



Embassy of Italy
Harare

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A CALL FOR SPONSORSHIP OFFERS FOR
THE EVENT “THE WEEK OF ITALIAN CUISINE IN THE WORLD”
16-22 NOVEMBER 2026**

Italian Ambassador to Zimbabwe Giuseppe Giacalone

**IN VIEW
OF**

Article 43 of Law No. 449 of 27 December 1997, which sets out the general principles to be observed by the public administration in relation to sponsorship contracts

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The Presidential Decree No. 54 of 1 February 2010, laying down provisions on the managerial and financial autonomy of diplomatic missions and consular offices of the FIRST category of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, which, in Article 29, provides that offices abroad may enter into sponsorship agreements with public or private entities, companies, associations, foundations, citizens and, in general, with any entity, whether Italian or foreign, that does not carry out activities in conflict with the public interest, provided that such contracts exclude any form of conflict of interest between public and private activities;

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Article 6 of Decree No. 192 of 2 November 2017 of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, concerning cooperation with private individuals;

by this public notice

ANNOUNCES,

that the Italian Embassy in Harare intends to seek sponsorship for the celebration of the “Week of Italian Cuisine in the World”, to be held from the 16th-22nd November 2026.

The aim of this celebration is to showcase Italy’s food and wine heritage, promote the ‘Made in Italy’ and highlight the designation of Italian cuisine as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. The celebration also represents an important opportunity to engage both Zimbabwean institutions and communities.

Article 1 – Characteristics and essential elements of sponsorship proposals:

Applications may be related to technical sponsorship (the direct provision of goods or services) or financial sponsorship (in the form of monetary contributions).



Article 2-Sponsor Categories:

The Embassy guarantees that sponsors, as a general rule, will receive brand exposure through the inclusion of their logo/brand in the communication campaign (the institutional website, any website created specifically for the event, institutional social media channels, banners and digital promotional material) and will be mentioned in communications promoting the event.

Article 3 – Elements of the sponsorship agreement:

In accordance with the regulations governing the sponsorship of activities carried out by the Italian diplomatic and consular network abroad (in particular Presidential Decree No. 54 of 1 February 2010 54, as well as Ministerial Decree 192/2017), public and private entities, both Italian and Zimbabwean, such as companies, trade associations and professionals, may sponsor the event, contributing financially to the costs through technical sponsorship. Relations between the Italian Embassy in Harare and the sponsors shall be governed by separate contracts drawn up in accordance with current Italian legislation and local customs.

The sponsorship contract shall be signed by the legal representative of the selected sponsor and by the Italian Embassy in Harare and shall not permit third parties to intervene, unless expressly authorised by the Embassy.

Public and private entities whose sponsorship offers are accepted must provide the Embassy with the necessary promotional material (logos, images, etc.) for advertising purposes in accordance with a schedule to be agreed upon subsequently.

The sponsor shall bear the costs relating to the payment of any taxes, duties or fees, however named, provided for by national or local laws or regulations, arising from the performance of the contract.

Article 4- Sponsor Requirements:

The call for expressions of interest is addressed to public or private bodies, companies and other entities that wish to promote their image through collaboration with the Italian Embassy in Harare, by contributing to the achievement of the objectives set out in this sponsorship notice, and for which there are no circumstances that would prejudice or limit their capacity to enter into contracts.



The requirements for the acceptance of a sponsorship offer are as follows:

- not being a member of any political, trade union or religious organisation; consistency with the public interests pursued;
- no conflict of interest between public and private activities covered by the sponsorship or advertising;
- no prejudice or damage to the image of the Embassy or its initiatives;
- no ongoing disputes with the proposing Administration;
- no grounds for exclusion as set out in Article 94 of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023.

Article 5 — Selection and right to reject tenders:

The sponsorship proposals received will be assessed by the Italian Embassy in Harare in accordance with the principles of cost-effectiveness, efficiency, impartiality, equal treatment, transparency and proportionality. The Italian Embassy in Harare will verify that the sponsor meets the requirements for providing the requested service and, on the basis of the proposals received, will select the parties with whom to enter into sponsorship agreements governing the relationship between the parties.

The Italian Embassy in Harare reserves the right to allow multiple sponsors to support the event. No sponsor may claim exclusivity over the event being sponsored.

Sponsorship proposals are not to be considered binding on the Embassy for the purposes of formalising the Contract. In particular, the Italian Embassy in Harare reserves the right, at its sole discretion, not to accept any offer which, due to the nature of the sponsorship or the sponsor's activities, is deemed contrary to the general principles of the Italian legal system or prohibited by law, or is deemed incompatible with the institutional role of the Embassy itself or non-compliant with Italian foreign policy guidelines.

The Italian Embassy in Harare reserves the right to withdraw from the agreement for reasons of foreign policy, upon simple request, without any conditions or restrictions, free of charge and without prejudice to the right to a refund of any advance payments made previously that exceed the value of services already provided and received.

Article 6 – Methods of submitting offers:

Interested parties must submit their proposals to the administrative office of this Embassy, presenting a sponsorship offer signed by the legal representative in the case of legal entities, preferably using the form attached to this notice, which must include the following information:



- i. the details of the bidder and/or the company name of the enterprise/association/foundation;
- ii. the type of financial and/or technical sponsorship to be offered;
- iii. a declaration that the bidder has read and fully accepts the sponsorship conditions set out in this notice;
- iv. the contact details of a contact person and a photocopy of the identity document of the person signing the bid;
- v. A declaration confirming the absence of any circumstances that would prejudice or limit contractual capacity pursuant to Article 94 of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023.
- vi. consent to the processing of personal data for the sole purpose of administrative and accounting management, in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679. The data controller is the Italian Embassy in Harare.

The documentation must be sent – **no later than Monday 26th October 2026** – to the following email address: ambasciata.harare@esteri.it with the subject line “The Week of the Italian Cuisine in the World 2026”.

Harare, 30th September 2026



L'Ambasciatore d'Italia
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