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Zimbabwe News - ZANU PF has secured a double victory in the Bulawayo Ward 1 and Rural District Council Ward 18 by-elections held on Saturday, 3 October 2026, with the party's candidates emerging victorious in both local authority contests.

The results, declared by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC), saw Mathias Ticha

Tsikira win the Bulawayo Ward 1 seat, while Nkosilathi Mkandlile won the Ward 18 council seat.

The outcome gives ZANU PF both of the local authority positions during the by-elections and represents a strong showing for the party at the grassroots level.

In Bulawayo Ward 1, Tsikira recorded a commanding victory against his opponents.

Independent candidate Shepherd Sithole was a distant second with 11 votes, while candidate Mduduzi Sibanda received 74 votes.

The ZEC declaration recorded 15 rejected ballot papers and a 0.5 percent turnout.

Following the conclusion of the counting process, Tsikira was declared the winner and will be the new councillor for Ward 1 of the City of Bulawayo.

His substantial margin over the two competing candidates made the result more decisive of the two elections in terms of the winning candidate.

The result places Tsikira in the position of representing residents of Bulawayo City Council and gives him a fresh mandate to participate in decision-making and community development.

In Hwange RDC Ward 18, ZANU PF's Mkandla also emerged as the winner, though he was considerably closer.

Mkandla received 326 votes to defeat independent candidate T. Moyo, who received 194 votes.

Another independent candidate, Raymond Ndlovu, received 10 votes.

The ZEC declaration recorded three rejected ballots, while the turnout was approximately 42.2 percent.

Mkandla was subsequently declared duly elected councillor for

The result marked another gain for ZANU PF and completed the two local authority seats contested on Saturday.

The two wards presented different electoral dynamics, with the a significantly higher percentage poll than Bulawayo Ward 1.

Earlier information released by ZEC showed that a combined 1 eligible to participate across the two wards.

Bulawayo Ward 1 had 23 polling stations established for the election. Stations were established in Hwange RDC Ward 18.

The turnout figures and voting patterns provide a snapshot of the

communities, while the final declarations formally confirmed the take up their respective council responsibilities.

The victories come as the Government continues to place emphasis as part of its broader national development agenda towards Vision 2030.

ZANU PF has consistently linked its political programme to the priorities under President Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, with infrastructure development, economic empowerment, service delivery and social development as key components of its agenda.

The results are therefore likely to be viewed by the ruling party as a vindication of its political direction and continued grassroots mobilisation.

However, winning an election also brings expectations from the electorate at local government level where councillors have a direct connection with the community.

Tsikira and Mkandla will now be expected to represent residents in their wards and participate in efforts to address local priorities.

Councillors have an important role in local authority structures, directly affect issues such as roads, water and sanitation, refuse infrastructure, environmental management and community facilities.

The newly elected representatives will therefore have to balance their mandates with the practical needs of the communities they now represent.

For residents, the significance of the by-elections extends beyond the competition itself.

Local authority elections determine who represents communities for many of the services that affect everyday life.

The performance of elected councillors can consequently have a direct impact on the experience of municipal and rural district council services.

The Bulawayo result is particularly notable because of the city's status as Zimbabwe's second-largest urban centre.

Tsikira's decisive margin gives ZANU PF representation in Ward 18 with an opportunity to strengthen its engagement with residents.

In Hwange, Mkandla's victory came after a more competitive contest, with a challenger receiving 326 votes compared with Kafunga's 194.

The narrower margin highlights the importance of continued engagement with community stakeholders after an election.

The results also demonstrate the varied nature of Zimbabwe's electoral landscape, with candidates competing under different political labels and independents featuring prominently in both wards.

While ZANU PF won both seats, independent candidates secured significant support, particularly in Hwange Ward 18.

The by-elections therefore provide an indication of the competitive government level and the importance of candidate support within the community.

For ZANU PF, the immediate outcome is straightforward: two seats won.

The party can now turn its attention to ensuring that its newly elected representatives effectively represent their wards and contribute to local development.

For Tsikira and Mkandla, the electoral victory marks the beginning of their responsibilities.

Their success will ultimately be measured by how effectively they can raise community concerns through council structures and contribute to finding solutions.

As Zimbabwe continues pursuing its development objectives to 2030, local authorities remain an important part of the implementation process.

Effective councils and responsive councillors are essential for translating development objectives into projects and services that have a direct impact on communities.

The 3 October by-elections have therefore delivered a clear political mandate, placing fresh responsibilities on the two successful candidates.

ZANU PF's double victory in Bulawayo Ward 1 and Hwange Region provides further representation at local government level and provides Tsvangirai a unique opportunity to demonstrate what they can deliver for the communities they represent.

The focus now shifts from campaigning and voting to representation and service delivery.

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President Mnangagwa's 132nd Central Committee Address...
October 1, 2026 . Takasununguka Ziki

...Calls for Servant Leadership, Innovation and Economic Tran

ZANU PF HQ, Harare -- The address by the President His Exc
the 132nd Central Committee meeting has placed servant lead
empowerment, innovation, agricultural resilience and mineral b
of discussions as ZANU PF prepares for its 23rd National Peop

President Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa addressed the 1
PF Central Committee earlier today, outlining a series of priorit
should guide the party and Government as Zimbabwe pursues

According to the President, political leadership must increasing
tangible improvements in the lives of citizens, including better l
opportunities, productive communities and improved infrastruc

His remarks come at a time when the Government is advancin
under National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2) and the broad

The President called for improved servant leadership within ZANU PF, saying political stewardship should be reflected in tangible improvements in the lives of the people.

A major theme of the President's 132nd Central Committee Address was stronger accountability and discipline among political leaders and improved servant leadership.

The President said leaders have an obligation to continuously improve servant leadership and governance.

He said political stewardship should ultimately be reflected in improved service at the community level rather than remaining confined to policies, speeches and reports.

The message comes as ZANU PF continues preparations for its 132nd People's Conference, scheduled for Chinhoyi in Mashonaland West province in October 2026.

The President has previously said the conference should focus resolutions into practical strategies capable of improving people's lives.

This emphasis on implementation places greater attention on the policy decisions and their eventual impact at provincial, district and local levels.

Another key point highlighted in the presentation was the need for each district to identify its own opportunities and challenges.

The approach places emphasis on locally informed development. It is expected to identify practical economic opportunities and develop them according to their circumstances.

The Government has increasingly promoted a development model that aligns national priorities with projects at community level.

Under this approach, agriculture, mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and other productive sectors can contribute to economic growth development and opportunities available in each locality.

The approach also complements the broader push towards rural and decentralised economic activity.

The President also placed particular emphasis on Zimbabwe's

According to the highlights released from the Central Committee, Zimbabweans were challenged to defend the gains of the liberation war through productivity, innovation and economic participation.

The President encouraged young people to embrace modern knowledge and artificial intelligence as Zimbabwe seeks to modernise and industrialise.

He also linked youth development to an understanding of Zimbabwe's history and the responsibilities associated with national sovereignty.

In his remarks, President Mnangagwa said young people should come from where the country is now and where it is going as the Vision 2030.

The focus on technology is particularly significant as artificial intelligence and digital technologies increasingly influence education, business, agriculture, media and public administration.

The Central Committee highlights also called for ZANU PF to embrace digital and new technologies.

The emphasis is on building what the President described as a new party while maintaining its ideological foundations.

Beyond the political environment, technology has become an integral component of Zimbabwe's economic development agenda.

The Government has identified digital transformation, innovation and digital adoption as important tools for improving productivity and competitiveness.

For businesses and young entrepreneurs, greater adoption of digital technologies in areas ranging from financial services and agriculture to manufacturing and online commerce.

The President also highlighted the importance of grassroots structures and grassroots movements.

According to the Central Committee highlights, provincial, district and grassroots structures should remain vibrant and well mobilised.

The emphasis includes stronger intra-party communication, ideological education and leadership development.

The call reflects the party's stated intention to strengthen organisational capacity ahead of the 23rd National People's Conference.

The conference is expected to provide an opportunity for the p priorities and consider strategies for translating resolutions into programmes.

Agriculture was another significant area highlighted during the

The President pointed to measures aimed at climate-proofing a 2026/27 summer cropping season.

These measures include expanded irrigation, water harvesting and early-warning systems.

The focus comes against concerns over rainfall patterns in the

Earlier this week, while opening the Fourth Session of Zimbabwe Mnangagwa said the 2026/27 agricultural season faced the pro

rainfall across the SADC region. He outlined a six-pillar response: grain reserves, climate-smart production, agricultural financing, mitigation, coordination, and early warning and capacity building.

The agricultural emphasis is closely connected to Zimbabwe's security and commercial agriculture.

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Mineral beneficiation also featured prominently in the Central Bank's report.

The President said increased local processing of Zimbabwe's minerals would create jobs, retain value within the country and strengthen economic resilience.

The focus on beneficiation is consistent with the Government's policy of encouraging minerals to be processed locally rather than exported in raw form.

Zimbabwe has taken measures aimed at increasing domestic mineral processing. In February 2026, Government announced the suspension of raw mineral concentrate exports, citing objectives including beneficiation, mineral value addition, and increased value retention within Zimbabwe.

The country's mining sector has also been identified as an important driver of industrial development, with Government highlighting opportunities in iron and steel, gold and other minerals.

The emphasis on value addition means the mining sector is increasingly viewed not only as a source of mineral exports but also as a potential driver of job creation, employment and downstream industries.

The recurring message from the President's recent party engagement has been the need for consistent implementation.

The 132nd Central Committee session comes shortly before the National Conference, making the question of implementation particularly relevant.

The President has called for party resolutions to be translated into policies capable of improving people's livelihoods.

This creates a clear focus for the forthcoming conference: assessing progress, refining strategies and determining how programmes can be implemented across the country's provinces and districts.

For Government, the challenge is similarly centred on translating policies into measurable economic and social outcomes.

The priorities outlined during the session intersect with the Government's development agenda under NDS2 and Vision 2030.

Agricultural productivity, industrialisation, mineral beneficiation, infrastructure development, technological innovation and youth participation are key to the economic transformation conversation.

Earlier parliamentary remarks by Mnangagwa highlighted agriculture, manufacturing, energy and infrastructure as major components of the government's economic programme. He said agriculture had recorded strong growth in the first quarter and announced measures to address climate-related risks in the coming season.

The Government has also placed emphasis on infrastructure projects and urban developments, while promoting investment and industrial capacity.

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President Mnangagwa's 132nd Central Committee Address comes at a key moment in the ZANU PF calendar, with the 23rd National People's Conference set for next year.

Its key themes -- servant leadership, accountability, grassroots participation, technological innovation, climate-resilient agriculture and social beneficiation -- point towards a strong emphasis on implementing the government's development agenda.

The forthcoming conference in Chinhoyi will provide the party v consider its priorities and strategies for the next phase.

For Zimbabwe's wider development programme, the central qu policies and resolutions translate into increased production, em infrastructure, agricultural output and improved livelihoods.

As the country continues pursuing NDS2 and Vision 2030, the priorities at provincial, district and community level will remain of their practical impact.

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Features

From Resolutions to Results: ZANU PF's Vision 2030 Develop
October 3, 2026 . Takasununguka Ziki

Feature - From Resolutions to Results: Consolidating Economic
Empowerment towards Vision 2030 will be the defining theme
23rd National People's Conference in Chinhoyi, Mashonaland
12 to 17, 2026.

The theme comes at a significant stage in Zimbabwe's development as the country implements the second National Development Strategy towards the national ambition of becoming an empowered upper middle income country by 2030.

The conference will be hosted at Chinhoyi University of Technology, which will bring together party delegates from across Zimbabwe for deliberations on political, economic development, empowerment and the implementation of previous resolutions.

President and First Secretary of ZANU PF, His Excellency Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa, has placed implementation at the centre of preparation for the conference, challenging the party leadership to ensure that resolutions move beyond mere declarations to become programmes capable of producing tangible results.

Addressing the 397th Ordinary Session of the ZANU PF Politburo, he said the conference theme requires the party to move beyond simple declarations to focus on their concrete implementation. (ZANU PF Official site)

The phrase "From Resolutions to Results" provides the central theme for the gathering.

For ZANU PF, national conferences have traditionally provided the party's work, considering reports and adopting resolutions and developmental programme.

This year's theme places additional emphasis on what happened and what was adopted.

President Mnangagwa has called for previous conference and its resolutions to be fully implemented across both party and Government structures.

In his address to the 132nd Ordinary Session of the Central Committee in 2026, the President said the conference would provide an opportunity for corrections where necessary and refocus collective party priorities.

He also directed the Office of the Secretary General, working with the President and Cabinet, to coordinate implementation of previous resolutions.

The approach places implementation at the heart of the conference theme.

Rather than measuring progress solely through the adoption of new technologies, the emphasis is increasingly being placed on their practical impact on small businesses, workers, farmers and households.

The first major pillar of the conference theme is economic development.

Zimbabwe has entered the implementation phase of NDS2, the second national development strategy running from 2026 to 2030.

The strategy provides the broader national development framework. The Government is pursuing economic transformation and the Vision 2030.

Zim Global Media previously examined the transition from NDS1 to NDS2 development trajectory in:

NDS2 - Zimbabwe Charts a Bold Course Towards Vision 2030

The 23rd National People's Conference therefore comes at a point when the implementation of NDS2 is beginning to shape the country's economic policy and development agenda.

The challenge outlined by the conference theme is to connect economic growth with social and economic activity.

This includes supporting production, investment, industrialisation, infrastructure development, technology and innovation.

President Mnangagwa has told party leaders that modernisation and economic growth must remain central to efforts to improve living standards.

In his recent Politburo address, he challenged the leadership to turn challenges as opportunities for development while mobilising citizens.

livelihoods and support vulnerable households. (ZANU PF Office)

The second major component of the theme is empowerment.

Economic empowerment has remained a recurring feature of ZANU PF's policy agenda, with Government programmes targeting agriculture, mining, manufacturing, infrastructure development, women, small businesses and other productive sectors.

The conference theme places the concept of empowerment at the forefront, signalling an emphasis on ensuring that economic growth is coupled with social justice for citizens.

The practical question is how economic programmes can translate into job creation, enterprises, employment opportunities, increased household income and improved value chains.

In his 132nd Central Committee address, President Mnangagwa highlighted economic empowerment, innovation, agricultural resilience and mineral beneficiation as key issues requiring attention as the party prepares for its conference.

This creates a broad platform for provincial structures to bring based on the economic circumstances of their respective areas.

For a country with significant agricultural land, mineral resource capacity and a growing digital economy, empowerment can take

These include increasing local participation in value chains, expanding productive opportunities, supporting entrepreneurs and strengthening communities to participate in economic activity.

Preparations for the Chinhoyi conference have involved consulting provincial structures.

Provincial conferences and inter-district meetings have been used to set priorities and formulate resolutions for consideration at the national

In Midlands, for example, provincial structures adopted resolute development, empowerment and greater local beneficiation of the national conference.

This process is important because the national conference is emerging from different parts of the country.

Zimbabwe's provinces have different economic strengths and

Mashonaland West has substantial agricultural and mining activities, a strong mining and industrial base. Other provinces have their own tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, energy and services.

The process of consolidating provincial resolutions therefore provides for bringing local economic priorities into the national party discussion.

Mineral beneficiation is another issue likely to feature prominently in economic development discussion.

Zimbabwe possesses significant deposits of gold, platinum-group metals, coal and other minerals.

The policy challenge is not simply extracting these resources but capturing the economic value generated within the country.

Industrialisation and beneficiation can potentially expand local manufacturing and create additional economic activity around mineral value chains.

The theme "From Resolutions to Results" therefore places emphasis on the implementation of policies designed to move the economy towards a more diversified and inclusive growth path.

The same principle applies to agriculture.

Instead of focusing solely on production of raw commodities, government should promote value addition and local processing of agricultural products.

generated through processing, packaging, storage, manufacturing and distribution markets.

This approach connects economic empowerment with industrialisation.

Agriculture remains one of the most important sectors in Zimbabwe's economy and is expected to remain part of the broader development discussion.

Climate resilience, irrigation, mechanisation, productivity and value addition are among the issues shaping Zimbabwe's agricultural transformation agenda.

The 23rd National People's Conference comes at a time when Zimbabwe is preparing for another agricultural season, making food security and climate change key components of national development planning.

President Mnangagwa has previously highlighted climate-smart agriculture to strengthen production as part of the country's development priorities.

For rural communities, the success of economic resolutions is through access to markets, inputs, infrastructure, irrigation, financial opportunities to generate income.

The movement from resolutions to results therefore has a particular focus in agricultural communities.

Economic transformation also depends on infrastructure.

Roads, bridges, electricity, water systems, railways, telecommunications infrastructure provide the foundation on which productive economic growth can be built.

Zimbabwe has continued implementing infrastructure projects with major investments taking place in roads, airports, energy and water.

The conference theme provides an opportunity for the party to discuss priorities can continue supporting economic growth and connectivity.

markets.

For businesses, improved infrastructure can reduce transportation costs, improve connectivity and facilitate movement of goods.

For communities, it can improve access to schools, hospitals, and other essential services.

The connection between infrastructure and economic development is a key component of the broader Vision 2030 agenda.

The conference is also taking place at a time when Zimbabwe is taking on greater responsibilities within the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Zimbabwe is set to host the 25th COMESA Summit in October 2024, further cementing its role in the regional bloc.

The COMESA Summit theme -- "One Market, One Future: Advancing Industrialisation, Investment and Regional Integration in COMESA" -- links economic links with the issues surrounding the ZANU PF conference.

The regional agenda places emphasis on industrialisation, investment and regional integration, while the ZANU PF conference theme focuses on economic development.

This creates an opportunity for Zimbabwe's domestic production to expand into regional markets.

For local businesses, regional integration can potentially create new markets, expand exports and participate in larger value chains.

However, taking advantage of such opportunities requires comprehensive reforms, reliable infrastructure, investment and the capacity to meet market demands.

At the centre of the conference theme is Vision 2030.

The national vision seeks to transform Zimbabwe into an empowered society by 2030.

NDS2 provides the current five-year development framework to

The ZANU PF conference therefore comes at a time when the country is through the implementation phase of the second development

Zim Global Media has previously examined the foundations laid

What Was Accomplished Under NDS1 as Zimbabwe Moves To
(Global Media)

The transition from NDS1 to NDS2 means the emphasis is on accelerating development programmes while addressing areas that were incomplete.

The 23rd National People's Conference will therefore provide a reviewing progress and identifying priorities for the next phase.

The meaning of "results" will ultimately depend on implementation.

In economic terms, measurable results could include increased investment, expanded exports, stronger industries, improved agricultural productive enterprises and increased participation in economic activities.

At community level, results can also be reflected in infrastructure, employment opportunities and improved livelihoods.

The conference theme consequently creates a framework in which to be connected to specific development outcomes.

This emphasis was reinforced by President Mnangagwa during he said party resolutions should remain instruments for advancement and accelerating the attainment of Vision 2030.

Chinhoyi prepares for the conference

Preparations for the conference have been gathering momentum underway.

The conference is scheduled for October 12 to 17, 2026, at Ch Technology in Mashonaland West Province.

ZANU PF Director of Information and Publicity Cde Farai Mara accreditation teams had been deployed to the provinces to pro

The host province has also been mobilising resources and pre the gathering.

The conference is expected to attract thousands of delegates, involving party structures, Government departments and other

Ultimately, the significance of "From Resolutions to Results" will be at the conference venue.

The central issue will be what happens after delegates return to their districts and communities.

Resolutions adopted in Chinhoyi will require coordination, resource allocation and implementation if they are to produce measurable outcomes.

That is where the conference theme acquires its practical meaning.

For ZANU PF, the 23rd National People's Conference presents an opportunity for the implementation of previous decisions while establishing priorities for the country's development journey.

For Zimbabwe's broader economic agenda, the emphasis on empowerment, investment and value addition aligns with the country's Vision 2030 framework.

As delegates prepare to gather in Chinhoyi, the message from the President is clear: resolutions are expected to become instruments of implementation.

The journey towards Vision 2030 will ultimately be shaped not in conference halls, but by what is delivered in communities, farms, businesses and households across Zimbabwe.

From Resolutions to Results is therefore more than the title of the People's Conference.

It represents the central implementation question facing the party's five-year programme as Zimbabwe moves deeper into the NDS2 era and towards its 2030 target.

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ZANU PF 23rd National People's Conference Set for Chinhoyi
October 2, 2026 . Takasununguka Ziki

Feature - The ZANU PF 23rd National People's Conference is set for Chinhoyi, Mashonaland West Province, from October 12 to 17, 2026. The party prepares for one of its major annual gatherings with a focus on translating resolutions into measurable economic and developmental outcomes.

The conference will be hosted by Mashonaland West Province. The theme is "From Resolutions to Results: Consolidating Development and Deepening Empowerment towards Vision 2030".

With only days remaining before the conference, preparations are in the final phase, including the accreditation of delegates, service providers, and media.

Accreditation for the ZANU PF 23rd National People's Conference is underway, with teams deployed across the country to process and verify delegate applications for the upcoming gathering.

ZANU PF Director for Information and Publicity Cde Farai Mara said the process was progressing smoothly, with provincial teams working to ensure delegates are properly cleared ahead of the conference.

The accreditation exercise is also taking place at the party's headquarters where delegates, service providers and members of the media are being processed for the event.

The process is intended to establish an approved list of participants and the logistical organisation of the conference.

The gathering is expected to bring together senior party officials, party leadership, delegates from across Zimbabwe and other invited guests for several days of deliberations.

The 23rd National People's Conference places Mashonaland V as the province prepares to demonstrate its capacity to host a major gathering.

The province last hosted the ZANU PF National People's Conference in 2010.

Provincial preparations have included mobilisation of resources from party structures, businesses and other stakeholders.

In August, a fundraising dinner held in Harare raised more than \$100,000 for the preparations for the October conference, exceeding the original target of \$50,000.

The fundraising initiative attracted senior party officials, Government ministers, business leaders and corporate stakeholders.

Mashonaland West Provincial Chairperson Mary Mliswa-Chikoko said the event provides an opportunity for the province to showcase its agricultural and industrial potential.

The province is home to major agricultural activities as well as manufacturing and services sectors.

tourism destinations, giving the host province an opportunity to showcase its various sectors before delegates arriving from around the country.

The central message of this year's conference is captured in its theme, "Resolutions to Results: Consolidating Economic Development towards Vision 2030."

The theme places implementation at the centre of the conference.

President and First Secretary of ZANU PF, Dr. Emmerson Dandanda, urged the party's Central Committee that the conference should provide a full stock of progress, identify areas requiring correction and refocus the party's efforts.

He also called for the implementation of previous conference resolutions across party and Government structures.

According to the President's address, the conference is expected to receive delegates coming from provincial structures and ensure that these are reflective of the aspirations of party members and the wider population.

The emphasis on implementation comes as Zimbabwe continues to be contained in its national development agenda and Vision 2030.

For the ruling party, the conference therefore provides a platform to report on the progress of programmes associated with economic development, industrialisation and other areas of national policy.

Economic development is expected to feature prominently during the conference.

The theme specifically references consolidation of economic development, empowerment, areas that have remained central to the Government's agenda in recent years.

The discussions are expected to include issues affecting production in agriculture, mining, industrialisation and opportunities for young people in different sections of society.

President Mnangagwa's recent Central Committee address also highlighted resilience, mineral beneficiation, innovation, youth empowerment and economic transformation as areas requiring continued attention within the

The address linked these priorities to the broader objective of a

The conference is consequently expected to serve not only as a platform for policy review but also as an important forum for discussing the implementation of key programmes that the ruling party says are intended to support

The Chinhoyi gathering follows the 22nd ZANU PF National People's Conference in Mutare in October 2025.

The 22nd conference brought together senior party leadership from across the country and focused on issues including party unity, discipline and Vision 2030.

President Mnangagwa officially opened the conference at Muta and addressed delegates on the party's direction and priorities.

The previous conference also produced a series of resolutions and implementation discussion ahead of the 23rd gathering.

As a result, this year's theme places particular emphasis on measurable results.

The focus on implementation is also consistent with the President's Secretary General, working with the Office of the President and the implementation of previous conference and congress resolutions.

For readers following the evolution of the party's annual conference, we previously covered the opening of the 22nd conference in Muta.

Another issue expected to feature at the 23rd National People's Conference is the strengthening of party structures from national leadership to grassroots.

In his latest Central Committee address, President Mnangagwa emphasised the importance of intra-party communication, ideological education, leadership development and ensuring that information flows throughout the party.

He said well-organised grassroots structures were important to the party's organisational strength.

The conference therefore comes at a time when ZANU PF is re-evaluating its structures and seeking to strengthen coordination between the central, district and grassroots levels.

Such discussions are expected to form part of the resolutions to be adopted at the Chinhoyi gathering.

Vision 2030 continues to provide an important reference point for the party's development messaging and the ruling party's political programme.

The conference theme explicitly links economic development a 2030, signalling the party's intention to connect its organisation longer-term national development objectives.

ZANU PF has repeatedly framed its development agenda around industrialisation, agricultural production, infrastructure develop

The 23rd National People's Conference will therefore provide a delegates to review progress and consider priorities for the per

Zim Global Media has previously reported on the party's broad including the 27th National Consultative Assembly:

President Mnangagwa 27th National Consultative Assembly: Z Unity, Economic Growth and Vision 2030

The 23rd National People's Conference is also taking place ag significant political developments in Zimbabwe during 2026.

The country's constitutional and electoral framework has been a topic of political debate following Constitutional Amendment No. 3, which ZANU PF have included questions concerning the party's leadership and future beyond the current electoral cycle.

These issues have generated differing views among political and civil society stakeholders, making the conference a closely watched event.

However, the formal agenda and theme of the conference remain the same: resolutions, economic development, empowerment and Vision 2030.

The conference will provide the party's structures with an opportunity to deliberate on submissions and resolutions brought forward through the grassroots structures.

As delegates prepare to travel to Mashonaland West, Chinhoyi, to attend the 10th National Conference of ZANU PF's national organisational activities for the duration of the conference.

The event will run from October 12 to 17, with accreditation and logistical preparations continuing.

The hosting of the conference is also expected to bring increased visibility to Mashonaland West's economic and social potential.

For the ruling party, however, the most important measure of the conference's success will be the resolutions adopted and how those resolutions are subsequently implemented.

The theme itself makes that expectation clear: the emphasis is on moving from resolutions to results.

As delegates converge in Chinhoyi, attention will therefore turn to the implementation of the resolutions adopted during the conference, the resolutions adopted and the priorities of the PF's organisational and policy agenda in the period ahead.

The ZANU PF 23rd National People's Conference is consequence moment in the party's 2026 calendar, bringing together its structures. Zimbabwe continues to pursue its longer-term development objectives.

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