

SUMMIT PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Summit will be preceded by technical and Ministerial meetings. The technical meetings will be held over two days, starting on 27th May 2024. Senior Officials from respective Partner States will lead the country delegations to the technical meetings. The technical meetings will comprise presentations, breakaway sessions, keynote presentations and panel discussions. A key output of the technical meeting will be an issue paper synthesising the deliberations and recommendations. The Ministerial meeting will be a half day event. The Ministers will engage in a high-level dialogue on the Summit themes and matters drawn from the issue paper. In the Summit, the Heads of State will receive the Ministerial report which will synthesise the issues and make recommendations on various matters related to the KAZA TFCA. A communique will be developed for the Summit.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

The Summit will attract official representatives of the five Partner States, SADC, of International Cooperating Partners (ICPs), communities, private sector, Non-Governmental Organisations, and academia. An estimated 400 participants is envisaged.

HIGH LEVEL SUMMIT PROGRAMME

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES	REMARKS
24 May 2024	8:00 – 17:00 hrs	Preparation for issue papers as it relate to the theme	Pre – Summit workshop
Day 1: 26 May 2024	14 hrs onwards	Arrivals of delegates attending technical meetings	On-site registration for those who may not have done online accreditation.
Day 2: 27 May 2024	8:00 – 17:00 hrs	Technical meeting	- Partner States led by Senior Officials - All other invited delegates
Day 3: 28 May 2024	8:00 – 17:00 hrs	Technical meeting	- Meeting scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Technical content relevant to the Summit objectives at an advanced stage of co-creation by Partner States.Consensus on technical content among Partner States is key.
	15:00 – 17:00 hrs	Boat cruise	Hosted by the Minister, Zambia
	18:00 – 19:40 hrs	Launch of the SADC TFCA Capacity building programme for Wildlife Rangers and TFCA Managers	Hosted by the Minister, Zambia
Day 4: 29 May 2024	8:00 – 15:00 hrs	Ministers’ meeting	- Meeting scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Key highlight will be the issues paper based on technical meeting deliberations which will form the basis of the Summit Communique.A facilitated high level Ministerial dialogue is anticipated.
	16:30 – 17:30 hrs	KAZA TFCA Tourism destination launch by invitation	Launch of the destination brand and corporate identity for the KAZA TFCA which was developed through a consultative process with KAZA Partner States, private sector, and other tourism stakeholders.
Day 5: 30 May 2024	Whole day	Outdoor activities	Optional
	As per schedules	Partner events e.g. side meetings	Updates of events and schedules to follow
Day 6: 31 May 2024	09:00 – 13:00 hrs	KAZA Summit	Detailed draft programme available separately

VENUE AND LOGISTICS

The Summit will be held in Livingstone at Avani Hotel. The city of Livingstone is accessible by road and air from all the KAZA member states – major flights use the Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport. Participants can also arrive at the two neighbouring international airports, Kasane and Victoria Falls in Botswana and Zimbabwe, and connect by road to Livingstone.

- **Accreditation:** An online portal is available for pre registration on <https://www.mot.gov.zm/kazasummit/> to facilitate pre-registration of participants.
- **Media:** National, regional, and international media will be required to be accredited to cover the event.
- **Accommodation:** The city of Livingstone offers a range of accomodation facilities for which delegations to the summit can make reservations.

For more information about the Summit visit www.mot.gov.zm/kazasummit/



KAVANGO ZAMBEZI TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA

HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT

Livingstone, Avani Hotel, Zambia
31st May 2024

Theme: Leveraging KAZA’s natural capital and cultural heritage resources as catalysts for inclusive socio-economic development of the eco-region

PARTNER STATES



BACKGROUND

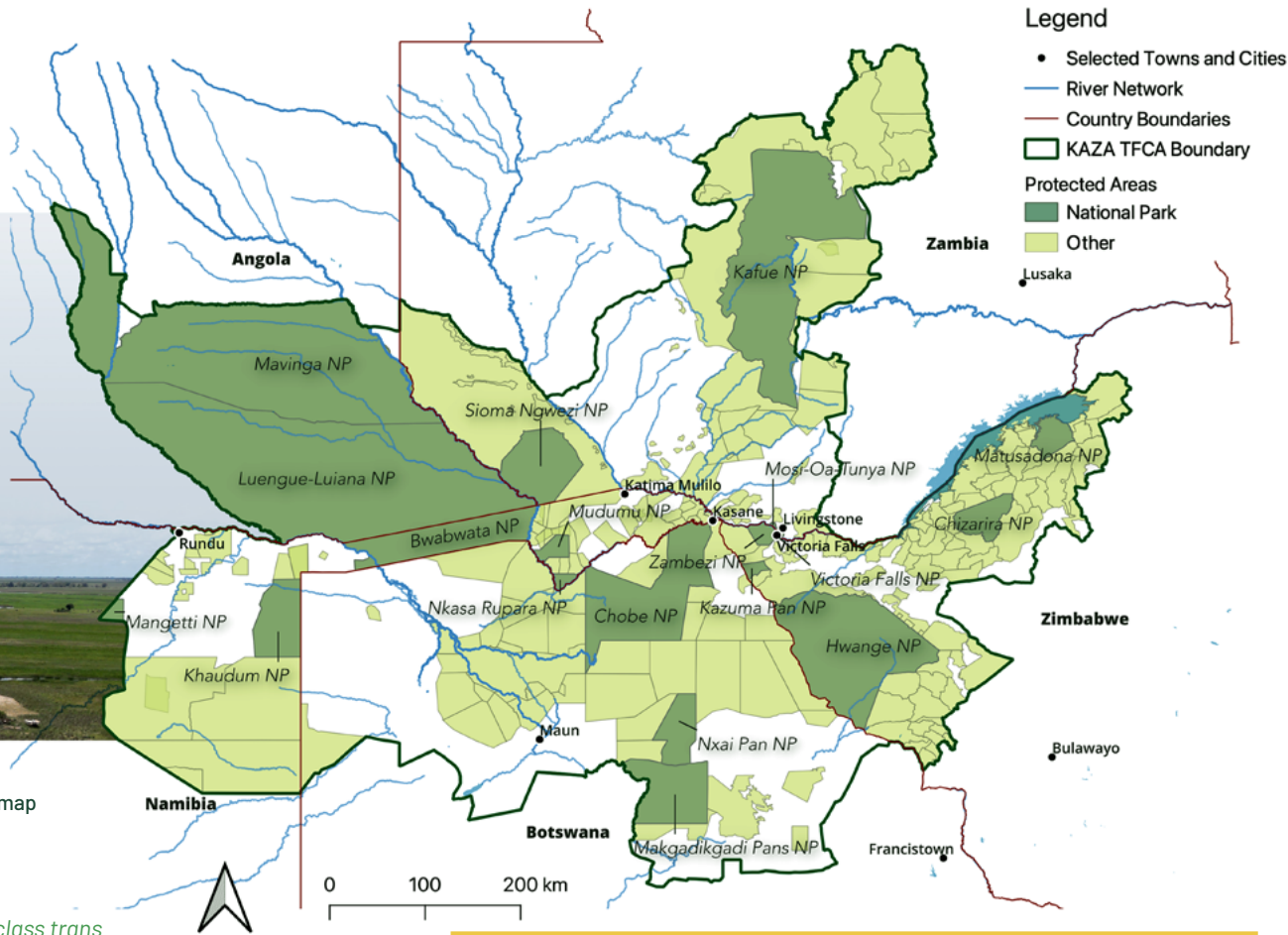
The Kavango Zambezi (KAZA) Trans frontier Conservation Area (TFCA) was established following the signing of the KAZA Treaty on 18 August 2011. KAZA is the largest land based TFCA in the world, approximately 520,000km², located in parts of the Okavango and Zambezi river basin regions of Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.



OUR VISION

KAZA is a partnership centred around a common vision to conserve biodiversity at scale, through promoting integrated transboundary management and to market the landscape's biodiversity using nature-based tourism as the engine for rural economic growth and development. The KAZA vision is underpinned by several objectives outlined in full in the KAZA Treaty.

- Maintain and manage the shared natural and cultural heritage resources;
- Promote and facilitate the development of a complementary and linked network of protected areas;
- Provide opportunities and facilities and infrastructure for tourism development (including facilitating transboundary development and free movement of tourists across borders);
- Protect wildlife and provide and restore dispersal corridors and migratory routes;
- Develop and implement programmes to enhance the sustainable use of natural resources and cultural resources for livelihoods improvement and poverty reduction;
- Promote and facilitate the harmonisation of relevant legislation, policies, and approaches in natural and heritage resources management (and transboundary animal diseases prevention, surveillance, and control).



KAZA TFCA landscape map

To establish a world-class trans frontier conservation area and tourism destination in the Okavango and Zambezi river basin regions within the context of sustainable development.

A Summary of the Objectives of the KAZA TFCA

From a regional perspective, KAZA TFCA is an embodiment of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) vision of regional integration and development objectives. Through the TFCA programme, SADC is promoting efforts to among others, enhance transboundary collaboration and coordination in many areas including wise use of shared natural resources, community participation and beneficiation, sustainable management and use of natural resources, and tourism development. Accordingly, the KAZA TFCA mission is to sustainably manage the Kavango Zambezi ecosystem, its heritage and cultural resources based on best conservation and tourism models for the socio-economic well-being of the communities and other stakeholders in and around the eco-region through harmonisation of policies, strategies, and practices.



Image: Jaques Marais

THE KAZA SUMMIT

Zambia will host the KAZA Summit on **31 May 2024**, in the city of Livingstone. The plan to host the Summit was announced at the end of the Kasane Elephant Summit on 7th May 2019. Originally planned for mid-2020 but rescheduled due to the COVID-19 induced global lockdown, the 2024 KAZA Summit will be the first-ever since the KAZA TFCA Treaty was signed.

Summit theme: *Leveraging KAZA's natural capital and cultural heritage resources as catalysts for inclusive socio-economic development of the eco-region.*

At the heart of the Summit theme is a shared commitment, as guided by the KAZA Vision, to sustainability. Partner States remain cognisant that the socio-economic development of the landscape cannot be seen outside sustainable management and utilisation of natural and cultural heritage resources. An integrated development pathway that considers different scenarios including the landscape's vulnerability to climate change is critical to securing and unlocking the economic value in KAZA.

Rationale for the Summit

The Summit is an opportunity to review and track progress in the establishment and development of KAZA TFCA since the partnership was forged through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding in 2006 which culminated into the KAZA TFCA Treaty. It will also help reset priorities, where necessary, in anticipation of evolving challenges and reposition KAZA TFCA to better leverage existing and emerging opportunities. Central to the Summit is a shared desire to build the resilience of the people and biodiversity and strengthening institutional arrangements in pursuit of the KAZA TFCA vision and objectives.

Summit objectives

- Broadly, the Summit will aim at reaffirming the political commitment to regional cooperation and integration in the further development of KAZA TFCA. The Summit will be a high-level event organised around the following objectives:
- Review progress made thus far, and challenges faced in the establishment and development of KAZA TFCA;
 - Identify and agree on high level strategic actions to leverage emerging opportunities and address constraints to the further development of KAZA TFCA;
 - Noting the status of elephants in KAZA TFCA, review the progress made in relation to the implementation of the Kasane Elephant Summit communique;
 - Appreciate stakeholders' perspectives, including opportunities and constraints related to their contributions to the KAZA TFCA vision and objectives; and
 - Consider prospects for catalysing socio-economic development based on sustainable and integrated development pathways to unlock economic value of the landscape's assets while ensuring resilience of people and biodiversity to climate change.