SOUTHERN AFRICA EDUCATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2026

Theme: Creating High – Performing Educational Institutions in the Era of Artificial Intelligence

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

Southern Africa Education Leadership Conference 2026 running under the theme Creating High Performing Educational Institutions in the Era of Artificial Intelligence will be hosted at the University of Zimbabwe at the Diamond Conference Centre from 16 to 18 November (3days) The Meeting is open to educationist , as well as to other related ministries and agents.

I. VENUE: University of Zimbabwe Diamond Conference Centre

II. CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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III. REGISTRATION

1. Registration and Participation Fees

The individual registration fee is **US$350 per delegate**. Delegates are encouraged to register in advance through the Global Skills Hub website: www.globalskillshub.co.uk.

Alternatively, delegates may register on the day of the conference.

2. Payment Procedures

Payment can be made in cash at the University of Zimbabwe or by direct bank deposit using the following details:

Currency: USD

- **Account Name:** University of Zimbabwe Specific Funds
- **Bank:** First Capital Bank
- **Branch:** NGO Centre
- **Account Number:** 21571050501
- **SWIFT/BIC:** BARCZWHX

Currency: ZIG

- **Account Name:** University of Zimbabwe
- **Bank:** CBZ
- **Branch:** Kwame Nkrumah
- **Account Number:** 20770100100

IV. STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization as well as their stay in Zimbabwe. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations Specialized Agencies of 1947.

V. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Arrival in Harare: All international travellers will arrive at **Robert Mugabe International Airport**.

A valid passport is required for all visitors to Zimbabwe. Entry visas may be obtained at Zimbabwean diplomatic missions and consular representations abroad. Participants travelling from countries in which Zimbabwe does not have a diplomatic

mission or consulate can obtain entry visa from any Zimbabwean Mission closest to their country of origin.

Based on the law of the country, **visa exemption is in place for passport holders from specific African countries**. For countries which are not exempt, kindly follow the link: www.evisa.gov.zw (conference visa).

A **Courtesy Visa** will be issued for international participants on arrival upon presentation of an accreditation letter or invitation letter from the organisers of the event for holders of Diplomatic, Service and UN Passports. However, participants are strongly advised to send the following details, latest by 6 November 2026

- Full names of the traveller
- Valid passport number and nationality
- Scanned copy of the biodata page of the passport
- Date of arrival

To the attention of: Mr Shadwell Nyoni 0772225625
nyonishadwell@gmail.com

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VI. TRANSPORT

Shuttle bus will collect participants from Rainbow Towers, Cresta Jameson, Crown Plaza and Hyatt Regency hotels.

VII. RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT

A reception and information desk will be open for delegates at the **Robert Mugabe**

International Airport one day prior to the date of the first event at the arrival hall, including VIP arrivals, with enough staff to welcome and assist participants and delegations with immigration formalities, baggage collection and coordination of transport to the hotels.

VIII. ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements by contacting the hotels listed below. When booking, please specify that you will be attending the **Southern Africa Education Leadership Conference 2026**

A selection of hotels is provided by The Hospitality Association of Zimbabwe (HAZ) for your convenience to help you find nearby accommodation. You are free to book outside this list, however kindly note that transport will need to be managed autonomously at your own expense.

Hotel	USD Standard Double bed and Breakfast – Single Person (Normal Rate)	USD Standard Double bed and Breakfast – Single Person (Negotiated Rate)	Address	Contact Details	Distance from the meeting Venue
Hyatt Regency	255	255	Jason Moyo Avenue/ Third Street – P.O.Box 594, Harare	meikles@meikles.com 0242 707720/9	6.8 km
Rainbow Towers	130	100	RTG (T Madziwanyika) 1 Pennefather Ave- P.O. Box 3033, Harare	sales.harare@sheraton.com norbertru@rainbowtowers.co.zw 0242 772633-9	7.6 km
Crowne Plaza Monomotapa	120	120	African Sun Ltd – 54 Parklane P.O.Box 2445, Harare	zimsun@zimsun.co.zw 0242 704501/10	7 km
Cresta Jameson Hotel	110	90	Cresta Hospitality 21 Samora Machel Ave Harare	gmjameson@cresta.co.zw 0242 774107/12	7.2 km

Bronte Hotel	130	130	J Legget – 132 Baines Ave, Harare	reservations@brontehole.co.zw 0242 707522/7	4.9 km
Cresta Oasis	130	120	Cresta Hospitality, 124 Nelson Mandela Ave, P.O. Box 1541, Harare	gm@oasis.cresta.co.zw, shalom@oasis.cresta.co.zw 0242 704217/9	4.9 km
Cresta Lodge	150	150	Cresta Hospitality, Cnr Samora Machel Ave/ Robert Mugabe, Msasa, Harare	accountant@lodge.cresta.co.zw 0242 486204	7.5 km
Coghlan Boutique Hotel	120	75	25 Coghlan Road, Greendale North Harare	admin@coghlanvilla.co.zw 0780254510 0773210434	9 km
Holiday Inn Harare	155	130 bed only	African Sun Limited – Samora Machel Ave/ 5th Street. P.O. Box 7, Harare	gm.hih@africansunhotels.com 0242 251200 – 4	4.5 km
Liam Collection	90	80	1 Midlonthian Avenue, Eastlea, Harare	resevation@liamvfa.com +263786683953	
Pemabwe	110	90	7 mold crescent Avenue	reservations@pemabwe.com +263778083880	

Notes:

i. The hotel rates include breakfast.
ii. The hotel rates are per single room/person basis.
iii. Bookings and payments shall be effected directly by guest with the hotels.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We highly recommend that delegates book their accommodation at the earliest convenience by referring to the list of hotels highlighted above in order to ensure their transfer to the meeting venue and return.

IX. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All participants are required to observe international health regulations on public health and measures for travellers.

Proof of yellow fever vaccination is required for travellers from countries endemic to yellow fever.

Emergency health services will run during the events. Ambulance services will be provided for delegates.

X. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working language for the **Southern Africa Education Leadership Conference 2026** will be **English only**. No simultaneous interpretation is foreseen, and all documents will be available exclusively in English.

XI. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The following options for social events and tours are available at the delegates' own expense. Delegates are responsible for making their own booking arrangements by contacting the service providers listed below. When making a reservation, please indicate that you will be attending the **Southern Africa Education Leadership Conference 2026**

Option 1: VICTORIA FALLS

Overview

Victoria Falls is one of the world's most spectacular waterfalls and a leading adventure and wildlife destination. All prices are subject to change without notice and depending on the season.

Activities

- Guided tour of Victoria Falls — Standard $88usd International
- Sunset cruises — VIP $00usd Standard $60usd
- Helicopter scenic flights — $200usd for 15mins
- White-water rafting — $174usd low water
- horse trails — $145usd
- Elephant — $175usd
- Cheeter Experience — $175usd
- Lion Experience — $175usd
- Bungee jumping — $195usd park fees excluded
- Ziplining — $56usd
- Game drives — $88usd
- Adventure jetboat — $141usd
- Cultural village visits — $35usd estimate

Accommodation – Bed and Breakfast

- Luxury lodges and hotels — $600usd to $1100usd
- Upscale safari lodges — $365usd to $950usd

- Mid-range hotels and guesthouses $220usd to $320usd
- Budget lodges $80usd to $170usd
- Backpacker facilities $20usd to $35usd

Dining

- The Boma Dinner & Drum Show $68usd without drinks
- Lookout Café $35usd to $50usd 3 Part Meal
- Three Monkeys Restaurant $35usd to $50usd 3 Part Meal
- Dusty Road Township Experience $35usd to $50usd 3 Part Meal
- MaKuwa-Kuwa Restaurant $35usd to $50usd 3 Part Meal

Getting There

- Direct flights into Victoria Falls International Airport $560usd return
- Road transfers from major Zimbabwean cities
- Coach services and private transfers $45usd one way

Option 2: NYANGA

Overview

Nestled in Zimbabwe's Eastern Highlands, Nyanga is known for its cool climate, rolling mountains, waterfalls, forests and outdoor recreation. All prices are subject to change without notice and depending on the season.

Activities

- Hiking $5usd locals
- Mountain climbing $10usd
- Visiting waterfalls and scenic viewpoints $5usd parks entry fee
- Trout fishing
- Horse riding $15usd
- Ziplining $50usd
- Skywalk experiences $50usd
- Bird watching $5usd parks entry
- Nature walks and photography $5usd parks entry

Accommodation – Bed and Breakfast

- Mountain resorts $180usd to $1200usd
- Luxury lodges $450usd to $1200usd
- Mid-range hotels $60usd to $80usd
- Self-catering cottages $60usd to $155usd
- Camping facilities

Dining – 3 course meals

- Hotel and lodge restaurants $30usd to $40usd
- Traditional Zimbabwean cuisine $5usd to $15usd
- Picnic facilities in scenic areas $5usd parks entry

Getting There from Harare

- Approximately 4-5 hours by road from Harare
- Private transfers and guided tours available $300usd to $500usd
- Accessible via well-maintained highways

Option 3: KARIBA

Overview

Located on the shores of Lake Kariba, this destination is famous for its vast lake, fishing, wildlife and houseboat experiences. All prices are subject to change without notice and depending on the season.

Activities

- Houseboat cruises $400usd to $4500usd
- Tiger fishing $305usd per day 7usd per person conservation fee
- Sunset cruises $25usd
- Wildlife viewing (Game drive) $25usd
- Parasailing $75usd
- Sail Boating $30usd
- Bird watching N/A
- Photography and relaxation fees $7usd conservation

Accommodation – Bed and Breakfast

- Luxury lakeside lodges $130usd
- Safari camps $200usd to $550usd
- Resort hotels $60usd to $130usd
- Mid-range lodges $30usd to $50usd
- Houseboats $400usd to $4500usd
- Budget guesthouses $30usd to $50usd

Dining

- Lakeside restaurants $20usd to $30usd
- Hotel restaurants $30usd to $50usd
- Fresh fish and local cuisine $5usd to $20usd
- Houseboat catering experiences Own groceries chef

included on houseboat rate

Getting There

- Approximately 5-6 hours by road from Harare
- Coach and private transfer services available $400usd to $600usd

Option 4: HARARE

Overview

Zimbabwe's capital city offers a blend of culture, history, entertainment, shopping and nature-based experiences.

Activities

- The Heroes Acre,
- Art galleries and museums
- Wildlife and conservation parks
- Shopping and local markets
- Golfing
- Nightlife and entertainment

Accommodation – Bed and Breakfast

- International luxury hotels
- Mid-range hotels
- Guesthouses. Lodges and bed & breakfasts
- Budget accommodation

Dining

- Fine dining restaurants
- International cuisine
- Traditional Zimbabwean restaurants
- Coffee shops and cafés
- Fast-food and casual dining outlets

Getting There

- Arrive via Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport
- Well-connected by road to all major destinations in Zimbabwe
- Car hire, taxis and ride-hailing services readily available

The following Travel Agents can be conducted for further enquiries and bookings

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1. Traverze Travel &Tours 0719239230
2.Blue Berry Travel Limited 0772690405
3.Primier Holiday&Destination Management 0242704781
4.Genesis Travel&Tours 0775130268
5.Infinite Destinations Travel 0242886545

XII. CURRENCY REGULATIONS

Zimbabwe uses a multicurrency system. Most currencies are also convertible to ZiG at banks and various exchange bureaus. Exchange rates vary in accordance with market forces. Visa card swipe terminals are also widely available. **Kindly note that USD is the most commonly used currency for payments by international travellers.**

Foreign currency exchange rates are approximately:

- 1 USD = 27 ZiG
- 1 EUR = 29 ZiG

XIII. CLIMATE

The average temperature in Zimbabwe in April/May ranges from 27°C to 29°C.

XIV. LOCAL TIME

Time in Harare, Zimbabwe, is GMT+2

XV. BUSINESS AND SHOPPING HOURS

Banks are open from 08:00 to 15:00 from Monday to Friday and from 08:00 to 11:00 on Saturday. On Sundays and public holidays, banks are closed.

Most shops are open from 08:00 to 18:00.

Working hours for both Government and the private sector are between 08:00 and 16:45 usually with a lunch break of one hour between 13:00 and 14:00, Monday to Friday. Saturday is not a working day for the Government and other business establishments.

Credit cards are widely accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and shops.

XVI. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Power plugs and sockets in Zimbabwe are of type D (three pins in a triangular pattern) and type G (two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin). The standard voltage is 230V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Most hotels provide adaptors on request.

XVII. INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

For further information, please refer to *www.globalskillshub.co.uk*