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3-5 NOVEMBER 2026

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Celebrating How Zambia and Zimbabwe Have Unlocked FDI Through Connectivity, Credibility and Cooperation

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Day One – Monday 2 November 2026

18:00

Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya

18:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Drinks Reception**

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Day Two – Tuesday 3 November 2026

08:00 — **Mukuni Conference Centre**

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration & Coffee**

09:30 — **Ballroom**

09:30 – 10:30 **Recognising FDI Momentum – Showcasing Zambia and Zimbabwe's Success in Building Investor-Friendly Power Markets**

We explore how Zambia and Zimbabwe have used market liberalisation to create an investment-friendly market for foreign investment.

- **Connectivity:** Which projects have reached financial close or come online over the past three years, and what lessons can be learnt from this success?
- **Credibility:** How has growing industrial demand created bankable opportunities for new power projects and offtake models?
- **Cooperation:** How can the public and private sectors work together to unlock the market's remaining bottlenecks and accelerate capital inflows?

Moderator



Lisa Pinsley

Fund Head, African Transition Acceleration Fund (ATAF), African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM)

Speakers



Cornwell Muleya

CEO, Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Zambia



Fitzpatrick Kapepe

COO, ZESCO, Zambia



Cletus Nyachowe

GCEO, ZESA Private Limited, Zimbabwe



Jason De Carteret

CEO, Solarcentury Africa



Victor Utedzi

MD, ATC Development Group

10:30 — **Ballroom**

10:30 – 11:15 **Zimbabwe-Zambia Energy Projects Summit 2026: Official Opening**

Celebrating How Zambia and Zimbabwe are Unlocking FDI Through Connectivity, Credibility, and Cooperation.

Moderator



Abdoulaye Sylla

Group Deputy Director, Africa, EnergyNet

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Yeukai Simbanegavi

Deputy Minister of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe



Brian Mainza

Deputy Director, Ministry of Electricity, Zambia



Monie Captan

Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex



Vincent Nyirenda

Chief Projects Officer, Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)

11:15 — **Mukuni Conference Centre**

11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee & Networking Gallery**

11:45 — **Ballroom**

11:45 – 13:00 **From Ore to Energy Hub – Powering the Zambezi's Mining Ambitions**

The region's mining sector is scaling fast, along with rising demand for stable, cost-reflective power to hit national targets.

- How will Zambia achieve its ambitious three million tonne copper production strategy?
- How has the mining boom driven new investment in power infrastructure?
- Where have miners and lenders innovated on captive solutions (solar, wind, and hydro) and tailored PPAs to secure reliable, affordable energy?
- Have flagship projects, like Lumwana Super Pit, positioned Zambia and Zimbabwe as regional energy and industrialisation hubs?

Investment Highlights:

- Lumwana Super Pit
- Bikita Mine
- Kansanshi S3 Expansion
- Karo Platinum Solar Expansion
- Itimpi I & II
- Hwange Expansion

Moderator



Bwalya Chilufya-Musonda

Partner, Bowmans

Speakers



Cuthbert Munankwenka

Delivery Manager, Project Delivery, Presidential Delivery Unit (PDU), Zambia



Kakenenwa Muyangwa

CEO, ZCCM Investment Holdings (ZCCM-IH), Zambia



Isaac Kwesu

CEO, Chamber of Mines, Zimbabwe



Mzi Chizura

BD Manager, Caledonia Mining Corporation



Cosmas Chiteme

Group Energy Manager, Tharisa

13:00 — **Mukuni Conference Centre**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 — **Ballroom**

14:00 – 15:15 **Beyond the Grid – C&I Powers Industrial Independence**

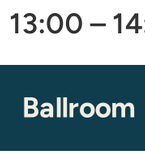
The C&I power sector is undergoing a major structural shift, as industries increasingly fund and drive their own power investment – unlocking large project pipelines.

- How has self-funded captive generation (solar, wind, and hydro) being paired with BESS to help industries achieve energy independence from the grid?
- Beyond mining, which other industries have adopted captive power and aggregated offtake models?
- How have market liberalisation and regulatory reform accelerated direct engagement and hard-currency payments for these projects?

Investment Highlights:

- Zimplats' Selous Mine
- FQM's Sentinel Mine
- Eureka's Gold Mine
- Sable Chemicals
- Tsingshen
- Zambia Sugar

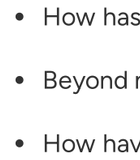
Moderator



Mulenga Chanda

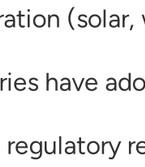
Vice President, Solar Industry Association of Zambia (SIAZ) & Country Director, Zambia, SIAAC

Speakers



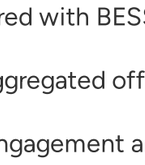
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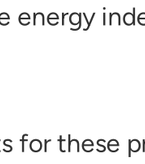
Man'arai Ndovorwi

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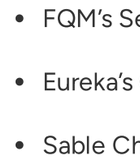


Alasdair Martin

Director, Private Customer Solutions, Globeleq

Kumoyo Vibetti

Country Director, MBHE African Power Zambia



Chirag Vasani

Country Business Head, Zambia, Metmin

15:15 — **Mukuni Conference Centre**

15:15 – 15:45 **Coffee & Networking Gallery**

15:45 — **Ballroom**

15:45 – 17:00 **From Signature to Breaking Ground – How Financing Mechanisms are Keeping up with the Pace of Industrialisation**

Financial structures in Zambia and Zimbabwe have evolved over the past 12 months but can individual success stories become scalable, replicable models.

- How have lenders financed outside the traditional long-term PPAs?
- Where have lenders overcome the risks of local currency financing?
- What impact has market liberalisation had on the procurement and risk instruments for flagship projects?
- Where has offtaker risk been mitigated and what does this mean for future deal structuring?

Investment Highlights:

- Zimbabwean GPSAs
- Chisamba Solar Plant

- Maamba Expansion
- Renewable Energy Liquidity Mechanism (RELM)
- Guruve Solar Carbon Feed-In Programme (CFIP)
- REF Zimbabwe
- ZAMWatt
- Itimpi Phase II
- Kariba Floating Solar

Moderator



Tanyaradzwa Angela Gumbo

Founder, Beyond Consulting & EDGE Advisor, GET.invest

Speakers



Tinashe Yafele

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Chali Mwefyeni

CCO, Zambia National Commercial Bank (Zanaco)



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Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex



Michiel Oosterhaven

Regional Business Development Lead, East & Southern Africa, Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG)



Sherrill Byrne

Head, Project Finance, Energy & Infrastructure Finance, Standard Bank

19:00 **The Adventure of Mosi-Oa-Tunya River Cruiser**

19:00 – 22:00 **An Evening on the Zambezi: Dinner & Drinks Reception**

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Day Three – Wednesday 4 November 2026

08:00 — Mukuni Conference Centre

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

08:30

Ballroom 1

08:30 – 09:45

How Zambia Is Unlocking FDI Through Connectivity, Credibility, and Cooperation – Projects Presentation

Moderator

Rose Sibisi

Manager, Stakeholder Relations, ZESCO, Zambia

Speakers



Brian Mainza

Deputy Director, Ministry of Electricity, Zambia

Ballroom 2-3

08:30 – 09:45 **The Rural Power Play – Turning Access into Productive Use**

Both countries have scaled rural electrification under their M300 Compacts, with the focus shifting to build commercially viable markets that attract private investment and deliver energy access at scale.

- How has Productive-Use Energy turned rural electrification into a profitable investment opportunity?
- Which financial models and regulatory reforms have made rural projects most commercially attractive?
- What progress has been made on M300, and where has the opportunity been established for private investors?

Investment Highlights:

- M300 SEforALL
- Universal Access Clustering
- REF Zimbabwe
- Distributed Power Africa

Moderator



Collen Zalengera

Country Director, Malawi & Zambia, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet

Speakers



Richard Lungu

Director, Ministry of Green Economy & Environment



Alex Mbumba

CEO, Rural Electrification Authority (REA), Zambia



Patrick Dongo

Acting Director, Planning & Technology, Rural Electrification Agency (REA), Zimbabwe



Richard Silumbe

Board Chairman, Zambia Research & Development Centre (ZRDC), Zambia



Helen Zulu

Regional Director, Southern Africa, Ignite Energy Access



Mukabanji Mutanuka

Country Coordinator, Zambia, SEforALL

09:45 — Mukuni Conference Centre

09:45 – 10:15 **Session Switchover & Networking Gallery**

10:15

Ballroom 1

10:15 – 11:30

How Zimbabwe Is Unlocking FDI Through Connectivity, Credibility, and Cooperation – Projects Presentation

Moderator



Victor Utedzi

MD, ATC Development Group

Speakers

Ballroom 2-3

10:15 – 11:30 **Beyond the Dam Wall – Diversifying Southern Africa's Energy Mix**

As both countries move beyond a hydro-dominated energy mix, diversification has emerged as key to strengthening energy security and building investor confidence.

- How has diversifying beyond hydro, into solar, thermal, wind, and BESS strengthened energy security and investor confidence?
- What will it take to move the wave of MoUs signed under market liberalisation to financial close and operation?
- How have hybrid solutions and thermal power complemented solar and wind to de-risk the market through economic shocks?



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Investment Highlights:

- Hwange Thermal
- KONKOLA Copper Mine
- Leopard's Hill
- ZESCO-CEC 500MW
- Chisamba Solar
- Kariba Floating Solar
- Prospect Lithium
- Sabi Star Lithium Mine

Moderator



Amanda Chipako

Senior Investment Officer, Proparco

Speakers



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Co-Founder & CEO, Modaso Energy



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Katai Kachasa

CEO, Lufubu Power Company (LPC)



Dhaval Jiyani

Director & Head, International Business, Soleos Energy

11:30 **Mukuni Conference Centre**

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee & Networking Gallery**

12:00 **Ballroom 1**

12:00 – 13:15

Hosted by Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC) Generation Boom, Grid Bottleneck – Can Transmission Keep Pace with Southern Africa's Renewable Energy Boom?

Southern Africa's generation pipeline is surging; matching transmission growth is critical for power trading, reliability and maximising generation asset value.

• How can transmission planning keep pace with the growing generation project pipeline across the region?

• Which investment models can accelerate grid expansion and ensure new generation capacity is integrated efficiently?

• How can utilities, regulators and developers coordinate generation and transmission planning over the long term?

• What role will regional interconnectors play in supporting renewable energy growth and international power trading?

Moderator



Rivhatshinyi Mandavha

Investment Director, Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF), Africa50

Speakers

Ballroom 2-3

12:00 – 13:15

From Backup Plan to Backbone – Zambia's Rise as Southern Africa's Power Trading Hub

Southern Africa's power trading market has scaled fast, creating new commercial opportunities and greater resilience across the region.

- As trading volumes and interconnection have grown, where is the biggest opportunity for commercial players to enter the SAPP market?
- How has energy trading helped industries stay resilient through recent droughts and economic shocks?
- What returns has SAPP's hard-currency trading model, and projects like the ZAMTAN interconnector, opened for private investors?

Investment Highlights:

- SAPP & RETRADE SAPP
- Leopard Hill Solar
- SAPP & IRB-EAPP MoU
- Afreximbank Credit Facility
- ZAMTAN



Hilton Fulele

CCO, Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)



Vincent Nyirenda

Chief Projects Officer, Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)

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- Chisamba Solar

Moderator



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CEO, Kanona Power Company

13:15 Mukuni Conference Centre

13:15 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 Ballroom 1

14:15 – 15:30

From Commitment to Capital: Government Leadership and PPP Financing for Strategic Energy Projects in Zambia and Zimbabwe

Public sector commitment is a critical catalyst for private investment in African energy infrastructure.

How can policy certainty turn energy ambitions into project support?

How can government equity and risk-sharing attract private capital?

Which blended finance, DFI, and sovereign support mix best mobilises capital?

What moves cross-border projects from development to implementation?

Moderator



Patrick Sipatela

Project Manager, Batoka Gorge Hydro-ElectricScheme (BGHES)

Speakers

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Director, Ministry of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe



Brian Mainza

Deputy Director, Ministry of Electricity, Zambia



Emmanuel Sakanyi

Principal Economist, Ministry of Finance &National Planning, Zambia



Cleophas Fambi

Electrical Engineer, Batoka Gorge Hydro-Electric Scheme (BGHES)

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14:15 – 15:30

Stepping into Tomorrow: Future-Proofing the Grid for Zambia and Zimbabwe's Power Boom

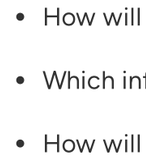
As regional generation capacity continues to expand under market liberalisation, transmission infrastructure will determine whether Southern Africa's grid can truly be future proofed.

- How will expanding transmission capacity reshape the trajectory of regional power trading?
- Which infrastructure projects are advancing through private investment?
- How will growing transmission capacity reshape regional power trading?
- What role will AI play in optimising transmission and enabling smarter power trading?

Investment Highlights:

- ZIZABONA
- ZAMTAN
- ZTK
- Caledonia Mining
- ZAMTAN
- Sinomine
- KKIP
- FQM's Trident & Kansanshi S3

Moderator



Mwelwa Chibesakunda

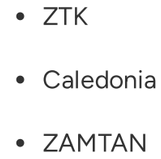
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Manager, Planning & Projects, Enterprise Power Zambia



Richard Olley

General Counsel, Gridworks



Vincenzia Leitich

Executive VP, Power & Renewables, Standard Bank

15:30 — **Mukuni Conference Centre**

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee & Networking Gallery**

16:00 — **Ballroom**

16:00 – 17:00 **Closing Remarks for the Zimbabwe-Zambia Energy Projects Summit 2026**

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Moderator



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Day Four – Thursday 5 November 2026

09:30	09:30 – 12:00	**Energy Project Excursion: Victoria Falls Power Station**