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| 文号： | **电信标准化局第7/13号集体函**  SG13/TK | 致：   * 国际电联各成员国主管部门； * ITU-T部门成员； * 参加第13研究组工作的ITU-T 部门准成员； * ITU-T学术成员 |
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| 事由： | **第13研究组会议（2019年3月4-14日，津巴布韦Victoria Falls）** | |

尊敬的先生/女士：

我高兴地通知您，应津巴布韦邮电管理局（POTRAZ）的盛情邀请，第13研究组（侧重于IMT-2020、云计算和可信赖的网络基础设施的未来网络）将自2019年3月4-14日（含）在津巴布韦Victoria Falls 召开会议。

我谨在此提请您注意两条重要最新信息：目前会议注册现需联系人批准，而且申请与会补贴和签证的程序已有变更。详情见**附件A**和[电信标准化局第68号通函](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSB-CIR-0068)。

文件制作、远程与会详细信息及其他相关信息见[研究组主页](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/13/Pages/default.aspx)。第一天的会议将自9时30分开始。与会者的注册工作将自8时30分起开始。有关会议厅每天安排的具体信息将在会场显示，并且[在此处](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/apps/meeting-rooms)在线提供。

重要截止日期

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| 2019年1月4日 | – 提交需要翻译的[ITU-T成员文稿](http://itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/) |
| 2019年1月21日 | – 提交与会补贴申请（通过在线注册表进行；详情见**附件A**） |
| 2019年2月4日 | – 预注册（通过研究组主页提供的注册表进行）  – 提交签证协办函请求（通过在线注册表进行；详情见**附件A**） |
| 2019年2月19日 | – [提交ITU-T成员文稿](http://www.itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/)（通过[文件直传](http://www.itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/)系统提交） |

会议举办信息见**附件A**。由第13研究组主席Leo Lehmann先生（瑞士）拟定的会议**议程草案**和由第13研究组管理团队拟定的**时间计划草案**见**附件B**和**附件C**。对时间计划的进一步补充将会以[TD142/PLEN](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG13-190304-TD-PLEN-0142/en)号文件修订版的形式在第13研究组[网站](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/13/Pages/default.aspx)上公布。为与会者提供的更多信息见**附件D**。

祝您与会顺利且富有成效。

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**附件A****会议举办信息**

工作方法与设施

**提交和获取文件：**会议将为无纸化会议。成员文稿应通过[文件直传](http://itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/)系统提交；临时文件草案应采用[适当模板](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/Pages/templates.aspx)通过[电子邮件](mailto:tsbsg13@itu.int)提交给研究组秘书处。通过研究组主页可获取会议文件，但仅限于ITU-T成员/[TIES账户持有者](http://www.itu.int/TIES/)。

**工作语言：**会议仅用英文工作。

会场将提供**无线局域网**设施和互联网接入。

**预注册、与会补贴和协助办理签证**

**预注册：**与会者均需进行预注册。请**在会议开始至少一个月前**通过[研究组主页](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/13/Pages/default.aspx)完成在线预注册。根据[电信标准化局第68号通函](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSB-CIR-0068)，新的注册系统要求所有的注册申请需经过联系人批准。请成员尽可能吸收女性代表加入代表团。

**新代表：**将邀请出席会议的新代表参加有关ITU-T和第13研究组工作情况的新代表情况通报会（具体日期和时间安排见附件C）。 针对新代表的快速指南见[此处](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/ITU-T-Newcomer-Guide.pdf)。

**与会补贴：**视可用资金情况，可能会向每个发展中国家主管部门提供两份非全额与会补贴，以促进相关国家代表的与会。新的注册系统将向勾选了注册表中相应方框的代表发送与会补贴申请表。**与会补贴申请最迟必须在2019年1月21日前收妥，因此强烈建议在会议开始至少七周前进行活动注册并启动申请程序**。请注意，决定是否颁发与会补贴的标准包括：国际电联的可用预算情况、与会人数，包括提交书面文稿的情况、国家与区域间的平均分配、残疾代表的参与和性别平衡。

**签证协办：**由于此会议在瑞士以外的地方举行，签证协办请求应直接提交给会议主办方。相关说明见**附件D。**

ANNEX B

Draft agenda for the plenary meetings of Study Group 13  
(Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 4-14 March 2019)

NOTE ‒ Updates to the agenda can be found in [[TD141/PLEN](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG13-190304-TD-PLEN-0141/en)].

1 Opening of the meeting

2 Welcome remarks by the Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe ([POTRAZ](http://www.potraz.gov.zw/)), SG13 Chairman and TSB

3 Chairman’s comments and key objectives for this meeting

4 Approval of the agenda

5 Brief reports on activities since the July 2018 Study Group 13 meeting

5.1 TSAG (10-14 December 2018)

5.2 FG ML5G (8-10 August and 27-29 November 2018)

5.3 FG NET2030 (3-4 October, 19-20 December 2018 and 19-20 February 2019)

5.4 JCA-IMT2020 (18 September and 9 October 2018)

5.5 WP1/13, WP2/13 and WP3/13 meetings (2 November 2018)

5.6 Rapporteur activities

5.7 Workshops

5.8 Recommendation approvals

5.9 Others as identified

6 Organization of the work

6.1 Objectives and guidelines for the meetings of working parties and ad-hoc groups

6.2 Bridging the Standardization Gap - Questionnaires

6.3 Review of *the Ad-hoc group on Guidelines for development of technical Recommendations* operation

6.4 Review the SG13 action plan for IMT-2020

6.5 Approval of the work plan for the meeting

6.6 Document allocation

6.7 Left-overs from the previous meeting - Y.2774, Y.qos-ml-arc, Y.MLN-Fr

6.8 Conduct and facilities available for the meeting

7 Documents addressed to the plenary

8 Approval of outgoing Liaison Statements

9 Approval of working party reports

10 Rapporteur appointments, other nominations, if required

11 Consideration of approval of Recommendations in accordance with Recommendation ITU-T A.8, if any

12 Applying the approval procedure for draft Recommendation ITU-T Y.2774 under provisions of WTSA-16 Resolution 1

13 Initiation of approval procedures for draft Recommendations under provisions of Recommendation ITU‑T A.8

14 Approval of other texts (Appendices, Supplements, ...), if any

15 Updating of the Study Group 13 work programme and agreement on the new work

16 Approval of correspondence and interim activities

17 Liaison and interaction with other groups

18 Planning for the participation of Study Group 13 at workshops and seminars

19 Future activities

20 Miscellaneous

21 Closing of the meeting

ANNEX C

Study Group 13 meeting draft time plan,  
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 4-14 March 2019 (first week)

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|  | **Monday 4 March** | | | | | | | **Tuesday 5 March** | | | | | | | **Wednesday 6 March** | | | | | | | **Thursday 7 March** | | | | | | | **Friday 8 March** | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | Image result for knife and fork symbol | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Image result for knife and fork symbol | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Image result for knife and fork symbol | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Image result for knife and fork symbol | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Image result for knife and fork symbol | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| **PLEN/13** |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **WP3/13** |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Q1/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  | |
| **Q2/13** |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Q5/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | R | R |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | R | R |  |  |  |  | |
| **Q16/13** |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  | |
| **WP2/13** |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Q7/13** |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  | |
| **Q17/13** |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  | **J** |  |  | x | x |  | |
| **Q18/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **J** | x |  |  |  |  | |
| **Q19/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | **J** |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **WP1/13** |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Q6/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  | |
| **Q20/13** |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  | x |  |  | |
| **Q21/13** |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  | x | x |  | x |  |  |  |  | x |  | x | x |  |  |  | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  | |
| **Q22/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  | |
| **Q23/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  | |
| **Other activities** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Newcomers sessions** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x**1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Ad-hoc on guidelines for tech. Recs** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x**1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **JCA-IMT2020** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **Sessions times:** 0 - 0830-0930; 1 - 0930-1045; 2 - 1115-1230; Lunch (Lu) - 1230-1430; 3 - 1430-1545; 4 - 1615-1730; 5 - 1800-1930 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Key**: 📹 – Webcast; R – Remote participation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Study Group 13 meeting draft time plan,  
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 4-14 March 2019 (second week)

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|  | **Monday 11 March** | | | | | | | **Tuesday 12 March** | | | | | | | **Wednesday 13 March** | | | | | | | **Thursday 14 March** | | | | | | |
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| **PLEN/13** |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |
| **WP3/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q1/13** |  |  | x |  | x | x |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q2/13** |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q5/13** |  |  |  |  | R |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q16/13** |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WP2/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q7/13** |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q17/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q18/13** |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q19/13** |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WP1/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q6/13** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q20/13** |  |  | x |  | x |  |  |  | x |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q21/13** |  |  | x |  | x | x |  |  | x | x |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q22/13** |  |  | x |  | x | x |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Q23/13** |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other activities** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Notes**

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| **1** | Session timing 13:30 – 14:30 |
| **J** | Joint session of Questions |

**ANNEX D**

**Practical meeting information**

**1. Meeting Venue**

The Study Group 13 meeting will be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Details for the venue of the meeting (hotel) will be provided in an Addendum to this Collective letter as soon as practicable.

**2. Accommodation Options**

Delegates are kindly requested to make their own hotel bookings. The host will provide airport shuttles and transport in between hotels:

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| **HOTEL** | **ACCOMODATION RATE** | **COST OF MEALS** | **CONTACT** |
| **Kingdom Victoria Falls** | Single US$172 Bed and Breakfast  Double US$202 Bed and Breakfast | US$33 | Tel: +263-213-44275 Fax: +263-13-44782 / 44792 Email: [edube@legacyafricahotels.com](mailto:edube@legacyafricahotels.com)  [lmvhiringi@legacyafricahotels.com](mailto:lmvhiringi@legacyafricahotels.com) Website: [www.legacyhotels.com](http://www.legacyhotels.com) |
| **A’Zambezi River Lodge** | Single US$321.00 Bed and Breakfast  Double US$378.00 Bed and Breakfast | US$45 | Tel: +263-213-2844561-4 Cell: +263 772 153 537 Fax: +263-13-44511 Email: [Reservations.azambezi@rtg.co.zw](mailto:Reservations.azambezi@rtg.co.zw) Website: [www.rtgafrica.com](http://www.rtgafrica.com) |
| **Elephant Hills Continental Hotel** | Single US$254.00 Bed and Breakfast  Double US$294.00 Bed and Breakfast | US$27 | Tel: +263-213-2844793-9 Cell: +263 772 132 160-2 Fax: +263-213-2844656 Email: [nnnyandoro@legacyafricahotels.com](mailto:nnnyandoro@legacyafricahotels.com)  [ezemba@legacyafricahotels.com](mailto:ezemba@legacyafricahotels.com)  [nmpofu@legacyafricahotels.com](mailto:nmpofu@legacyafricahotels.com)  [ssibanda@legacyafricahotels.com](mailto:ssibanda@legacyafricahotels.com) Website: [www.legacyhotels.com](http://www.legacyhotels.com) |
| **Victoria Falls Hotel** | Single US$425.00 Bed and Breakfast  Double US$458.00 Bed and Breakfast | US$40 | Tel: +263-213-28 44751/61 or 44593 Cell: +263 772 132 174 Fax: +263-213-2844762 Email: [Reservations2@victoriafallshotel.com](mailto:Reservations2@victoriafallshotel.com) Website: [www.victoriafallshotel.com](http://www.victoriafallshotel.com) |
| **Rainbow Hotel Victoria Falls** | Single US$249.00 Bed and Breakfast  Double US$289.00 Bed and Breakfast | US$42 | Tel: +263-213-2844583/5 Fax: +263-213-2843563/45832/44652 Email: [reservations@rainbowvfa.co.zw](mailto:reservations@rainbowvfa.co.zw) |
| **Cresta Sprayview Hotel** | Single US$130.00 Bed and Breakfast  Double US$238.00 Bed and Breakfast | US$30 | Tel: +263-213-2844344 Fax: +263-213-2844713 Email: [reservations@sprayview.cresta.co.zw](mailto:reservations@sprayview.cresta.co.zw) Website: [www.crestahotels.com](http://www.crestahotels.com) |
| **Ilala Lodge** | Single US$304.00 Bed and Breakfast  Double US$213.00 Bed and Breakfast | US$38 | Tel: +263-213-2844737 Fax: +263-213-2844740 Email: [reservations@ilalalodge.co.zw](mailto:reservations@ilalalodge.co.zw)  Website: [www.ilalalodge.com](http://www.ilalalodge.com) |
| **N1 Hotel** | Standard Single Bed US$90 and Breakfast |  | Tel: +263-213-2845040 Email: [vicfalls@n1hotel.co.zw](mailto:vicfalls@n1hotel.co.zw) Website: [www.n1hotel.co.zw](http://www.n1hotel.co.zw) |

**3. Visa**

All visitors require valid passports to travel to Zimbabwe. Visa regulations vary according to nationality and country of origin and these should be checked at your nearest tourist office or embassy before leaving your country.

Visa applications can be done online through the Zimbabwe Immigration website: [www.evisa.gov.zw](http://www.evisa.gov.zw). Note that printed copies of visas are required upon arrival.

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**4. Climate**

The weather in Victoria Falls is generally sunny with chances of occasional rainfall. Average temperatures range from 25°C to 30°C.

**5. Time zone**

Zimbabwe is in the [UTC+2](https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/zimbabwe) Time Zone.

**6. Currency**

Zimbabwe operates a multi-currency system. The US dollar is the preferred currency for transactions.

**7. Banking Business Hours**

Banks in Zimbabwe open from 8am to 3pm from Monday to Friday and up to 11am on Saturdays. Money transfer agencies are also available in Victoria Falls.

**8. Airport Departure Tax**

A departure tax of US$30.00 is levied on all foreign visitors (non-residents) at all Zimbabwe airports for international flights. The revenue stamp can be bought at the Airport or pre-purchased at any commercial bank. A total of US$5.00 is payable for each domestic ticket. However, this tax is often incorporated in the ticket fare. Always verify with the issuing agent.

**9. Electrical Appliances**

In main centres and main tourist resorts, all appliances run on 220 volts. Outlets are of the 3-pin, 13amp type.

**10. Security**

Zimbabweans are known for their hospitality and friendliness towards each other and visitors alike. Although all Zimbabweans are very helpful it is always advisable to be cautious when dealing with strangers. Police officers are very helpful and are easily identified by their uniforms although some may be plainclothes police. Like everywhere in the world valuables should always be safeguarded or left in the hotel safe box. If you do not know where to obtain a certain service or you are not sure always contact the Zimbabwe Tourism Authority, Publicity Association, Police Post or the Hotel Information Desk.

**11. Health protection**

For World Health Organization recommendations concerning your health please consult

<https://www.who.int/ith/ith-country-list.pdf?ua=1>, especially the very last page.

Yellow fever vaccination certificates are required for people coming to Zimbabwe from areas at risk of this disease.

**12. Customs Concession**

Your personal possessions which are not intended for disposal or consumption in Zimbabwe are allowed entry duty-free. For dutiable goods, a maximum value of USD250.00 is permissible duty free.

**13. Communication**

The access code for Zimbabwe is 263 and it operates under the Central African Time zone. The country has one fixed landline operator and 3 mobile cellular network service providers. Internet access is also available from Internet cafes in and around the major cities and hotspots at major hotels and international airports.

**14. Zimbabwe**

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa with an estimated population of 12.5 million people. It is bordered by Botswana to the west, Zambia to the north, Mozambique to the east, and South Africa to the south. The capital city is Harare and other major cities include Bulawayo, Mutare, Gweru and Masvingo.

**15. Tourism**

Zimbabwe is a welcoming, unique and fascinating tourist destination and is home to the mighty Victoria Falls, which is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Other fascinating places include Lake Kariba, the second largest man-made lake on earth, the refreshing Eastern Highlands, the exotic Matobo Hills and the Great Zimbabwe National Monument. The nation is richly endowed with pristine wildlife, a unique culture and a naturally warm and friendly people. These attributes contribute immensely to the high degree of attractiveness that position Zimbabwe as one of the most attractive tourist destinations in the world.

**16. Culture, Religion and Language**

Zimbabwe is a multi-racial society where people of different nationalities live in harmony. People living in urban areas have a westernized lifestyle and are predominately Christian, while in the rural areas many African traditions have been preserved. English is the official language and other widely spoken languages are Chishona and Sindebele which have various dialects and other minority languages, such as Sotho, Venda, Chewa, Shangani and Tonga.

**17. Traditional Foods**

Hotels, restaurants and homes in Zimbabwe offer a wide variety of meals ranging from oriental recipes, Chinese cuisine, seafood to takeaways, but the best of all are the local traditional recipes, which are a healthy, nutritious option. Sadza is the staple food in Zimbabwe and is made from maize meal (or millet and rapoko) which is eaten as a thick porridge. A wide range of side dishes are available such as dried meat in peanut butter, or a range of vegetables such as kale, rape, mustard leaves, broccoli, cabbage, okra and other exotic local specialities such as pumpkin leaves, black jack, derere and dried vegetables such as munyemba, nyevhe, mowa with peanut butter. Pumpkins and their seeds are also a delicious option.

**18. Motor Vehicles**

Private motor vehicles, caravans and trailers may be brought temporarily into Zimbabwe provided they are licensed in their home countries and bear the appropriate registration plates and a nationality plaque. The International Certificate of Motor Vehicles is recognized in Zimbabwe.

Cars with or without chauffeurs can be hired in most tourist areas from international recognized firms. Taxis are available at every airport and hotel in Zimbabwe.

**19. Driving in Zimbabwe**

International driving and driving licences issued in all SADC countries are valid in Zimbabwe. Visitors from other countries not covered by this agreement are able to drive for a period of 90 days using driving licences issued in their home countries. If not printed in English, it should have a certificate of authority and validity, or a translation of the text with the bearer’s photograph attached. Renewal after expiry of this period is obtained from the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Driving is on the left hand side. At all intersections a fire engine ambulance or police vehicle sounding a siren takes precedence over all other traffic, and drivers must move out of its course and remain stationary until it has passed. The general speed limit in Zimbabwe is 120km/h on open roads and 60km/h in urban areas. Toll gates are operational on all major highways and the charges vary from USD$2.00 to USD$10.00.

**20. Contact persons**

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