Port Health Officers

COVID-19 Airport Procedure

This communication serves to inform international travellers to Zambia of the safety measures that they will be required to observe on arrival and during their stay in the country. These guidelines have been developed in consultation with the Zambia Ministry of Health.
The measures are as follows: -

1) Visas
It should be noted that these guidelines do not negate, in any way, from the current visa regime:

a) Business travellers coming for confirmed business
Business travellers coming for confirmed business into the country with a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test, conducted within the previous 14 days, are free to conduct their business as planned while adhering to recommended COVID 19 prevention measures such as maintaining physical distance, masking and personal hygiene. They shall monitor themselves daily for 14 days for the development of COVID 19 symptoms and report any occurrence to the nearest health facility.
Business travellers coming into the country without evidence of a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days, will not be allowed into the country.

b) Tourists
Tourists and any persons visiting friends and/or relatives in Zambia coming into the country, other than a business visitor with a negative SARS COV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days, are free to visit as planned while adhering to recommended COVID 19 prevention measures such as maintaining physical distance, masking and personal hygiene. They shall monitor themselves daily for 14 days for the development of COVID 19 symptoms and report any occurrence to the nearest health facility.
Tourists and any person visiting friends and/or relatives in Zambia coming into the country without evidence of a negative SARS COV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days, will not be allowed into the county.

c) Students
Students both new and returning, where it is proved that the educational institution is operating, are allowed to return to Zambia on the condition that they produce a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days. However, they will still need to monitor themselves for the next 14 days in case they contracted the disease after the test.

d) Returning Citizens and Residents without symptoms
All Zambian Nationals and returning Residents who do not have symptoms will observe mandatory 14-day quarantine at home. Homes will be inspected beforehand to ensure the suitability of the facility/environment for home quarantine, contrary to which affected individuals will be quarantined in designated facilities. They shall monitor themselves daily for the development of COVID 19 symptoms and report any such signs to the nearest health authority. This also covers those holding certificates of status as established residents, investors, employment and spouse permit holders.

2) Arrival procedures at the Airports
a)Traveler Health Questionnaires will be provided to all airlines entering Zambia. These will be provided on board for passengers to pre-fill before disembarkation, and to be surrendered to health staff on the ground at the airport.

b) Symptomatic travellers with body temperatures equal to or above 38 0 C will be tested for SARS Cov-2 at the airport. In addition to this temperature level, if a traveller is coughing, has shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing, sore throat or headache — they will be quarantined in specific institutions designated by the Ministry of Health until their results are ready.

c)Travellers who test positive will be managed according to the National Case Management Guidelines.

d)Travellers without fever but with other symptoms will be assessed to determine need for testing.

c)Random testing for quality assurance purposes will be conducted randomly on selected passengers presenting negative results.

3) Standard Operations Procedures (Safety Guidelines for the tourism industry)
To ensure a safe experience for the tourists, safety operation guidelines have been put in place by the tourism sector. Tourists will be expected to wear masks and observe the globally accepted 1-meter physical distance. A detailed document with the guidelines is available through www.zambia.travel.

How to Apply for a Zambia Visa?
There are two ways through which you can apply for a Zambia visa:
Online, through Zambia's eVisa application system
Through a Zambia embassy or consulate abroad
Find the two methods of the Zambia visa application detailed below.

Applying for a Zambia visa online (Zambia eVisa)
The process is as follows:

- Submit the Zambia eVisa application here or visit https://eservices.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/home. You have to create an account and complete the online application form.

- Upload electronic copies of the required documents. (See the required documents for a Zambia visa below)

- Pay the Zambia visa fee. You have to pay online through a debit or credit card like Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Discover, Maestro UK, Visa Electron and Maestro Int. You will receive a receipt on your email, which you must print and show to the immigration officers upon entry to Zambia.

- Wait for the visa application to be processed. If your application is approved, you will receive a Zambia e-Visa approval letter, which you must print and bring with you when you travel to Zambia. Also keep an electronic copy of the visa in a phone, laptop, or tablet, just in case.

Applying for a Zambia visa at an embassy or consulate

- You can also apply for a Zambia visa at one of the embassies or consulates of Zambia abroad. You will have to contact the embassy or consulate of Zambia in your country and learn about the opening hours, working days, and any specific requirements they have regarding visa application submissions.

- You may be able to apply online or you'll have to apply by post. If there is no Zambian representation in your country, you can always apply online.

How long Does it Take to Process a Zambia Visa?
The processing time for a Zambia visa depends on your nationality as well as the method through which you apply.

When applying online
- If you are from one of the countries which are eligible for a Zambia Visa On Arrival, the processing time is three days.

- If you are from a country that is not eligible for a Zambia Visa On Arrival, the visa processing time is five days.

- When applying at an embassy or consulate

- It depends on the specific consular office or embassy, but you should expect a minimum of 5 days from the time they receive your completed application.

You will be required to upload the following original documents with your email:

- Passport Photo

- Copy of Passport Data Page

- Flight itinerary

Flight *Information*

We are also excited to announce that AfriLabs has partnered with Ethiopian Airlines as the official airline carrier for the AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2022. To access this discount, please visit the **website** using the link below and use the promo code – AAG22.

https://www.ethiopianairlines.com/aa/event?Key=AfriLabs-Annual-Gathering-2022

Airport *Pickup*

Please book your airport pick-up with the hotel you will be staying in, ensuring that your logistics are appropriately organised. Should you require any assistance, kindly send an email to **Malama@afrilabs.com** and cc: **Pase@afrilabs.com**

Hotel

Accomodation

LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER AT CIELA RESORT - VENUE ($128)

Nestled in the green abundant Zambian countryside, yet only 20 minutes from Lusaka, Ciêla defines a new chapter in African hospitality. Stay with us and discover how we channel contemporary Zambian culture and spirit into our experiences and design. The Resort is a 10km drie to the Airport and 27km to the central locations of Lusaka. Accommodation is @ $128 per night. AfriLabs Annual Gathering guests must book between Sunday, October 23, 2022 and Sunday, October 30, 2022. **Book here.**

SOUTHERN SUN HOTEL ($100)

Set a 5-minute walk from the Civic Center Bus Stop, this relaxed hotel surrounded by lush palm trees is also a 15-minute walk from the cultural exhibits at the Lusaka National Museum and 2km from the Kabwata Cultural Village. Situated 30.6km from Ciela Resort and 23.4km from the Lusaka International Airport as well as 5.2km to the center of Lusaka. Accommodation is at $100 per night. To book use **SSRidgeway.reservations@southernsun.com** and cc **malama@afrilabs.com / pase@afrilabs.com**

GRAND PALACE HOTEL - ($93.75)

The Grand Palace Hotel is situated in the heart of Lusaka's business hub. Its convenient location places you a stone's throw from several business parks, within easy reach of the city center, banking plazas, the airport, as well as several embassies. Situated at the central location of Lusaka Grand Palace is 27km to Ciela Resort. Accommodation is at $93.75 per night. To book use **reservations@grandpalace.co.zm** and **cc malama@afrilabs.com / pase@afrilabs.com**

LUSAKA LEGACY RESORT

A luxury hotel in Lusaka, located on a hilltop just 26kms from Ciela Resort and 19km from Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, Lusaka Legacy Resort and Conference Centre combines ease of access with a natural countryside setting. It is Situated 18Km from the center of Lusaka. Accommodation is at $71 per night. To book use **reservations@llhcc.com** and cc **malama@afrilabs.com / pase@afrilabs.com**

ASMARA HOTEL - ($68.75)

Inspired to bring a piece of Asmara to Lusaka. The Hotel was designed to emulate the city's unique architecture and designs. Our thirty-six rooms are aimed to provide a comfortable & unforgettable stay. Situated at the central location of Lusaka Grand Palace is 27km to Ciela Resort. Accommodation is at $68.75 per night. To book use frontoffice@asmarahotelzm.com and cc malama@afrilabs.com / pase@afrilabs.com

NANNY SERVICES DURING THE AFRILABS ANNUAL GATHERING

Lusaka International Convention Center at Ciela Resort offers nanny services at K50 or $3.2 per day.

BREASTFEEDING ROOMS DURING THE ANNUAL GATHERING
Lusaka International Convention Center at Ciela Resort has a designated area for Nursing mothers.

REGULAR TRANSPORTATION
AfriLabs will provide Airport shuttle services that will be booked prior as well as regular transportation to all places on the Agenda. For airport shuttle, please send in your arrival and departure times to Malama@afrilabs.com and cc; pase@afrilabs.com at least two weeks before you arrive. However, if you would like to explore the City on your own, we recommend Ulendo and Yango Taxi apps can (ride-hailing services which can be found on google and apple online stores).

LOCAL CURRENCY
The Zambian Local Currency used is the Zambian Kwacha (ZK)

TIME
The Time zone in Zambia (GMT+2)

WEATHER
October is the warmest month, with an average high temperature of 32.6°C (90.7°F) and an average low temperature of 18.5°C (65.3°F).

LANGUAGE
The official Language in Zambia is English

CONNECTIVITY (MOBILE DATA AND AIRTIME)
Lusaka International Convention Center at Ciela Resort offers WIFI services but to stay connected outside of the Conference venue, local sim cards will be made available to the delegates.

ELECTRICITY & ELECTRONICS
For Zambia there are three associated plug types, types C, D and G. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins, plug type D has three round pins in a triangular pattern and plug type G is the plug which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Zambia operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

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City Tour

For those interested in touring Zambia, we encourage you to schedule your tour for either the 29th of October or the 30th of October 2022. To schedule a tour, please send an email with the subject AfriLabs Annual Gathering Lusaka Tour to **globalsmashtours@gmail.com** and cc: **malama@afrilabs.com** and **pase@afrilabs.com**
Or via WhatsApp via : +260963720336
Please note that the tour costs k650 and includes the following:

- 37D Gallery
- V Lusaka National Museum
- Lilayi Elephant Nursery
- Kwisoko Game Ranch