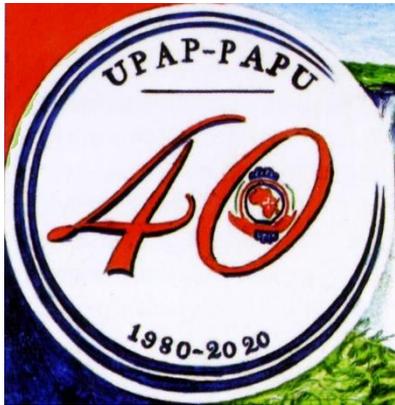


PAPU 10th PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE

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The Kingdom Hotel was the venue for the 10th PAPU Plenipotentiary Conference 2021.

This architectural masterpiece is designed in the style of the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. It was built in 1999. It is a family-friendly resort, conveniently located within a walking distance to the majestic Victoria Falls, the seventh world wonder.

Zimbabwe celebrated Postal Services with member countries of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) at its 10th Plenipotentiary Conference held at The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls.

The PAPU is a specialised agency of the African Union (AU). The organisation was formed in 1980 following the decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference of 35 OAU member countries. PAPU is headquartered in Arusha, Tanzania. PAPU spearheads the development of postal services in Africa. Its mission is to promote reforms in the development of physical, electronic and financial postal networks in all member countries.

Currently, PAPU has a membership of 45 countries. The supreme policy making body of the Union is the Plenipotentiary Conference of Ministers responsible for Information, Communication, Technology and Postal Services of the member countries.



Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls

The Stamps



Catalogue Listings

SG	ZSC ¹	Value	Description
1474	865	Z	The Kingdom Hotel
1475	866	R	Zimbabwe Flame

Technical details

Stamp size:	Sheet stamps:	35 x 30 mm
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (10 rows of 5 stamps), two panes per printed sheet	
Artist:	Fredy Tembo	
Paper:	ZSC paper type J: paper described by Zimpost as “Chancellor Litho PVA Gummed Postage Stamp Paper”. This paper is produced by Tullis Russell Coaters of Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland. Under UV there is no fluorescence either front or back, the stamp appears to be very dark	
Print colours:	Cyan, magenta, yellow & black	
Perforations:	SG 14½ x 14; ZSC 14¼ x 14 Top margin: Perforated through Other margins: Imperforate	
Printer:	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe	
Printer’s Imprint:	Bottom margin, below Row 10 Column 3. Imprint printed in black	
Cylinder numbers:	Top margin above R1/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black	
Colour register:	Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R1/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black	
Sheet Value:	Top margin, above R1/5, printed in black	

Sheet Number: Type SN 7 with printed 'ZIMPOST' prefix, in red ink, right margin opposite R1/5 reading down

Bar codes: Opposite R1/10, printed in black, numbers:
Z 2 009113 000585
R 2 009113 000592

Print numbers: Z 50,000 R 20,000

Issue date: 24th June, 2021

Postal Rates

Postal rates changed on the 10th September 2020 and were, once again quoted in both US dollars and Zimbabwe dollars.

Postal rates applicable as at date of issue –

Z = US\$0.40 ZW\$35.00; R = US\$3.60 ZW\$300.00

Listed varieties

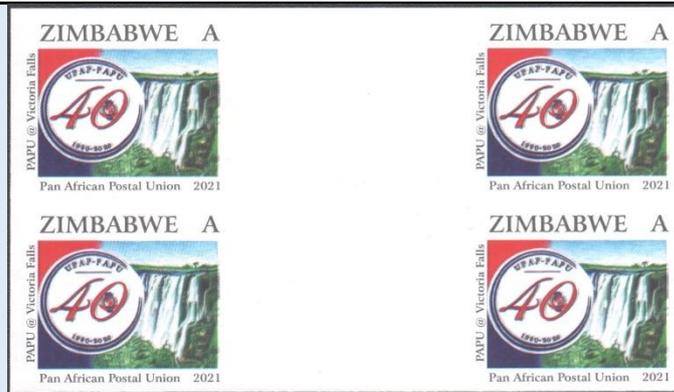
No listed varieties have been reported.

Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds which are more noticeable with the solid colours.



Z value: Interpaneau blocks of four on either side of dividing margin between the two printing panes of 1A and 1B
(Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)



A value: Two vertical pairs on either side of dividing margin between the two printing panes of 1A and 1B
(Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)



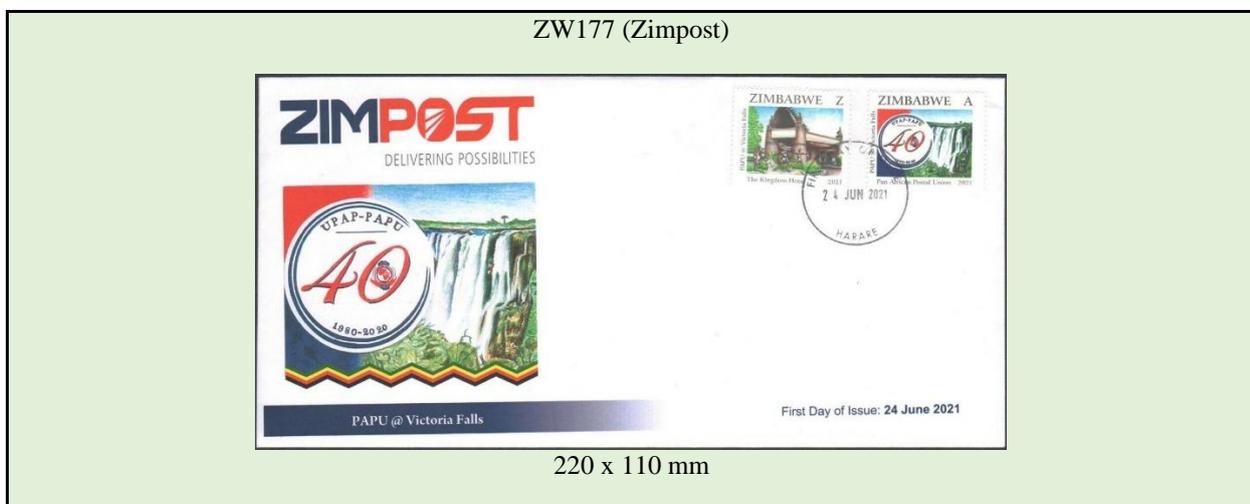
Z value: Imperforate pair, possibly proof material
(Source eBay February 2022)



A value: Imperforate pair, possibly proof material
(Source eBay February 2022)

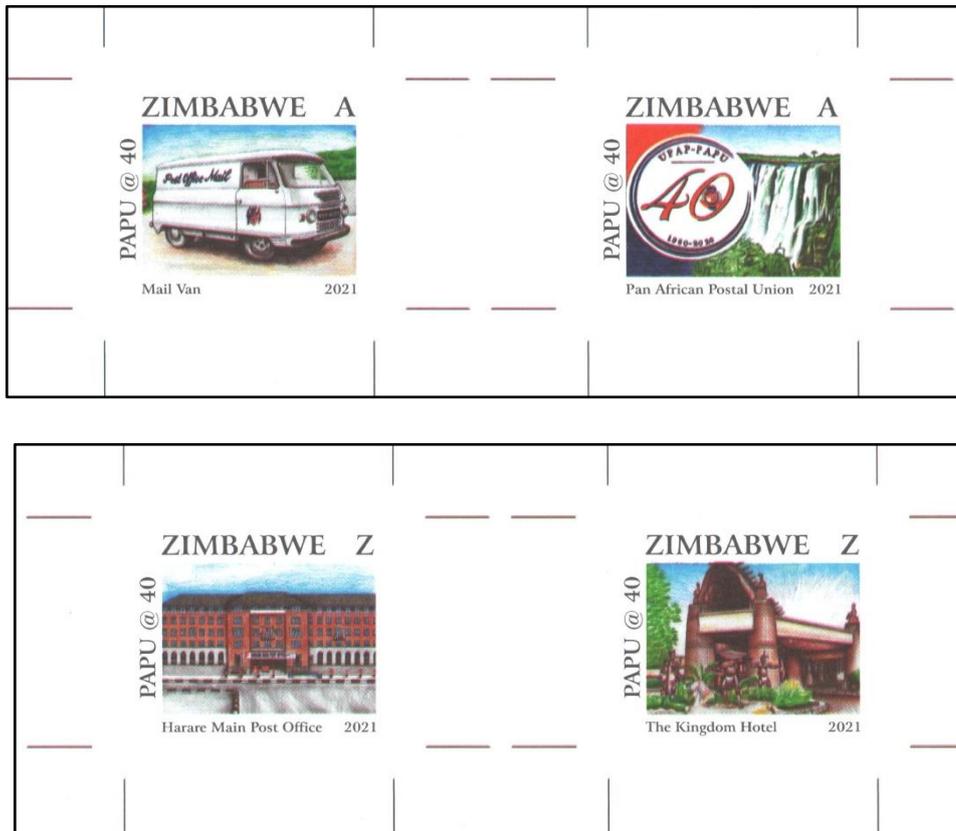
First Day Cover

Zimpost produced a First Day Cover, which was postmarked by the Philatelic Bureau with a postmark reading “First Day of Issue/Harare”.



Related Material

Artwork for four stamp issue



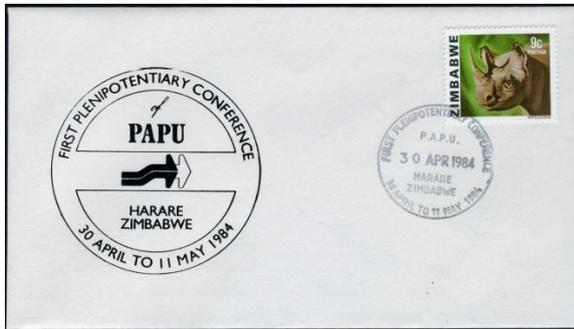
Above is the computer generated proposed artwork for four designs for this issue. The artwork comes in a single strip that has been split in two for better illustration here. The designs for the Mail van and Harare Main Post Office were not used

(Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)

First Plenipotentiary Conference

Zimbabwe hosted the first Plenipotentiary Conference of PAPU in Harare from 30th April to 11th May, 1984.

For this conference, the PTC produced a special handstamp commemorating the event, shown from a cover for the event.



A hard covered booklet was also produced, with the front having a copper inset bearing the logo of the Conference. It is thought that this was presented to delegates, as very few have appeared on the philatelic market.



Within the booklet of sixteen pages, the objectives of PAPU was laid out on the first page. On the other pages are illustrations and series of stamps of the 1980 definitive issue, including the 40c additional stamp. Shown above is the double page showing the waterfalls of the 21c, 25c & 30c stamps, with the original artwork for these, and other, waterfalls. The other denominations of the stamps used photographs as illustrations.

Bibliography:

1. “The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue”, published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear, and is now published on the Rhodesian Study Circle website.
2. Zimbabwe Post, Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 3 of 2021

Additions/Changes since December 2021	
3/2022	Z & a values, imperforate pairs