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Travel & Visitor Guide

Beyond Borders:
Scaling Impact and Innovation for
Africa's Sustainable Transformation

Ciela Resort and Spa, Lusaka, Zambia

10–11th June 2026



WELCOME TO THE AFRICA IMPACT SUMMIT 2026

Welcome to AIS 2026, a high-level platform for impact investing, deal-making, and ecosystem building in Africa. This guide is designed to help delegates prepare efficiently for travel, arrival, and participation in Lusaka.

The Summit convenes investors, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and development partners for two days of strategic dialogue, curated connections, and practical collaboration. As the first AIS hosted in Zambia, it also offers delegates an opportunity to engage a market of growing relevance to regional investment and partnership agendas.

Your participation is central to the value of AIS 2026. We encourage you to use this guide as a practical reference for the key logistics, requirements, and local considerations that will support a smooth visit.

Dates: 10 – 11 June 2026

Venue: Ciela Resort & Spa Ngwerere Road, Lusaka, Zambia

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Delegate Quick View

- Confirm passport validity, visa status, and any yellow fever certificate requirement before travel.
- Book accommodation and airport transfer early, especially if staying at the official venue.
- Plan for cool mornings and evenings in June, and carry a light jacket.
- Use registered taxis or ride-hailing apps for local transport, and keep key travel documents secure.

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Getting to Know Zambia

Zambia is a stable, English-speaking destination that is generally straightforward for business travel. Lusaka is the country's main commercial and diplomatic centre, and delegates should find the city accessible, welcoming, and easy to navigate with basic preparation.

- **Capital:** Lusaka
- **Dialing Code:** +260

Currency

The official currency of Zambia is the Zambian Kwacha (ZMW). All in-country transactions are conducted in Kwacha in accordance with Zambian law. Indicative exchange rates at the time of publication are shown below, please check with your bank or a reputable forex service for current rates before travelling, as these fluctuate.

Indicative Exchange Rates (check with your bank for current rates):

- 1 USD = approx. 19 ZMW
- 1 EUR = approx. 22 ZMW
- 1 GBP = approx. 25 ZMW
- 1 NGN = approx. 0.012 ZMW
- 1 ZAR = approx. 1.13 ZMW
- 1 KES = approx. 0.15 ZMW

Forex bureaux are widely available across Lusaka, at KKIA airport, major hotels, and shopping malls, and typically offer competitive rates.

ATMs accepting Visa and Mastercard are found at the airport, hotels, and malls. It is useful to carry some Kwacha cash for small purchases, street markets, kiosk vendors, and tips.

Mobile money is widely used: Airtel Money enables cross-border transactions for delegates arriving from other African countries where Airtel operates.

Weather in June

June falls in Zambia's cool, dry season, which runs from May through July. It is one of the most pleasant times to visit the country. Expect clear blue skies with virtually no rainfall, and comfortable daytime temperatures. Mornings and evenings can be noticeably cool, so a light jacket or warm layer is recommended, particularly for early morning or evening outdoor activities.

- **Daytime temperatures:** 22 – 25 degrees Celsius
- **Night temperatures:** can drop to around 10 degrees Celsius
- **Dry season:** clear skies and no significant rainfall expected



Visas

Visa requirements depend on nationality, so delegates should confirm entry status as an early priority. We recommend checking requirements at least three to four weeks before departure to allow time for any e-visa or mission-based processing.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit:

- 1 [Nationals who do not require a visa](#)
- 2 [Nationals requiring a visa before travel](#)
- 3 [Nationals who can get a visa on arrival or at missions abroad](#)
- 4 [Visa requirements by purpose of visit](#)
- 5 [Visa and immigration fees](#)
- 6 [Apply for a visa online](#)

Arrival & Transport

Kenneth Kaunda International Airport is the main arrival point for delegates and is typically 30 to 40 minutes from the venue, depending on traffic. For the smoothest arrival, pre-arranged hotel transfers are the preferred option, with registered taxis and ride-hailing services available as alternatives.

- Hotel transfers are recommended where available, particularly for first-time visitors and late arrivals.
- Registered airport taxis and ride-hailing services such as Yango, Ulendo, and Bolt operate in Lusaka.
- Independent car hire is available, but is best suited to delegates already comfortable driving locally.

For safety, always use registered taxis or ride-hailing apps rather than accepting rides from unmarked vehicles. Keep your passport secured and carry a copy with you when moving around the city.

Health & Safety

Lusaka is generally manageable for international visitors, but delegates should approach health preparation and routine travel precautions seriously. The priority is to confirm vaccination guidance, carry appropriate insurance, use safe transport, and rely on bottled or filtered water during the stay.

Vaccinations and Health Preparations

Consult your healthcare provider four to six weeks before travel to confirm recommended vaccinations and any medication needs. Priority considerations include routine vaccines, hepatitis A, malaria prevention where relevant, and safe drinking water practices.

- Routine vaccinations should be up to date before any international travel
- Hepatitis A vaccination is recommended for all travellers to Zambia
- Malaria prevention is recommended, particularly for travel beyond Lusaka, discuss anti-malarial medication with your doctor well in advance
- Drinking water: tap water in Lusaka is not reliably safe to drink. Stick to bottled or filtered water throughout your stay. Bottled water is widely available and provided at the summit venue and most hotels

Yellow Fever

A yellow fever certificate is generally required only for travellers arriving from, or transiting for an extended period through, a yellow fever risk country. Because routing can affect this requirement, delegates should verify their specific itinerary with their airline or travel clinic before departure.

Travel Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance, including cover for medical treatment and emergency evacuation, is strongly recommended for all international travel to Zambia.

Emergency Contacts

- Police emergency: 999 or 991
- Ambulance and medical emergency: 993
- Main hospitals in Lusaka include the University Teaching Hospital (UTH), Levy Mwanawasa University Teaching Hospital, and Maina Soko Medical Centre

Connectivity

Mobile coverage is reliable throughout Lusaka. Zambia has four main mobile network providers: MTN, Airtel, ZAMTEL, and Zed-Mobile. SIM cards and data bundles are available from all operators and can be purchased at KKIA airport on arrival near the exit of the arrivals building, as well as at major retail outlets and shopping malls. You will need your passport to register a SIM card. A talktime bundle of around K100–K150 and a data bundle of K200–K300 is typically more than sufficient for a short stay.

- Most hotels and the summit venue offer Wi-Fi access
- Airtel Money enables mobile money transactions and cross-border payments for delegates from other African countries where Airtel operates

Electricity

Zambia uses Type G sockets (British 3-pin), with some Type C and D sockets also found in certain locations. Voltage is 230V at 50Hz. A universal travel adapter is recommended.

Environmental Note — Plastic Bag Ban


Zambia enforces a restriction on single, use plastic bags below 30 microns. Travellers are advised not to bring plastic carrier bags into the country and to use reusable alternatives. Non-compliance may result in confiscation at points of entry.

Accommodation

Delegates are encouraged to book accommodation early, as availability tightens around the Summit period. Staying at the official venue offers the most convenient option for schedule efficiency, while several established alternatives are available across Lusaka.



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Taj Pamodzi Hotel

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Neelkanth Sarovar Premiere

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Full accommodation details and booking links: africainpactsummit.org/travel-and-accommodation/

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Self-catering: A range of fully furnished apartments and private homes are available in Lusaka through Airbnb (airbnb.com). This is a flexible and cost-effective option, particularly for delegates staying for an extended period or travelling with family.

Bars & Restaurants

Lusaka has a surprisingly diverse and growing dining scene, from fine dining restaurants to vibrant local eateries and casual cafes. The Great East Road corridor, which runs from the airport through the main business district towards Arcades and East Park, is home to many of the city's best dining options. Below is a selection to help you get started. We encourage you to explore further, the city has much more to offer than this list captures.



Bellini
Fine Dining
Lusaka Showgrounds



Chuma Grill & Bar
African Fusion / Grills
Radisson Blu Hotel,
Great East Road



Jacaranda
International
Taj Pamodzi Hotel, Church Road



Steaks & Grills
Steakhouse
Taj Pamodzi Hotel, Church Road



Marlin's
Steakhouse
Longacres



Musuku Restaurant
International
Southern Sun Ridgeway,
Church Road



Mint Lounge
Cafe / International
Arcades Shopping Centre,
Great East Road



Mint at Agora Village
Cafe / International
Agora Village, Great East Road



Cantina
Mexican
Lake Road, Kabulonga



Dil
Indian
Ibex Hill



Eataly
Pizza / Italian
Off Addis Ababa Drive



Afrogonia
Seafood
Woodlands



Onoma
Greek
Rhodes Park



Rhodespark Cafe
Cafe / Light Meals
Rhodes Park



Prime Joint
Steak / Grill
East Park Mall



Mpoto Yatu
Zambian Cuisine
Rhodes Park

For food delivery to your hotel, download the Afridelivery or Yango Food apps, both offer a wide range of Lusaka restaurants with reliable delivery across the city.

Experiencing Zambia

You will be in Zambia for one of Africa’s premier impact investing forums, but we hope you will also find a moment to discover what makes this country so special. Lusaka and the surrounding areas offer a remarkable range of experiences for the curious visitor, from world-class wildlife encounters to vibrant cultural landmarks, contemporary art and some of the best safari destinations on the continent. Below are our top recommendations.

In and Around Lusaka

	<p>Lusaka National Park</p> <p>Africa’s only city-based national park, home to lion, giraffe, zebra and more. Located just 30 minutes from the city centre – an easy and rewarding half-day outing.</p>		<p>Game Rangers Int’l – Elephant Nursery</p> <p>A conservation project offering close encounters with orphaned elephants being rehabilitated for release into the wild. Located near the airport.</p>
	<p>Lusaka National Museum</p> <p>Zambia’s premier heritage institution on Independence Avenue, tracing the country’s history from ancient times through to independence. A worthwhile cultural visit.</p>		<p>Chilenje House – KK House</p> <p>National monument and former home of Zambia’s founding president Dr Kenneth Kaunda, in the old Chilenje Township. Open to the public – a moving piece of Africa’s liberation history.</p>
	<p>Lechwe Trust Art Gallery / 37D</p> <p>One of Lusaka’s leading contemporary art spaces on Lagos Road, Rhodes Park, showcasing established and emerging Zambian artists across painting, sculpture, photography and mixed media.</p>		<p>KK Mall & Kabwata Cultural Village</p> <p>KK Mall (formerly Longacres Mall) houses the iconic KK Statue in Kenneth Kaunda Square. Nearby Kabwata Cultural Village is one of the best spots for crafts, carvings and local art.</p>
	<p>Chaminuka Nature Reserve</p> <p>A beautiful private game reserve about 45 minutes from Lusaka, offering guided game drives, bird watching and the option of overnight stays in luxury lodges.</p>		<p>Lilayi Lodge & Game Reserve</p> <p>A charming lodge south of Lusaka with game drives, a resident elephant herd, wine tasting and a relaxed bush atmosphere – easily combined with a city stay.</p>
	<p>Arcades, East Park & Foxdale Court</p> <p>Lusaka’s main dining, shopping and entertainment precincts, offering everything from local Zambian food to international restaurants, craft beer bars, coffee shops and live music.</p>		<p>Sunday Markets</p> <p>The Arcades and East Park Sunday markets are a Lusaka institution – fresh produce, curated local crafts, street food and a vibrant community atmosphere. Not to be missed.</p>

Victoria Falls and Safari – Destinations Beyond Lusaka

Zambia is home to two of Africa’s finest safari destinations, the Lower Zambezi and South Luangwa National Parks, as well as Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. While these require more time than a day trip, they are well worth building into your travel plans if your schedule allows.



Victoria Falls, Livingstone

Fly Lusaka to Livingstone in approximately one hour with Proflight Zambia, which operates daily scheduled flights. The Falls are just minutes from Livingstone town and can be combined with white-water rafting, helicopter flights, and Zambezi cruises.

Proflight Zambia bookings:
 reservations@proflight-zambia.com
 WhatsApp: +260 777 034 742

Tours and activities in Livingstone:
 Livingstone’s Adventure: livingstonesadventure.com
 Wild Side Tours: victoriafallszambia.travel



Safari: Lower Zambezi & South Luangwa

Zambia offers some of Africa’s finest walking safaris and game drives. The Lower Zambezi National Park is a 40-minute flight from Lusaka; South Luangwa (accessed via Mfuwe) is approximately one hour. Both are best arranged and booked in advance.

Proflight Zambia flies to Jeki airstrip (Lower Zambezi) and Mfuwe (South Luangwa).
 reservations@proflight-zambia.com

Safari packages
 The Zambia Safari Company: zambiasafaris.com

For broader travel inspiration within Zambia, visit the Zambia Tourism Agency at zambiatourism.com.

Before You Travel – Checklist

Before departure, confirm the items below in priority order to reduce avoidable travel friction



Passport valid for at least six months, with sufficient blank pages.



Visa status confirmed and, where required, completed before travel.



Yellow fever certificate confirmed if your routing makes it applicable.



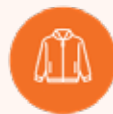
Accommodation booked and airport transfer plan in place.



Travel insurance arranged, including medical treatment and evacuation cover.



Any recommended vaccinations or malaria medication discussed with your clinician in advance.



A light jacket, universal adapter, and access to local currency or cards prepared for arrival.



Return or onward ticket and booking references saved for easy access.

CONTACTS & SUPPORT

For any travel queries or assistance ahead of the Summit, the team is available to help.

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