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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	Viewing Deck, Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya
	18:00 – 21:00 Welcome Drinks Reception
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Day Two – Wednesday 26 November 2025

08:00	NB: Topics, times and speakers may be subject to change as the agenda develops.
	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-Trackerd Private Sector Projects to Become Africa’s Top Investment Destination
	Moderator  Sara Elhag Head of Energy Division, African Union Commission (AU) Speakers  H.E. Honourable Makoze Chikote Minister of Energy, Zambia  Her Worship the Mayor of Livingstone Constance Nalishebo Muleabai  H.E. Honourable Credo Nanyuwa Provincial Minister of Southern Province, Zambia  H.E. Honourable Yeukai Simbanegavi Deputy Minister of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe  Kuso Kamwambi Head, Presidential Delivery Unit Zambia (PDU), Zambia  Albert Halwampa Director General, Zambia Development Agency (ZDA), Zambia  Monie Captan Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex
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. - How Open Access and Multi-Year Tariff policies are creating a more attractive regulatory environment for investors and sustainable utilities - How public and private sector are working together to enable market-based solutions such as energy trading - How the governments are enabling M300 and other programmes to make rural electrification bankable Moderator  Lisa Pinsley Fund Head, African Transition Acceleration Fund, African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM) Speakers

	 Kuso Kamwambi Head, Presidential Delivery Unit Zambia (PDU), Zambia  Justin Loongo MD, ZESCO, Zambia  Howard Choga Acting MD, Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission & Distribution Company (ZETDC), Zimbabwe  Alfred Mwila Director, Economic Regulation, Energy Regulation Board of Zambia (ERB), Zambia  Owen Silavwe MD, Copperbelt Energy Corporation	
	 Rentia van Tonder Head, Power, Standard Bank	
11:15	Networking Gallery	
	11:15 – 11:45 Coffee & Networking	
11:45	Ballroom	Meeting Room 4
	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. - Increasing private sector mobilisation to accelerate the rate of energy projects and encourage investment into Distributed Renewable Energies (DREs) - Driving sustained growth in the off-grid space – accessing the required funding opportunities to keep the pace needed to meet targets - Innovative off-grid solutions using RBF mechanisms and demand stimulation initiatives can deliver an increase in energy access rates while making investment more sustainable Moderator  Collen Zalengera Country Delivery Lead, Malawi, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet Speakers  Gloria Magombo Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe  Mafayo Ziba Director, Energy, Ministry of Energy, Zambia  Alex Mbumba Acting CEO, Rural Electrification Authority (REA), Zambia  Askwar Hilonga Executive Secretary, Energy Regulators Association of Eastern Africa (EREA)  Helen Zulu Acting Regional Director, Southern Africa, Ignite Energy Access  Abdul Yakubu Senior Energy Specialist, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)	11:45 – 13:00 Framework on a Just Energy Transition Hosted by Southern African Development Community (SADC) Invitation Only Hosted by 
13:00	Lunch	
	13:00 – 14:00 Lunch	
14:00	Ballroom	Meeting Room 4
	14:00 – 15:15 Meeting the Demands of Intensive Energy Users How the mining sector is structuring robust renewable energy systems to support the aggressive growth coming from the global critical mineral drive. How are mining companies using innovative approaches to generate much needed power in the face of severe load shedding?	14:00 – 15:15 High-Level Stakeholders’ Consultation Workshop on the Grand Inga Strategic Coordination Committee (GISCC) Closed Door African Union Meeting – Invitation Only Hosted by

	• Can Captive Power Plants offer the solution for industry to thrive? • How the critical minerals sector is driving investment into Africa’s energy transition. • How can the role of local investors be enhanced to support a balanced environment for national and international stakeholders? Moderator  Alexandra Felekis Partner, Bowmans Speakers  Man’arai Ndovorwi Technical Services Director, Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA), Zimbabwe  Eddie Cross Chairman, Intensive Energy User Group (IEUG), Zimbabwe & Green Hybrid Power  Anthony Mukutuma Director, Zambia, First Quantum Minerals  Richard Silumbe Board Chairman, Zambia Research and Development Centre (ZRDC), Zambia  Amend Chiduma Chief Technical Officer, Zimplats
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15:45 – 17:00	Zambia and Zimbabwe’s Renewable Energy Opportunity 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. • What are the capacity needs of the region from IPPs/PPPs? • Increasing the pace and scale of renewables through effective procurement policies • 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? Moderator  Amanda Chipako Senior Investment Officer, Proparco Speakers  Felister Makumbinde Acting CEO, Rural Electrification Agency, Zimbabwe  Román Iranzo Programme Officer, European Union Delegation to Zambia & COMESA  John Smelcer Chief Development Officer, Globeleq  Francisca Morgado Investment Manager, Project Finance, British International Investment (BII)
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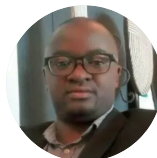
19:00	 Joseph Mutale IRP Project Lead, CIGZambia & Chairman, Zambia Renewable Energy Association (ZARENA), Zambia  Collin Gumbu Policy & Advocacy Lead, GOGLA	
	The Boma, Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya 19:00 – 22:00 Drinks Reception & Buffet Hosted by 	

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 2-3	Ballroom 1
	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: • 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  Leria Arinaitwe Senior Legal Counsel & Energy Sector Lead, African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) Speakers  Tinashe Yafele Head of Cluster, Energy & Trading, Mutapa Investment Fund, Zimbabwe  Charles Shava General Manager, National Social Security Authority (NSSA), Zimbabwe  Mulubwa Mpundu Chola Legal Counsel, Petrodex  Shepherd Fungura Group CEO, ZB Financial Holdings  Kalaluka Itwi Chief Financial Officer, Zambia National Commercial Bank (Zanaco)  Luyanga Mufungulwa Head of Corporate & Investment Banking, First National Bank Zambia (FNB)	08:30 – 09:45 Hosted by Southern African Development Community (SADC) Framework on a Just Energy Transition Discussion on financing the SADC JET framework and the role of institutions Open to all attendees Speakers  Yohannes Hailu Economic Affairs Officer, Energy, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Hosted by 

	 Victor Utedzi CEO, ATC Development		
09:45	Networking Gallery		
	09:45 – 10:15 Session Switchover & Networking		
10:15	Ballroom 2-3 10:15 – 11:30 The Future of Hydro in the Time of Climate Change 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. - Maximising generation from installed capacity, updating and exploiting existing assets, and using hybrid solutions - How innovative methods, such as water transfer projects, can combat lower water levels - How AI technology and weather mapping can improve resource management Moderator  Towera Temba-Nkanza Co-founder & Principal, Hepta Advisory Speakers  Munyaradzi Munodawafa Chief Executive, Zambezi River Authority (ZRA)  Nobert Matarutse Acting MD, Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), Zimbabwe  Wesley Lwiindi Director, Hydropower Projects, ZESCO, Zambia  Katai Kachasa CEO, Lufubu Power Company  Daniel Rea CEO, Zengamina Power  Memory Mashingaidze Director & Head of Renewables, Tatanga Energy	Ballroom 1 10:15 – 11:30 Zambia: Project Presentations Open to all attendees Moderator  Rose Sibisi Manager, Corporate Affairs, ZESCO, Zambia Speakers  Mafayo Ziba Director, Energy, Ministry of Energy, Zambia  Francis Namakanda Director Planning & Projects, ZESCO, Zambia  Chimuka Nketani Director, Investments, Zambia Development Agency (ZDA), Zambia  Kuso Kamwambi Head, Presidential Delivery Unit Zambia (PDU), Zambia	Meeting Room 4 10:15 – 11:30 High-Level Stakeholders’ Consultation Workshop on the Grand Inga Strategic Coordination Committee (GISCC) Closed Door African Union Meeting – Invitation Only Hosted by 
11:30	Networking Gallery		
	11:30 – 12:00 Coffee & Networking		
12:00	Ballroom 2-3 12:00 – 13:15 Implementing Regional Transmission and Interconnection Projects 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. What is the latest on projects such as ZIZABONA, MOZISA, MAZA and KKIP and where are the returns for private sector investment?	Ballroom 1 12:00 – 13:15 Hosted by Southern African Development Community (SADC) Framework on a Just Energy Transition Road mapping and implementation strategy Open to all attendees Speakers	

	- Can transmission tariffs with neighbouring countries and SAPP be harmonized to make regional electricity trade more cost-effective? - Will prioritising the ZTIP help the Zambian government make progress more quickly, connecting with Tanzania to increase energy transmission? - How is SAPP's work on interconnection supporting its member countries to trade in electricity? Moderator  James Mackay CEO, Energy Council of South Africa Speakers  Honourable Ibrahim Matola Former Minister of Energy, Malawi  John Diya Senior Manager, Electricity Trading & Operations, Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission & Distribution Company (ZETDC), Zimbabwe  Geoffrey Mabea CEO, Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern & Southern Africa (RAERESA)  Wilson Masango Chief Engineer Markets, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)  James Manda Technical Manager, African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR)  Patrick Kouame Investment Director, African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM)			 Moses Ntlamelle Senior Programme Officer, Energy, Southern African Development Community (SADC) Hosted by 
	13:15 Lunch			
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14:15	Ballroom 2-3	Ballroom 1	Meeting Room 4	
	14:15 – 15:30 How are Energy Traders Transforming the Energy Market? 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. - What are the short- and long-term impacts of the booming energy trading market on the struggling national utilities? - What does the emergence of energy traders in the region mean for the future of the grid? - What lessons have been learned from trader-backed projects? - Is reliance on mining companies as the off-taker sustainable? Moderator  Jonathan Berman MD, Autonomi Capital Speakers  Monie Captan Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex  Emmanuel Chilombo Kalenga MD, Enterprise Power Zambia	14:15 – 15:30 Zimbabwe: Project Presentations Moderator  Sosten Ziuku Director for Energy Conservation & Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe Speakers  H.E. Honourable Yeukai Simbanegavi Deputy Minister of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe  Munyaradzi Munodawafa Chief Executive, Zambezi River Authority (ZRA)  Forbes Chanakira Acting Technical & Projects Director, Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), Zimbabwe  Cliff Nhandara Director Planning & Technology, Rural Electrification Fund, Zimbabwe	14:15 – 15:30 High-Level Stakeholders’ Consultation Workshop on the Grand Inga Strategic Coordination Committee (GISCC) Closed Door African Union Meeting – Invitation Only Hosted by 	

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	Networking Gallery						
	15:30 – 16:00 Coffee & Networking						
	Ballroom						
	16:00 – 17:00 Closing Remarks for the Zimbabwe-Zambia Energy Projects Summit 2025						
	Speakers  H.E. Honourable Yeukai Simbanegavi Deputy Minister of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe  H.E. Honourable Lerato Mataboge Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy & Digitisation, African Union Commission  Kuso Kamwambi Head, Presidential Delivery Unit Zambia (PDU), Zambia  Moses Ntlamelle Senior Programme Officer, Energy, Southern African Development Community (SADC)						
Avani Victoria Falls Resort							
19:00 – 22:00 Mukuni Boma Cultural 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: Mukuni Substation
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