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50 IAEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THEME:
Assessment Agility: Navigating Rapid
Educational Transformations

21 - 26 September, 2025
Avani Victoria Falls Resort
Livingstone, Zambia



WELCOME TO Zambia

Zambia, is a country in Southern Africa. This remarkable country is celebrated for its rich cultural heritage, boasting of one of the seven wonders of the world, The Mighty Victoria Falls, locally referred to as the Mosi-oa-Tunya falls, meaning 'the smoke that thunders'. Zambia captivates with its pristine natural wonders, encompassing national parks, rare wildlife species, and a hospitality that radiates warmth. The country boasts 20 national parks and 34 game management areas, providing sanctuary to a diverse array of wildlife, including the Big Five: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffaloes.

Culturally, Zambia is a mosaic of over 70 ethnic groups, each with its own traditions, languages, and festivals. The annual Kuomboka Ceremony of the Lozi people and the Nc'wala Festival of the Ngoni are vibrant displays of Zambia's rich heritage and community spirit. The capital city, Lusaka, is a bustling metropolis that blends modernity with traditional African charm, offering visitors a variety of attractions, from bustling markets to contemporary art galleries and restaurants serving delicious local cuisine.

For travellers seeking both adventure and tranquillity, Zambia is a prime destination. With its friendly and welcoming people, well-preserved natural environments, and a commitment to sustainable tourism, Zambia promises an unforgettable experience for every visitor. Whether exploring the depths of its vast wilderness or engaging with its vibrant cultural life, Zambia offers a unique and enriching travel experience that beckons adventurers and leisure travellers alike.

International visitors who require visas to come to Zambia must hold a valid visa to enter Zambia. Depending on the nationalities, visas can be obtained on arrival at the port of entry, at the *Zambian Missions Abroad* or obtained prior to travelling to Zambia. Anyone, regardless of nationality is now able to apply for an e-Visa to Zambia.

Climatic Conditions

The weather in Livingstone is normally dry, warm to hot by day and cool in the evenings. The average high temperature in September is 29.5°C while lowest is 12.1°C.

Official Language

English is used as the official language and will be the Conference language of Communication.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The ever-changing landscape of education and assessment, amidst evolving educational priorities, technological advancements, and emergencies, highlights a critical need for responsiveness among educational stakeholders and assessment experts.

Responsiveness demands adaptability, flexibility, and the development and implementation of strategies that ensure assessments remain accurate, relevant, and aligned with dynamic educational needs.

The 50th International Association for Educational Assessment (IAEA) Annual Conference, to be hosted by the Examinations Council of Zambia from Sunday, 21st to Friday, 26th September 2025, in Livingstone, the tourist capital of Zambia, will serve as a platform for discussions and knowledge sharing among educational and assessment professionals, industry leaders, and training providers on the theme of “Assessment Agility: Navigating Rapid Educational Transformations.”

The Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) invites submissions of quality papers aligned with the Conference theme. Abstracts should address issues in the context of the sub-themes outlined below:

1. Curriculum-Aligned Assessment Practices

- **Dynamic Curriculum Integration:** Exploring assessment methodologies that seamlessly adapt to diverse and evolving curricular frameworks.
- **Agile Assessment Strategies within Curricular Shifts:** Addressing the alignment of assessments with rapidly changing educational content, methodologies, and learning outcomes.

2. Assessment for Learning vs. Assessment of Learning

- **Utilizing Formative Assessments:** Maximising the role of assessments in guiding and enhancing the learning process.
- **Summative Evaluation Balancing Act:** Achieving a balance between summative assessments and ongoing formative evaluations for holistic learning outcomes.

3. High-Stakes Testing

- **Mitigating Pressure:** Addressing the implications of high-stakes testing on curricular focus, student stress, and educational outcomes.
- **Expanding Assessment Horizons:** Exploring alternative assessment methods beyond high-stakes testing for comprehensive evaluation.

4. Equity and Fairness

- **Ensuring Inclusivity:** Creating assessment systems that cater to all students impartially, irrespective of socio-economic, cultural, or physical differences.
- **Mitigating Bias:** Strategies to minimise biases and ensure fairness in assessments for diverse student populations.

5. Technology Integration

- **Optimizing Technology Tools:** Leveraging technological advancements for fair, secure, and accessible assessments.
- **AI and Ethical Evaluation:** Ensuring ethical use of AI and technology in assessments while maintaining fairness and privacy.

6. Assessment Literacy

- **Empowering Stakeholders:** Promoting comprehensive understanding and utilisation of assessment results among educators, students, and parents.
- **Effective Data Interpretation:** Enhancing skills to interpret assessment data for improved learning outcomes and instructional strategies.

Guidelines to Submission of Abstracts

The Conference Abstracts should adhere to the following:

- i. 350 words abstract
- ii. Author(s) (Name, Organisation and email for each one)
- iii. Title
- iv. Conference Sub-theme
- v. Abstract
- vi. Keywords

Notification of acceptance will be given and the author(s) will be required to submit full papers and presentations in the following format:

- i. Font type: Times New Roman 12pt
- ii. Line spacing: 1.5
- iii. APA 7th Edition Referencing style
- iv. Name of the main Presenter
- v. Subtheme

Submit abstracts and papers to iaea2025@exams-council.org.zm and upload to the IAEA Conference website in time.

Poster Presentations

In-person poster presentations will take place at the Conference. During the poster session a 5 minutes oral presentation from the author(s) will take place. The poster must contain original research conducted by the presenter(s) and may include ongoing research presented in English.

The submitted poster proposals should consist of 200-word abstract, title and authors, introduction, methodology, results, discussion and conclusions, ECZ will design and print the poster presentations to keep a uniform presentation.

Maximum text should be 500 and up to 3 Images or figures. Authors must include a colour portrait picture of each one of them.

THE CONFERENCE VENUE



The Conference venue, the Avani Victoria Falls Resort, situated in Livingstone, Zambia's vibrant tourist hub, promises to provide an inspiring backdrop for this significant gathering.

The resort stands as a premier venue nestled at the edge of the majestic Victoria Falls and alongside the

longest river in southern Africa - Zambezi River. Seamlessly blending modern comforts with the untouched splendor of the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, renowned for its richness and diversity, this resort offers a unique fusion of luxury and natural beauty.



Important Dates

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts	Monday, 30th April, 2025
Notification of Acceptance	Saturday, 31st May, 2025
Deadline for submission of full papers and Presentations	Monday, 30th June, 2025
Conference Registration Deadline	Sunday, 31st August, 2025
Pre-Conference Workshops	Sunday, 21st September 2025
Conference Presentations	Monday, 22nd September 2025 Tuesday, 23rd September 2025 Thursday, 25th September 2025
Excursions	Wednesday, 24th September 2025
Poster Presentation	Friday, 26th September 2025

Conference Fees

Participation Fee:

US\$750 International Delegates

US\$375 Local Delegates

The fee covers conference materials, refreshments and Lunch

Excursion Fee

US\$100

Guided tours to attractive sites will be provided around the host town of Livingstone

Currency

The Official Currency of Zambia is the Kwacha.

Visa Application

Information on Visa applications can be obtained from the following website.

<https://eservices.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/app/services/Visa>

Accommodation

At the Venue:

Avani Victoria Falls Resort:

Standard room

(Telephone Number +260 213 321122

Hotels near the conference venue where delegates could be accommodated:

David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa

<https://thedavidlivingstone.com/>

Contact No: +260 213 324 601-9

Chapa Classic Lodge

<https://www.chapaclassiclodge.com/>

Eliba Apartments

Cell No: +260978064444

Fairmount Hotel

<https://www.newfairmounthotel.co.zm/>

Cell No: +260 977 777 014

Gloria Bed and Breakfast

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Contact No: +26 0213 322332

Lilamwono Lodge

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Maramba River Lodge

<https://maramba-zambia.com/>

Protea Hotel

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/lvili-protea-hotel-livingstone/overview/?msocid=>

Radisson Blu Livingstone

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-resort-mosi-oa-tunya>

Zambezi Junction Lodge

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EXCURSIONS



IMC-Zambia Tourism



**STEAM TRAIN
BOAT CRUISE
THE BIG 5
LIVINGSTONE MUSEUM
BUNGEE JUMPING
ELEPHANT RIDE**



HOST INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

The Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) was established by an Act of Parliament Number 15 of 1983, which was repealed and replaced with the ECZ Act Number 3 of 2023 with a mandate to set and conduct examinations and award certificates to successful candidates. ECZ conducts examinations at the end of Primary (Primary School Leaving Examination-PSLE), end of Junior Secondary (Junior Secondary School Leaving Examination-JSSLE), end of Senior Secondary (School Certificate 'O' Level Examination-SC) and A-Level Examination. Further, the ECZ conducts Junior Secondary External and General Certificate of Education examinations for independent candidates that are out of school. Additionally, the Council conducts examinations for Early Childhood Education (ECE), Primary and Secondary Teachers' Diploma programmes.

Over the past ten years, the Council has reformed its practices, fundamentally challenging traditional assessment practices and adopting new approaches that are arising from research, exposure, new ideas and new thinking.

ECZ is a primary member of the International Association for Educational Assessment - IAEA

Vision

An Educational Assessment Body of Excellence

Mission

Efficiently and Innovatively Conduct Educational Assessments and Award Certificates of Comparable International Standards.

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