

ACCELERATING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE

Information Pack

*11–15 March 2024
Livingstone, Zambia*

Welcome to the Accelerating Nature-Based Solutions Conference!

We're delighted you will be attending this unique event, where a diverse range of global stakeholders will gather to strategise and take impactful action to accelerate the scaling up of Nature-based Solutions.

In this information pack, you'll find all the essential details to ensure a smooth and productive experience throughout the conference. For more information, please go to

www.acceleratingnbsconference.org or contact us at
acceleratingnbsconference@hallpax.com

LOCATION & VENUE

Held at the Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya, Livingstone Resort, the conference venue offers a fitting backdrop against the stunning Victoria Falls, setting the stage for purpose-driven discussions and collaboration.

Address: Confluence of the Maramba River and, Mosi - Oa - Tunya Road, Livingstone 10101, Zambia

ACCOMMODATION

We understand the importance of comfortable accommodation during the Accelerating Nature-based Solutions Conference. That's why we're pleased to offer exclusive deals at some of Livingstone, Zambia's top-rated hotels and lodges.

Our selection of accommodation boasts a variety of amenities, ranging from swimming pools to world-class restaurants, ensuring that your stay is both enjoyable and convenient.

Stay in the heart of conference activities and book your stay at the Radisson Blu. The resort offers 200 elegantly appointed rooms and suites, locally inspired dining options, a rejuvenating spa, and a state-of-the-art fitness centre. Not to mention its location in Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to one of the largest waterfalls in the world and a vibrant wildlife sanctuary.

To secure your accommodation and take advantage of our exclusive deals, book via the conference website here: www.acceleratingnbsconference.org/room

REGISTRATION

Registration for the conference is a prerequisite for all attendees, including participants and speakers. We kindly remind you that registration must be completed before the conference. Please ensure you register via our official website at www.acceleratingnbsconference.org to secure your spot. **There will be no onsite registration.**

THEMATIC SESSIONS & SIDE EVENTS

Get ready for an engaging week filled with insightful discussions and workshops designed to foster collaboration and drive tangible outcomes. Thematic sessions will run for 90 minutes and side event sessions will run for 45 minutes (unless otherwise agreed upon).

THEMATIC STREAMS

The conference sessions will focus on 3 thematic streams:

1. Scaling Nature-based Solutions

Streamlining smallholder and pastoralist-led land restoration is a complex task requiring attention to barriers, challenges, and transformative impact. This involves efficiently engaging millions of farmers, mitigating long-term risks, optimising monitoring and evaluation, and fostering collaborative multi-sectoral design processes across diverse landscapes. Achieving sustainable outcomes necessitates a comprehensive approach that addresses the unique needs and contexts of stakeholders involved in land restoration initiatives.

2. Policy, Advocacy, and Carbon

This stream centres on legislation, policy, and carbon, aiming to create supportive environments for nature-based solutions and land restoration. It involves crafting policies to encourage appropriate practices, scaling up initiatives, and facilitating investment. Additionally, the stream explores challenges faced by private and public sector funders in large-scale programs, delving into constraints like land and tree tenure. A detailed exploration of Article 6 and its potential applications adds a depth of understanding about the current dynamics driving carbon-related legislation.

3. Sustainable Finance and Risk

This thematic stream is dedicated to exploring sustainable finance, risk mitigation, insurance, and various financial instruments and modalities, including finance. In the pursuit of effective strategies, this stream navigates the complexities of financial aspects associated with sustainable initiatives. By examining instruments and modalities, including the innovative approach of blended finance, the stream aims to contribute valuable insights and solutions to enhance the financial sustainability of initiatives focused on restoration and nature-based solutions.

4. Building Momentum

This theme is aimed at building momentum for bold action towards impactful land restoration. Discussions will focus on broadening support for initiatives like the EverGreening the Earth Campaign, expanding global support for Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration, securing a global pledge on carbon removals, and creating roadmaps for nature-based solutions. Additionally, attention will be directed towards addressing capacity gaps, leveraging land restoration for peace-building, the wetting and cooling of the Earth, and exploring innovative approaches to enhancing food systems resilience.

These thematic streams offer a comprehensive exploration of key topics critical to accelerating the adoption and scaling of nature-based solutions. Get ready to engage with experts, share insights, and drive meaningful change!

For detailed information on the agenda and schedule for each session, please visit our conference website at www.acceleratingnbsconference.org/agenda

VISAS

The Government of Zambia will be expediting the visa approval process for participants attending the conference.

If you require a visa for Zambia, you can apply via an e-visa portal. We recommend you apply at least 2 weeks before your travel date. You can find the link to apply [here](#).

Below is a list of nationalities requiring visas before travel:

Afghanistan	Libya
Algeria	Macau
Armenia	Mali
Azerbaijan	Mauritania
Bahrain	Morocco
Bangladesh	Nepal
Benin	Niger
Burkina Faso	Nigeria
Cameroon	North Korea
Central Africa Republic	Oman
Chad	Pakistan
China	Palestine
Egypt	Papua New Guinea
Equatorial Guinea	Philippines
Ethiopia	Qatar
Gabon	Saudi Arabia
Gambia	Senegal
Guinea Bissau	Sierra Leone
Guinea Conakry	Somalia
India	South Sudan
Indonesia	Sri-Lanka
Iran	Sudan
Iraq	Syria
Ivory Coast	Tajikistan
Jordan	Timor-Leste
Kuwait	Togo
Kyrgystan	Tunisia
Lebanon	Turkmenistan
Liberia	Uzbekistan

(Kindly note that Governments change visa regulations regularly so please check the official Zambian Immigration Website to confirm).

Our event partners, Hallpax, will reach out to all participants requiring a visa every Friday with guidance and support documents to assist.

Below are additional resources to guide you through the visa application process:

[Zambia Visa Guide Blog](#)

[Zambia Visa Guide Video](#)

[Kaza Visa Guide Blog](#)

Need help? Reach us via email: acceleratingnbsconference@hallpax.com or contact us via WhatsApp: +1 443 539 6355

THE ACCELERATING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS COMMUNITY PAGE

By registering for the conference you will have access to our Conference Community Page where you can communicate with other conference participants. The community will open closer to the start of the conference.

TRANSPORTATION

Your registration includes transportation to and from the Radisson Blu Livingstone. A shuttle bus will be available from selected hotels to the venue, so please keep an eye on the conference website for more information to ensure a hassle-free journey to the conference venue.

Transportation will also be available from the airport, and event organisers will be in touch once you've registered to offer airport transfer services.

For any transportation-related inquiries, feel free to reach out to us at [**acceleratingnbsconference@hallpax.com**](mailto:acceleratingnbsconference@hallpax.com)

HEALTH

Please make sure you talk to your travel doctor before you visit to make sure you have all the required vaccinations.

There are a number of hospitals in Livingstone (including Mukuni Medical Centre and Livingstone General Hospital) and most places within downtown Livingstone can be reached within 20 minutes.

POWER ADAPTERS

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



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REMINDERS

- Please note that there is no ATM at the Radisson
- We will be hosting a Welcome Reception on night 1 so bring your dancing shoes and your best outfits
- Join us for a Night Market on night 3, so make sure you have some cash on you!
- And don't forget your insect repellent!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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