

## ZIMBABWE-ZAMBIA ENERGY PROJECTS SUMMIT

26-28 NOVEMBER 2025

LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

**Mines and Energy: How Stakeholders have Fast-Track Private Sector Projects to Become Africa's Top Investment Destination**

# AGENDA



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# Zimbabwe-Zambia Energy Projects Summit Agenda











## Day One – Tuesday 25 November 2025

18:00	The Boma, Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya
	18:00 – 21:00 Welcome Drinks Reception

## Day Two – Wednesday 26 November 2025

	NB: Topics, times and speakers may be subject to change as the agenda develops.	
08:00	Mukuni Conference Centre, Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya	
	08:00 – 09:00 Registration & Coffee	
09:00	Ballroom	
	09:00 – 10:00 Zimbabwe-Zambia Energy Projects Summit 2025: Official Opening – Mines and Energy: How Stakeholders have Fast-Trackd Private Sector Projects to Become Africa’s Top Investment Destination	
	<div>Speakers</div> <div><div><div>H.E. Honourable Makozo Chikote Minister of Energy, Zambia</div></div><div><div>H.E. Honourable July Moyo Minister of Energy &amp; Power Development, Zimbabwe</div></div><div><div>H.E. Honourable Lerato Mataboge Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy &amp; Digitisation, African Union</div></div><div><div>Kuso Kamwambi Head, Presidential Delivery Unit Zambia (PDU), Zambia</div></div></div>	
10:00	Ballroom	
	10:00 – 11:15 Addressing Opportunities Head On – How Structural Policy Changes Have Opened the Floodgates of Investment for the Region	
	Recent collaborative projects coming online show the impact of government investment in the energy sector since the energy crisis began.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How Open Access and Multi-Year Tariff policies are creating a more attractive regulatory environment for investors and sustainable utilities</li><li>How public and private sector are working together to enable market-based solutions such as energy trading</li><li>How the governments are enabling M300 and other programmes to make rural electrification bankable</li></ul>	
	<div>Speakers</div> <div><div><div>Kuso Kamwambi Head, Presidential Delivery Unit Zambia (PDU), Zambia</div></div><div><div>Justin Loongo MD, ZESCO, Zambia</div></div><div><div>Cletus Nyachowe Acting Group CEO, ZESA Holdings, Zimbabwe</div></div><div><div>Elijah Sichone Director General, Energy Regulation Board of Zambia (ERB), Zambia</div></div><div><div>Rentia van Tonder Head, Power, Standard Bank</div></div></div>	
11:15	Networking Gallery	
	11:15 – 11:45 Coffee & Networking	
11:45	Ballroom	
	11:45 – 13:00 M300 – Benchmarking Success in Zambia and Zimbabwe – Where Are We Now and Where Should We Be a Year from Now?	
	With both countries committing to M300 Compacts, they are pledging to work at scale to increase energy access, including access to clean cooking solutions, and partner with the private sector to mobilise new solutions.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increasing private sector mobilisation to accelerate the rate of energy projects and encourage investment into Distributed Renewable Energies (DREs)</li><li>Driving sustained growth in the off-grid space – accessing the required funding opportunities to keep the pace needed to meet targets</li><li>Innovative off-grid solutions using RBF mechanisms and demand stimulation initiatives can deliver an increase in energy access rates while making investment more sustainable</li></ul>	
	<div>Speakers</div> <div><div><div>Gloria Magombo Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy &amp; Power Development, Zimbabwe</div></div><div><div>Alex Mbumba Acting CEO, Rural Electrification Authority (REA), Zambia</div></div><div><div>Askwar Hilonga Executive Secretary, Energy Regulators Association of Eastern Africa (EREA)</div></div><div><div>Helen Zulu Acting Regional Director, Southern Africa, Ignite Energy Access</div></div><div><div>Abdul Yakubu Senior Energy Specialist, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)</div></div></div>	



13:00	Kuomboka Restaurant	
	13:00 – 14:00    Lunch	
14:00	Ballroom	Meeting Room 4
	<div>14:00 – 15:15    <b>Meeting the Demands of Intensive Energy Users</b></div> <div>How the mining sector is structuring robust renewable energy systems to support the aggressive growth coming from the global critical mineral drive.</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How are mining companies using innovative approaches to generate much needed power in the face of severe load shedding?</li><li>Can Captive Power Plants offer the solution for industry to thrive?</li><li>How the critical minerals sector is driving investment into Africa’s energy transition.</li><li>How can the role of local investors be enhanced to support a balanced environment for national and international stakeholders?</li></ul></div> <div>Speakers</div> <div><div></div><div><b>Edington Mazambani</b> CEO, Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA), Zimbabwe</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Eddie Cross</b> Chairman, Intensive Energy User Group (IEUG), Zimbabwe &amp; Green Hybrid Power</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Parshant Goyal</b> CEO, Jindal Africa Investments</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Anthony Mukutuma</b> Director, Zambia, First Quantum Minerals</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Sokwani Chilembo</b> CEO, Zambia Chamber of Mines, Zambia</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Richard Silumbe</b> Board Chairman, Zambia Research and Development Centre (ZRDC), Zambia</div></div>	<div>14:00 – 15:15    <b>Closed Door African Union Meeting – Invitation Only</b></div> <div>Sponsors</div> <div></div>
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	15:15 – 15:45 <b>Coffee &amp; Networking</b>	
15:45	Ballroom	Meeting Room 4
	<div>15:45 – 17:00    <b>Zambia and Zimbabwe’s Renewable Energy Opportunity</b></div> <div>Faced with climate change, a demand for a just energy transition, and with abundant natural resources for solar, wind and hydro, both countries are pushing forward with prioritising renewable energy projects to meet energy access targets.</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What are the capacity needs of the region from IPPs/PPPs?</li><li>Increasing the pace and scale of renewables through effective procurement policies</li><li>Would establishing a renewable energy procurement office with standardised policies and frameworks help the countries speed up the progress of solar and wind projects, and attract investors?</li></ul></div> <div>Moderator</div> <div><div></div><div><b>Amanda Chipako</b> Senior Investment Officer, Proparco</div></div> <div>Speakers</div> <div><div></div><div><b>Felister Makumbinde</b> Acting CEO, Rural Electrification Agency, Zimbabwe</div></div>	<div>15:45 – 17:00    <b>Closed Door African Union Meeting – Invitation Only</b></div> <div>Sponsors</div> <div></div>





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## The Boma, Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya

**19:00 – 21:00 Drinks Reception & Buffet**

## Day Three – Thursday 27 November 2025

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08:00

**Mukuni Conference Centre, Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya**

**08:00 – 08:30 Registration & Coffee**

08:30

## Ballroom 1

## Ballroom 3

**08:30 – 09:45 Innovative Financing Mechanisms – From MOUs to MWs**

Over the past 12 months there has been a dramatic shift in the global financial markets, resulting in project funding and G/PRGs stalling. Here we explore financial innovations resulting from today's global economic environment:

*Scene Setter: East and Southern Africa faces significant threats from climate change and global political shifts impacting bi-lateral funding, but what solutions have been born from the disruption and how can they be adopted at scale and pace.....*

- What debt and currency friendly funding mechanisms are available and how has an Open Access regime supported the creation of new financing structures?
- Which tools for risk mitigation can make the difference to getting projects to financial closure, in the absence of government guarantees?

## Moderator



## Speakers











09:45













## Networking Gallery

**09:45 – 10:15 Coffee & Networking**



10:15	Ballroom 1		Ballroom 3	
	<div>10:15 – 11:30    <b>The Future of Hydro in the Time of Climate Change</b></div> <div>Both countries’ source a high percentage of installed capacity from hydropower, which makes up a large proportion of their primary source of electricity generation. Droughts, and the subsequent reduction in water levels, has created electricity shortages through power deficits, leading to load shedding and reliance on imports.</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maximising generation from installed capacity, updating and exploiting existing assets, and using hybrid solutions</li><li>How innovative methods, such as water transfer projects, can combat lower water levels (e.g. China and Lesotho)</li><li>How AI technology and weather mapping can improve resource management</li></ul></div> <div>Moderator</div> <div><div></div><div><b>Towera Temba-Nkanza</b> Co-founder &amp; Principal, Hepta Advisory</div></div> <div>Speakers</div> <div><div></div><div><b>Nobert Matarutse</b> MD, Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), Zimbabwe</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Munyaradzi Munodawafa</b> Chief Executive, Zambezi River Authority (ZRA)</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Katai Kachasa</b> CEO, Lufubu Power Company</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Memory Mashingaidze</b> Director &amp; Head of Renewables, Tatanga Energy</div></div>		<div>10:15 – 11:30    <b>Hosted Boardroom</b></div>	
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12:00	Ballroom 1		Ballroom 3	Meeting Room 4
	<div>12:00 – 13:15</div> <div><b>Implementing Regional Transmission and Interconnection Projects</b></div> <div>The region’s geographical location lends itself to positioning the two countries as energy hubs for Africa. The advanced foundations that SAPP offers means that if the various interconnectors can be brought to fruition, massive benefits will be reaped.</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What is the latest on projects such as ZTIP, ZIZABONA, MOZISA, KKIP and where are the returns for private sector investment?</li><li>Can transmission tariffs with neighbouring countries and SAPP be harmonized to make regional electricity trade more cost-effective?</li><li>Will prioritising the ZTIP help the Zambian government make progress more quickly, connecting with Tanzania to increase energy transmission?</li><li>How is SAPP’s work on interconnection supporting its member countries to trade in electricity?</li></ul></div> <div>Moderator</div> <div><div></div><div><b>James Mackay</b> CEO, Energy Council of South Africa</div></div> <div>Speakers</div> <div><div></div><div><b>Abel Gurupira</b> Acting MD, Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission &amp; Distribution Company (ZETDC), Zimbabwe</div></div>		<div>12:00 – 13:15    <b>Hosted Boardroom</b></div>	<div>12:00 – 13:15</div> <div><b>Closed Door African Union Meeting – Invitation Only</b></div> <div>Sponsors</div> <div></div>



	<div></div> <div><b>Geoffrey Mabea</b> CEO, Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern &amp; Southern Africa (RAERESA)</div>				
	<div></div> <div><b>Wilson Masango</b> Chief Engineer Markets, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)</div>				
	<div></div> <div><b>James Manda</b> Technical Manager, African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR)</div>				
	<div></div> <div><b>Patrick Kouame</b> Investment Director, African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM)</div>				
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	<div>14:15 – 15:30</div> <div><b>Debate: How are Energy Traders Transforming the Energy Market?</b></div> <p>Faced with a need for creditworthy off-takers, energy traders have flocked to the region, offering an alternative route to market, filling a gap that utilities have left.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What are the short- and long-term impacts of the booming energy trading market on the struggling national utilities?</li><li>What does the emergence of energy traders in the region mean for the future of the grid?</li><li>What lessons have been learned from trader-backed projects?</li><li>Is reliance on mining companies as the off-taker sustainable?</li></ul> <div><b>Moderator</b></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Jonathan Berman</b> MD, Autonomi Capital</div></div> <div><b>Speakers</b></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Monie Captan</b> Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Emmanuel Chilombo Kalenga</b> MD, Enterprise Power Zambia</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>Tanda Syamunyangwa</b> CEO, Kanona Power</div></div> <div><div></div><div><b>James Cumming</b> CEO, Anthem</div></div>	<div>14:15 – 15:30    <b>Hosted Boardroom</b></div>	<div>14:15 – 15:30</div> <div><b>Closed Door African Union Meeting – Invitation Only</b></div> <div><b>Sponsors</b></div> <div><div></div></div>		
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	Avani Victoria Falls Resort	
18:30 – 22:30	The Boma Dining Experience	
	Traditional African dining, drumming and dancing. A unique cultural experience that bombards the senses with tastes, sights and sounds of Africa.	

Day Four – Friday 28 November 2025

09:30	09:30 – 12:00    Energy Project Excursion
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