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Africa Must Rise, Innovate And Take Charge of Its Economic Destiny - President Mnangagwa
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Moscow, Russia - Africa must move beyond the traditional role of supplying raw materials to international markets and take greater control of its economic destiny through industrialisation, innovation, regional integration and strategic international partnerships, President Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa has said.

Addressing the plenary session of the 3rd Russia-Africa Summit in October 2026, President Mnangagwa called on African countries to harness the continent's enormous economic potential, anchored in its youthful population and rapidly expanding markets.

The President said Africa possessed the fundamental assets to become a major force in the global economy, but stressed that these advantages must be harnessed through productive capacity, stronger industries, competitive businesses and inclusive development that improves the livelihoods of ordinary people.

His message placed economic transformation at the centre of Africa's engagement with international partners, emphasising that cooperation must go beyond rhetoric to concrete commitments and produce practical outcomes in trade, investment, infrastructure, skills development and industrial growth.

Africa's development challenge, therefore, is not simply about accessing resources, but about the continent's capacity to process, manufacture and retain a greater share of the value generated from its natural endowments.

For decades, many African economies have relied heavily on exports of raw materials while importing finished products, a trade structure that limits industrial expansion, employment creation and technological advancement. Strengthening domestic production and regional manufacturing capacity offer a way to break this pattern.

President Mnangagwa's call for Africa to build resilient and self-reliant economies speaks to the importance of establishing partnerships that support growth rather than deepen dependency. Drawing lessons from countries in Latin America, states can explore cooperation in areas including technology, education, manufacturing, infrastructure and scientific research.

The President underscored the importance of regional integration and global value chains, identifying stronger intra-African trade as a key driver of the continent's economic transformation.

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) provides a framework for advancing this ambition by creating opportunities for African businesses to access markets, expand production and develop cross-border supply chains. The success of this framework depends on practical measures that address infrastructure, transport and logistics infrastructure, strengthen financial systems and improve the competitiveness of local industries.

For African countries, integration must translate into more than declarations. It must enable farmers, manufacturers, entrepreneurs to operate across borders with greater efficiency, while encouraging complementary industries and productive capacities.

Zimbabwe's position within regional economic structures gives it an opportunity to participate in this transformation. As Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), President Mnangagwa also places regional trade, investment and economic cooperation at the heart of the continental development conversation.

Stronger regional markets can create opportunities for Zimbabwe to export, attract investment and participate in value chains that link neighbouring economies and international markets. This is particularly true in agriculture, mining, manufacturing, energy and tourism, where regional cooperation can support production, processing and distribution.

The President's message also reinforces Zimbabwe's focus on beneficiation, particularly in the mining sector. The country's minerals present opportunities to expand local processing, develop downstream industries and strengthen linkages between mining and manufacturing.

Rather than concentrating exclusively on the extraction and export of raw materials, investment in processing and industrial capacity can help create value, develop technical skills and generate employment. The same applies to agriculture, where investment in agro-processing can reduce post-harvest losses, strengthen food security and create new opportunities for farmers.

The Russia-Africa Summit provides a platform for exploring partnerships in these priorities. Its agenda included trade and investment, technology, science and innovation, and food security, education, health and digital development. Together, they brought together representatives from 48 African countries, with around 100 Heads of State, reflecting the breadth of participation in the event.

For Zimbabwe, cooperation with Russia presents opportunities for technical partnerships in sectors that support national development: renewable energy, transport and logistics, manufacturing, agriculture, and digital communications and emerging technologies.

The President has also highlighted the importance of expanding trade and investment engagement, with governments playing a facilitative role in creating a conducive environment for investment and commercial partnerships. This is particularly important in the sector at the centre of productive economic activity, while recognising the need to protect the environment and ensure sustainable development.

public policy in supporting infrastructure development, investment and market access.

Technology transfer and skills development are equally important for long-term prospects. Africa's youthful population represents a significant resource, but unlocking its potential requires investment in education, training, research, innovation and digital capabilities.

The expansion of cooperation in science and technology can help to develop the skills needed to participate in an increasingly technologically driven economy. Opportunities in artificial intelligence, digital communication and advanced manufacturing could support productivity across the continent, that investment is accompanied by appropriate training and infrastructure.

President Mnangagwa's emphasis on Africa's youthful population highlights the need to connect education and skills development with the demands of the market. Young people must be equipped not only to seek employment in existing businesses, develop solutions and participate in emerging industries.

For Zimbabwe, these priorities complement the national development agenda under the Second National Development Strategy (NDS2), which seeks to drive growth through investment, productivity, industrialisation and structural transformation.

also align with the country's broader ambition of attaining upper middle income status by 2030 under Vision 2030.

The drive towards Vision 2030 requires a productive economy with vibrant agriculture, manufacturing, services, and creative industries, modern infrastructure, investment, innovation and a skilled workforce. Value addition and beneficiation remain important to this ambitious development of strong domestic and regional markets capable of sustaining long-term business growth.

Economic diplomacy consequently becomes an important instrument to advance development priorities with international opportunities. Through economic diplomacy, Zimbabwe can seek access to technology, investment capital, and expertise while pursuing cooperation that supports its own industrial and economic objectives.

The President's address also comes at a time when Africa continues to assert its voice in global economic and governance institutions. His call for greater participation in international trade reflects the need for African countries to move from passive participants in global markets and become more influential players and partners.

Zimbabwe's forthcoming 2027-2028 tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council

Security Council will provide another international platform for engagement on matters of global peace, security and cooperation. It is also indicated that Zimbabwe intends to work constructively with others in the pursuit of a just international order founded on the principles of the UN Charter.

Ultimately, the significance of the Russia-Africa engagement will be measured to the extent to which discussions translate into tangible projects, stronger trade relationships, increased investment and opportunities that improve the lives of people.

For Africa, the path towards economic independence requires a focus on places production, industrialisation, innovation and regional cooperation. The continent's natural resources, human capital and technological advantages provide a foundation, but sustained progress will depend on the ability to transform these advantages into competitive industries and productive economies.

President Mnangagwa's message in Moscow was a call for Africa to play a more active role in shaping its future: to innovate, integrate, industrialise and strengthen its position in the global economy.

Africa's future will increasingly depend on how effectively its countries can harness their resources, develop their people, build productive partnerships and create a more inclusive and sustainable future for all.

their own economies. The task ahead is to turn the continent's measurable economic progress for present and future generations.

Africa's future must be built through African resources, African partnerships.

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President Mnangagwa Pushes for Investment, Trade Finance in
Russia
October 28, 2026 . Takasununguka Ziki

MOSCOW, Russia - President Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa has begun his economic diplomacy in Moscow, engaging Russian financial, scientific and educational institutions as the country seeks to attract investment, strengthen trade and cooperation in education and technology.

President Mnangagwa, who is attending the Third Russia-Africa Summit, is the Chairman of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). He is urging Zimbabwean and Russian institutions to move beyond diplomatic relations and focus on practical projects that generate economic opportunities and improve livelihoods.

The President's engagements with the leadership of PSB Bank, Promsvyazbank, and Rossotrudnichestvo have placed trade finance, investment and human-capital development among the key areas of discussion. These discussions form part of Zimbabwe's wider effort to diversify its economic partnerships and mobilise resources for economic transformation.

President Mnangagwa has stressed that the value of international relations will ultimately be measured by their contribution to economic activity, job creation, services and opportunities for ordinary citizens. His message is that the relationship between Zimbabwe and Russia should increase in depth across sectors that are central to national development.

"The two Governments have given this friendship political direction through their respective institutions such as yours and your counterparts on the Zimbabwean side. This is a practical expression to the vision of our national leaders," President Mnangagwa said during the engagements, according to a report on his remarks.

A major focus of the discussions has been the potential contribution of Russia to Zimbabwe's financial and investment landscape. The institutions discussed were seen as a possible partner in trade finance, lines of credit and financing for key economic sectors prioritised by the Government.

Access to appropriate financing remains important for businesses to purchase machinery, acquire production inputs, expand operations and export. For Zimbabwean exporters, workable trade-finance arrangements that meet the financing requirements associated with cross-border transactions for export goods.

However, the effectiveness of any proposed financing arrangement depends on its structure, cost, eligibility conditions, regulatory compliance and other supports. Credit facilities must be assessed carefully to ensure they are commercially sustainable and contribute to productive activity rather than financial obligations without corresponding economic returns.

To accelerate progress, President Mnangagwa proposed the establishment of a technical working group involving PSB Bank, Zimbabwe's Ministry of Trade Development and Investment Promotion, and the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

The proposed mechanism is intended to help identify priority projects, develop financing arrangements and implementation timelines. It could also serve as a platform for resolving technical questions that arise when diplomatic conversations move into operational banking and investment arrangements.

The emphasis on implementation is significant because international trade often requires coordination among several institutions before policy moves from discussion to execution. Governments may establish the policy, but regulators, businesses and relevant ministries must agree on the details, requirements, risk management and delivery responsibilities.

President Mnangagwa has therefore challenged the institutions to ensure that agreements do not remain on paper. The proposed technical work is a possible route towards that objective, although its eventual impact on projects selected, the resources committed and the speed at which they are implemented.

Zimbabwe's engagement with Russia also comes amid wider discussions on payment systems and the mechanisms countries use to settle international trade. He said Zimbabwe was following discussions within BRICS concerning national payment systems, while emphasising that payment arrangements must be considered through the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and within its regulatory framework.

For Zimbabwean companies, reliable and cost-effective payment systems are key to the ease of conducting international business. Any new mechanism must meet regulatory standards and provide practical benefits for businesses in their transactions.

Beyond financial cooperation, the Moscow engagements have development and scientific advancement as important elements in bilateral relations. President Mnangagwa expressed appreciation for support provided to Zimbabweans studying in Russia, noting that more students are currently enrolled at Russian universities.

The students are pursuing fields that include natural sciences, nuclear science and other specialised disciplines. These areas align with Zimbabwe's ambitions to strengthen technical capacity, improve skills that can support industrialisation and modern public service delivery.

The long-term value of overseas education will depend partly on what graduates find when they return home. Universities can provide exposure to research, but domestic institutions and industries need mechanisms through which that expertise can be applied to national challenges.

Zimbabwe's ability to retain skilled professionals, support research and entrepreneurship will therefore be important in converting education into measurable development outcomes. Graduates trained in science and technology can contribute to public services, private-sector innovation and new products and enterprises when supported by appropriate infrastructure.

The President also welcomed institutional dialogue between the two countries of Zimbabwe and Russia. He invited the Russian commission to see how the two institutions could advance discussions on a proposed cooperation. This engagement adds an institutional and social dimension to a visit that is focused on economic and financial matters.

The wider Third Russia-Africa Summit, taking place in Moscow, has also brought African leaders and Russian representatives together to discuss key areas including trade, investment, food security, energy, science and technology. For African countries, such platforms provide an opportunity to see how they can support economic diversification, infrastructure development and build their productive capacity.

President Mnangagwa's participation as COMESA Chairman adds another regional dimension. COMESA brings together countries seeking to promote economic integration, and improved commercial links with external markets. Opportunities for businesses operating across the region. The benefits will depend on whether cooperation produces viable projects, expands trade and supports the development of competitive industries.

Zimbabwe's efforts to strengthen relations with Russia build on a long-standing relationship that has included cooperation in healthcare, education, and other areas. Zim Global Media previously examined this relationship.

"Zim-Russia Ties Deepen as President Mnangagwa Bids Farewell"
which explored the historical relationship and its development.

The current engagements also intersect with Zimbabwe's wider regional focus. In its report, "President Mnangagwa Calls for Stronger Regional Integration and COMESA Trade", Zim Global Media examined the importance of strengthening regional trade and economic integration.

As the Moscow summit continues, the central question for Zimbabwe is whether the discussions can produce concrete outcomes. Proposed concrete trade partnerships, payment mechanisms and educational cooperation frameworks, clearly assigned responsibilities and measurable targets.

For businesses, the potential benefits will be judged by whether trade becomes easier and new investment support mechanisms are established. For students and graduates, the value of educational partnerships will be measured by the skills acquired and the opportunities available to apply them.

President Mnangagwa has called for regular reporting on progress of these engagements, underlining the importance of accountability after the summit. The next stage will require the institutions involved to identify priorities, make practical arrangements and demonstrate progress.

Zimbabwe's message in Moscow is that diplomatic goodwill should support projects capable of supporting economic activity and improving engagements achieve that ambition will ultimately depend not only on the projects discussed, but on the quality, transparency and speed of their implementation.

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Business

Zimbabwe's Economy Set to Reach US\$69.1 Billion by 2027 as Growth Momentum - Prof. Ncube
October 29, 2026 . Takasununguka Ziki

Economic Outlook - Zimbabwe's economy is projected to reach US\$69.1 billion by 2027, up from an estimated US\$66.4 billion in 2026, according to Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube, placing renewed attention on the country's economic growth ambitions and the challenge of ensuring that national growth translates into improved living standards for ordinary citizens.

The projections, presented during the 2027 National Pre-Budget Speech, outline an economic outlook shaped by expanding exports, diversifying state revenues and agricultural production, while also highlighting the challenges of climate change, slower economic growth and competing demands on public resources.

The projected expansion comes as Zimbabwe pursues its ambition to reach upper-middle-income status by 2030 through economic development, investment attraction and increased domestic production.

However, the headline figure of US\$69.1 billion raises an important question for policymakers, businesses, workers and households: how much of this growth will translate into employment opportunities, affordable basic necessities, decent incomes and improved access to essential services?

For many Zimbabweans, the success of the economy is measured not only by national output but also by the purchasing power of salaries, the availability of opportunities for young people and the ability of families to meet their needs.

The projected figures nevertheless point to several important trends in Zimbabwe's economic activity.

Exports are expected to rise to US\$15.7 billion in 2027, compared to US\$12.5 billion projected for 2026. Diaspora remittances are forecast to increase to US\$3.4 billion over the same period, while gold and foreign currency earnings are projected to reach US\$2.2 billion.

These indicators reflect the importance of foreign currency generation for economic stability. Export earnings support international trade, provide financial assistance to households and contribute to foreign exchange Reserve accumulation can also strengthen the country's capacity to meet payment obligations and withstand economic shocks.

The mining sector remains an important contributor to export earnings through gold, platinum and lithium. Strong international commodity prices support foreign currency earnings, government revenue and investment.

Nevertheless, the long-term benefits will depend partly on how the country retains from its natural resources. Expanding mineral processing and manufacturing could help create additional employment opportunities and build local industrial capacity.

Rather than relying predominantly on the export of raw materials, local beneficiation could allow Zimbabwean businesses to participate in the value production chain. This would create opportunities for engineering, equipment operators, equipment suppliers and other supporting industries.

The same principle applies to agriculture, which remains close security, rural livelihoods and industrial development.

Zimbabwe's agricultural recovery has demonstrated the sector significantly to national output when rainfall and production conditions are favourable. Tobacco, wheat, cereals and other agricultural commodities can provide income for farmers, support agro-processing businesses and supply raw materials for various industries.

However, the anticipated Super El Nino weather phenomenon could significantly impact the 2027 economic outlook. Government has warned that potential drought could affect agricultural production, livestock, water availability and food security.

The projected slowdown in economic growth makes these conditions a concern for the 2027 economic outlook.

Zimbabwe's real economic growth is forecast to moderate from 5.5 percent in 2026 to 4.5 percent in 2027. These growth rates measure changes in economic activity after adjusting for price movements, while the US\$69.1 billion GDP figure represents the nominal value of the economy expressed in United States dollars.

The two measures therefore describe different aspects of economic activity. A rise in nominal GDP does not automatically mean that production is increasing or that household purchasing power is increasing.

The International Monetary Fund has also highlighted the potential for El Niño-related weather risks on Zimbabwe's economic outlook, and that its 2015-16 projections differ from the latest Government forecast. .

The implications of a drought could extend well beyond agriculture, as it could reduce rural incomes, increase demand for food imports and push up food prices. Livestock producers may also face higher costs as grazing lands become more constrained.

Preparing for these risks will require investment in irrigation, water conservation, drought-resistant crops, grain storage and effective agricultural extension. The ability to protect agricultural production will be an important factor in determining whether the economy can sustain growth while safeguarding household livelihoods.

Further information on the role of irrigation in strengthening agricultural resilience is available in the [Irrigation in Zimbabwe](#) report.

is available in Zim Global Media's feature, [How Irrigation Is Transforming Farming in Zimbabwe and Driving Rural Economic Growth](#).

Public finances will also influence the country's economic trajectory.

For 2026, Government projects revenue of US\$9.4 billion against US\$10.4 billion. The figures indicate a projected difference of US\$1 billion. The final fiscal outcome will depend on actual revenue collection and expenditure for the year.

The figures underline the importance of balancing spending priorities with available resources. Government must finance infrastructure, public services and development programmes while maintaining fiscal discipline to avoid pressures that could undermine economic stability.

Revenue collection will therefore remain important, particularly to support development priorities under the Second National Development Strategy for the 2026 to 2030 period.

The challenge is to ensure that public expenditure supports private sector growth, improves service delivery and strengthens the conditions necessary for sustained economic growth.

For the private sector, predictable policies, reliable electricity, access to credit, financing, efficient transport networks and a stable operating environment are important considerations when making investment decisions.

Small and medium-sized enterprises are particularly important for creating jobs and livelihoods across retail, agriculture, transport, manufacturing and services. Supporting these businesses to expand could help broaden the economic base beyond large corporations and capital-intensive industries.

Employment creation will be another critical measure of progress.

An economy can increase its total output without creating sufficient jobs. Sectors concentrated in sectors that require relatively little additional labour, for example, can generate substantial export earnings, but the wider economy may depend partly on local procurement, processing, supporting industries and skills.

Expanding labour-intensive sectors such as manufacturing, construction, tourism, construction and agro-processing could help connect household incomes.

Young people entering the labour market will particularly need practical skills, establish businesses and access sustainable employment. Vocational training, digital services and entrepreneurship could align the country's economic ambitions with the aspirations of its growing workforce.

Diaspora remittances also present opportunities beyond their role in supporting households.

The projected US\$3.4 billion in remittances for 2027 highlights the significant contribution of Zimbabweans living abroad. While much of this funds education, healthcare and other family expenses, a portion could be directed towards businesses, agricultural ventures, housing and productive investments.

Creating accessible investment channels and improving the business environment could encourage more diaspora funds to support income and employment.

The wider economic outlook must also be considered against 2 a more productive, diversified and resilient economy under Vis

Achieving that ambition will require more than increasing the v It will depend on sustained productivity growth, stronger dome public financial management, investment in human capital and climate and external economic shocks.

The projected expansion to US\$69.1 billion provides an import Zimbabwe's economic direction. Yet the real measure of succe happens in workplaces, factories, farms, shops and household

If exports increase while domestic industries remain unable to potential employment benefits may be limited. If agricultural ou drought, higher food prices could erode household incomes. If operational constraints, economic opportunities may not grow demand for jobs.

Conversely, stronger local production, increased value addition and investment in productive enterprises could help ensure that growth generates wider benefits.

The figures presented by Professor Mthuli Ncube therefore place a heavy responsibility before Zimbabwe's economic policymakers. The challenge is to ensure that gains on export earnings, investment and productive capacity. The real test is translating those gains into tangible improvements in people's lives.

For ordinary Zimbabweans, the questions remain direct and demanding: Will the projected growth create more jobs, make food more affordable, and leave households with more money after meeting essential expenses?

As the country prepares for the 2027 National Budget, the public must demand not only the headline economic projections but also the policies, implementation plans, and outcomes that follow.

Ultimately, the success of Zimbabwe's economic ambitions will be measured by whether the country becomes more inclusive, productive and resilient, allowing businesses to prosper and households to experience meaningful improvements in living standards.

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Sport

"Zimbabwe Moves with the Times as Football Scores a First with

Lt. Gen. Rtd. Sanyatwe

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Sport - Zimbabwean football is taking a significant step towards the arrival of the first batch of Sakunda Holdings sponsored Video Assistant Referee (VAR) equipment, which is ready for its maiden use in the Championship scheduled for Chahwanda Stadium.

Minister of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Lieutenant General Anselem Nhamo Sanyatwe, described the development as a landmark for Zimbabwean football, reflecting the country's determination to modernise and align its sporting systems with international standards.

The introduction of VAR technology is expected to strengthen referees in making critical decisions and enhance confidence in the integrity of domestic football. Its arrival also signals a new chapter in the game as Zimbabwe continues to explore opportunities to improve the professionalism and competitiveness of its sporting competition.

The development aligns with the broader national development Development Strategy 2 (NDS2) and the country's ambition to the modernisation of sports infrastructure, investment in technology strengthening of sporting institutions, Zimbabwe is working towards a professional, competitive and sustainable sports sector.

Under the leadership of President Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Moyo, the development agenda places emphasis on modernisation, innovation and development of local capacity. In this context, the introduction of technology presents an opportunity to demonstrate how technology and private sector can contribute to the advancement of sport in Zimbabwe.

The Government's commitment to developing sport as a driver of economic empowerment and national pride remains central to the country's aspirations. Football, with its extensive following across communities, has the potential to create employment, stimulate investment, develop infrastructure and opportunities for Zimbabwean athletes and sporting professionals.

The partnership with Sakunda Holdings also highlights the importance of the private sector investment in supporting the growth of local sport. Sustainable development requires collaboration between Government, sporting associations and businesses to create the conditions needed to modernise facilities, improve competition standards and support the development of the next generation of athletes.

As Zimbabwe prepares for the historic deployment of VAR at the national level, attention will turn to how effectively the technology is integrated into match operations, including referee training, technical support and the standardisation of officiating protocols.

The successful implementation of the system could provide a model for wider adoption in domestic football, subject to the Zimbabwe Football Association's approvals, operational capacity and competition requirements.

For Zimbabwean football, this is more than the arrival of new technology; it is an opportunity to build confidence in match officiating, strengthen the competitive environment and demonstrate that local sport can embrace innovation for its future.

As the country advances towards the goals of NDS2 and Vision 2030, the introduction of VAR underlines the importance of combining private sector participation and modern technology to build a sustainable sports industry.

Zimbabwe is moving with the times, and its football fraternity is in a new era of technology assisted match officiating.

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Zimbabwe Sport Ministry Sets 2027 Priorities Under NDS2 and Vision
October 26, 2026 . Takasununguka Ziki

Sports - The 2027 Annual Planning Workshop activities are under way at the Ministry of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture as the Government works to translate the 2026 to 2030 Strategic Plan into practical programmes that strengthen and develop talent and unlock the economic potential of sport, recreation and culture.

The workshop brings together Ministry leadership and relevant stakeholders to discuss priorities, strengthen implementation and develop a results-oriented action plan that supports the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2) and Zimbabwe's attainment of Vision 2030.

Opening the workshop, the Minister of Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture, Lieutenant General (Retired) Ambassador A. N. Sanyatwe, underscored the importance of accountability, effective implementation, infrastructure development, identification, inclusivity and strategic partnerships in advancing the Ministry's mandate. His strategic direction reinforces the need to translate the President's aspirations into practical interventions that contribute to President Dambudzo Mnangagwa's Vision 2030 agenda and the mantra 'We are the future' behind.

The planning exercise is being facilitated by Public Service Commission officials who are guiding participants in developing a structured, evidence-based, results-oriented Annual Plan.

The workshop seeks to ensure that the Ministry's programmes and services expand opportunities for Zimbabweans and position sport, recreation and arts as important contributors to economic growth, social inclusion and national development.

At the centre of the discussions is the need to move beyond stereotypes and establish measurable programmes that deliver tangible benefits to athletes, artists, cultural practitioners and the wider economy.

Sanyatwe outlines key strategic priorities

In his opening address, Hon. Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Amb. A. N. Sanyatwe outlined key strategic priorities to guide the formulation of the Ministry's 2027 Annual Plan.

These include accountability and effective implementation, unlocking the potential of sport, recreation, arts and culture, infrastructure development, identification, inclusivity and equitable access, as well as strong coordination.

The priorities place emphasis on turning the Ministry's mandate into produce visible outcomes, while ensuring that available resources are used in activities with meaningful national and community impact.

Accountability and effective implementation are particularly important. All programmes are supported by clear responsibilities, realistic timelines and performance indicators. A well-structured annual plan can help track progress, identify implementation challenges early and make necessary adjustments to avoid delays undermine delivery.

For Zimbabwe's sporting and creative sectors, the effectiveness will ultimately be reflected in the opportunities created for citizens, facilities available to communities and the capacity of athletes to realise their talents.

The Minister's emphasis on economic potential also highlights sport, recreation, arts and culture as more than social activities that support employment creation, tourism, enterprise development and Zimbabwe's creative economy when backed by effective policies and coordinated implementation.

Unlocking economic opportunities in sport and the creative industries

Sport and the creative industries offer opportunities to broaden livelihoods, particularly among young people seeking avenues to turn their skills into sustainable livelihoods.

Sport can generate economic activity through competitions, training and

tourism, coaching, event management, merchandising and related activities. The sporting ecosystem can also create opportunities for small businesses in transport, accommodation, catering, equipment supply and event management.

Similarly, arts and culture can contribute to economic development through arts, theatre, film, fashion, heritage tourism, crafts and other creative industries.

Zimbabwe has a rich cultural heritage and a growing pool of creative talent. Strategic planning can help strengthen the systems needed to support and protect cultural assets, improve access to markets and create conditions that generate sustainable income.

The 2027 planning process therefore presents an opportunity to advance economic development with enterprise support, skills development, tourism promotion and private-sector participation.

However, translating this potential into results will require more resources and opportunities. Programmes need practical implementation arrangements, adequate funding, reliable performance monitoring and partnerships capable of reaching audiences and markets.

Infrastructure development remains another important component. Accessible sports facilities, recreation spaces and arts and culture platforms for training, community engagement, performances and emerging talent.

The availability, condition and geographical distribution of these facilities influence how effectively communities participate in national sports activities.

Talent identification and inclusive access

Talent identification is among the strategic priorities guiding the process, reflecting the importance of creating opportunities for young people to develop their abilities.

In sport, early identification, structured coaching, competitive environment and appropriate facilities can help athletes progress from grassroots to higher levels of competition.

A coordinated approach involving schools, community clubs, sports and other relevant institutions can help identify promising athletes and establish pathways for their development.

The arts and cultural sector requires a similar commitment to develop talent across different disciplines. Emerging musicians, performers, writers, filmmakers and cultural practitioners need opportunities to hone their skills, showcase their work and access professional networks.

Inclusivity and equitable access are equally important to ensure that opportunities are not concentrated in a few urban centres or limited to those with greater financial resources.

Women, persons with disabilities, rural communities and disadvantaged groups must be able to participate meaningfully in sporting, recreational and cultural activities.

This approach reflects President Mnangagwa's mantra of leaving no one behind, which calls for development opportunities to reach communities everywhere rather than remain concentrated in selected locations.

Planning that considers geographical disparities and barriers to ensure that public programmes reach the people who need them, strengthen social cohesion by creating shared spaces for recreation and community participation.

The success of these priorities will depend on how clearly they are reflected in departmental work plans, budgets, implementation schedules and the 2027.

Public Service Commission supports results-based planning

The planning process is being facilitated by Public Service Commission. We are guiding participants in developing a structured, evidence-based Annual Plan.

Their role is to support a disciplined approach to planning, help to translate its strategic objectives into practical interventions with measurable outcomes.

Evidence-based programming is essential to ensuring that decisions are based on current institutional performance, identified needs, available resources and lessons learned from previous programmes.

This approach can help the Ministry distinguish between activities that are essential and those that are achievable, while identifying areas where resources, capacity or coordination need to be strengthened.

It also provides a basis for assessing whether planned interventions will deliver the intended benefits.

In his remarks, the Secretary for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture emphasised the importance of evidence-based programming and a comprehensive assessment of the Ministry's institutional strengths and weaknesses.

Mr Moyo called on participants to focus on measurable outcomes and the planning process.

He urged the departments represented at the workshop to part contribute meaningfully towards developing a coherent and im informed by the Minister's strategic direction and the Ministry's expectations.

His emphasis on institutional self-assessment highlights the im implementation challenges honestly. Identifying weaknesses d allows the Ministry to consider corrective measures, establish r improve the use of available resources.

A credible annual plan must therefore establish not only what t achieve, but also how the intended results will be delivered, wh and how progress will be assessed.

Aligning sector priorities with NDS2 and Vision 2030

The workshop comes as Zimbabwe continues to pursue its nat through NDS2 and the broader Vision 2030 agenda.

Within this framework, sport, recreation, arts and culture can contribute to national development by supporting livelihoods, promoting healthy communities, preserving cultural heritage and expanding opportunities for participation in economic activities.

The alignment of the Ministry's 2027 programmes with national development goals is intended to ensure that its activities contribute to wider Government objectives, rather than operate as isolated departmental initiatives.

Effective coordination will be important in areas where the Ministry's work overlaps with education, tourism, youth development, local authorities, community development and the private sector.

Partnerships can help mobilise expertise, expand access to facilities and resources, foster development and open new markets for sporting and cultural products.

For example, collaboration between schools and sporting organisations can support grassroots talent development, while cooperation with tourism agencies can create opportunities to promote Zimbabwe's cultural heritage and sporting events to local and international audiences.

Partnerships with businesses and creative industry organisations and athletes access sponsorship, equipment, professional services opportunities.

The challenge will be to translate the call for stronger coordination arrangements, defined responsibilities and initiatives that can be agreed objectives.

Implementation will determine the impact

While the planning workshop establishes an important framework for activities, the ultimate test will be implementation.

The priorities outlined by Hon. Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Amb. A. N. Sanyal Moyo's emphasis on measurable results, place responsibility on plans that are both ambitious and achievable.

This requires realistic budgeting, clear performance indicators, timely reporting. It also calls for mechanisms that enable the M delays, address bottlenecks and account for the use of public r

Infrastructure projects, talent development programmes and in broaden participation will require particular attention to delivery equitable distribution of benefits.

For communities, the value of the planning process will be seen can access sporting and recreational facilities, whether emergi receive meaningful development opportunities, and whether cu activities create sustainable economic benefits.

As Zimbabwe advances towards Vision 2030 under President the effective implementation of NDS2 will remain important in e priorities translate into practical improvements in people's lives

The Ministry's 2027 Annual Plan provides an opportunity to str of sport, recreation, arts and culture to that broader national eff depend on how effectively strategic priorities are translated into accountable implementation and measurable outcomes.

Ultimately, the workshop underscores the Ministry's commitment to accountability, improving service delivery and positioning sport and culture as key contributors to economic growth, social inclusion and development.

The focus now is on ensuring that the priorities identified during the workshop translate into practical action, sustainable opportunities and tangible benefits for all communities across Zimbabwe, in keeping with the national agenda and leaving no place behind.

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Columnists

Zimbabwe Cannot Be Free While Its Sovereignty Remains Under Threat
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SADC ANTI-SANCTIONS DAY 2026 SPECIAL

Special Feature - Zimbabwe cannot speak of complete economic freedom. The State remains under American sanctions. That is the central message of the nation as it joins the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to demand the removal of restrictions that Zimbabwe and its region face as obstacles to national development, economic sovereignty and the creation of an independent African state.

The designation of President Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa under the Global Magnitsky sanctions framework in March 2024 has kept Zimbabwe in Washington's termination of its previous Zimbabwe-specific sanctions. In Zimbabwe, the change in legal framework has not resolved a fundamental question: can a country fully exercise its sovereign equality when its highest political leaders are subject to restrictive measures imposed by a foreign power?

The dispute extends beyond diplomatic protocol. It concerns the future of the country, how international political disagreements affect economic development, and whether measures directed at individuals can have consequences for the entire nation.

Zimbabwe argues that sanctions should be assessed not only on the basis of designation lists but also by considering their potential effects on economic growth, investment, trade and public services. The annual SADC Anti-Corruption Report in 2019, provides a platform for Zimbabwe and its regional partners to demand for the removal of restrictions they consider unjustified.

For Zimbabwe, the stakes include access to international financial businesses, the modernisation of schools and hospitals, scientific advancement, and progress towards Vision 2030.

On 4 March 2024, the US Government announced the designation of other Zimbabwean individuals under the Global Magnitsky framework. 11 individuals and three entities had been designated as it termed the Zimbabwe-specific sanctions programme.

Washington linked the designations to allegations of corruption and human rights abuses. These are allegations advanced by the US Government and established simply by the act of designation.

The policy change shifted the legal framework rather than ending it from Zimbabwe's perspective, targeting a sitting Head of State carrying out his duties as the individual, potentially affecting diplomatic engagement, and influencing the decisions of international financial institutions.

However, sanctions against a President do not automatically prohibit a financial institution or business in the country under sanctions. Direct legal consequences depend on the specific designations, applicable ownership rules, transaction types, and the relevant jurisdiction. The US position is that Global Magnitsky sanctions apply to designated persons and entities, while Zimbabwe argues that the commercial consequences may extend beyond those formally designated.

Global Magnitsky sanctions can involve blocking assets and prohibiting transactions by US persons or transactions subject to US jurisdiction. Even if not directly blocked, persons may also be affected under applicable rules. In practice, due to these restrictions, some banks, suppliers and investors may avoid transactions with designated parties, even where the parties involved are not themselves designated.

The extent of this spillover varies. It would be inaccurate to claim that all Zimbabwean business is affected or that all international trade is prohibited. Nevertheless, a lawful transaction can still encounter difficulties when a financial institution or commercial partner declines to engage due to compliance concerns.

Zimbabwe maintains that changing the sanctions framework has a high priority and that their practical consequences require continued diplomatic engagement.

The legality of unilateral sanctions remains contested in international law. Zimbabwe and its regional allies argue that economic restrictions imposed outside the United Nations Security Council framework can undermine sovereignty and national development and weaken multilateral principles.

Under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, the Security Council can authorize measures in response to threats to international peace and security, including acts of aggression. However, the absence of Security Council authorization does not automatically make every unilateral sanction unlawful. States may impose restrictions within their jurisdiction, while measures with extraterritorial consequences for third parties can raise more complex legal questions.

Zimbabwe's position is that such measures should be scrutinized more closely, particularly when their consequences may extend to people who are not designated. The wider question is whether sanctions are lawful, whether they are effective, and whether they respect international obligations and the interests of affected populations.

For Zimbabwe, this debate is inseparable from its liberation history. True independence must include the freedom to pursue national economic development free from unjustified external coercion. The Government's case for sanctions is tied to the broader objective of achieving meaningful economic and political independence.

Healthcare and education illustrate why the direct and indirect must be considered carefully. Hospitals need medicines, diagnostic reagents and specialised machinery. Schools, universities and computers, scientific equipment, textbooks, connectivity and academic research partnerships.

These needs often depend on foreign currency, overseas supplier payments. Transactions involving designated persons or blocked payments are prohibited unless an exemption or authorisation applies, while banks face additional checks under financial institutions' compliance requirements.

Such barriers can complicate legitimate procurement, but the scale of the Global Magnitsky sanctions to Zimbabwe's healthcare and education has not been quantified by the evidence available for this feature. Both domestic pressures, including funding constraints, staffing shortages and the needs and the cost of imported supplies.

Removing unjustified restrictions could help improve access to international transactions and partnerships. That effort must go hand in hand with investment in hospitals, schools, universities, vocational training and the capacity to produce essential goods. Economic sovereignty ultimately requires a healthy, educated and skilled population.

Zimbabwe's cultural industries also contribute to national identity and international engagement. Musicians, filmmakers, writers, galleries and museums depend on exhibitions, festivals, sponsorships and international payments.

Sanctions do not automatically prohibit all Zimbabwean artists from receiving international payments. However, where designations are involved, specific transactions may be restricted, and compliance costs discourage some organisations from entering relationships that

The wider concern is that unnecessary caution could reduce opportunities for exchange and investment. Zimbabwean creators should be able to pursue international partnerships, reach new audiences and contribute to the economy that supports jobs and tourism.

Scientific research and technological innovation are equally important for industrialisation. Universities, research institutions and technology companies need specialised equipment, software, digital infrastructure, research grants and international collaboration. Restrictions affecting particular parts of the economy may complicate access to some goods and services, while product licence checks or decline relationships they consider risky.

The scale of these effects specifically attributable to Global Mail has not been established. Zimbabwe's technology sector also faces challenges in electricity supply, infrastructure, research funding and specialised skills.

A sustainable response must therefore combine diplomatic efforts to lift trade restrictions with investment in digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, research and local innovation. Zimbabwe needs to develop and attract digital technologies while maintaining lawful international partnerships.

International finance remains a significant channel through which trade restrictions may affect economic activity. Cross-border trade depends on banking, payment processing, trade finance, insurance and related services from parties involved.

Some financial institutions adopt conservative compliance policies to mitigate regulatory risks, due diligence costs or concerns about the jurisdiction where their customers operate. Such decisions can affect legitimate business operations, especially in connection to a designated person.

However, Zimbabwe's investment challenges predate the March 2020

debt arrears, foreign currency constraints, macroeconomic imbalances, infrastructure gaps and governance concerns have also contributed to limited international finance. It would therefore be inaccurate to attribute investment difficulties to Global Magnitsky sanctions.

Zimbabwe's national interest calls for a dual approach: diplomatic engagement and sanctions, alongside domestic reforms that improve financial transparency, consistency and investor confidence. Clearer business rules, improved financial compliance and predictable economic policies can help Zimbabwe build reliable relationships with international banks and investors.

The same balanced assessment applies to public amenities and infrastructure. Communities need reliable roads, electricity, clean water, sanitation, health clinics and schools. Vulnerable households depend on effective social protection programmes, while national security relies on robust communication, cybersecurity, transport and emergency-response capacity.

International finance and investment can help expand these services, but blanket sanctions affecting particular suppliers or transactions may complicate reconstruction efforts. There is insufficient evidence to conclude that every infrastructure or public-service shortfall is caused by sanctions. Budget allocation, financial management, maintenance and domestic economic conditions

The principle of Nyika Inovakwa Nevene Vayo must ultimately lead to improvements in people's lives. A completed road, a functioning health system, reliable electricity supplies and better-equipped schools are practical measures of progress.

The Second Republic has placed industrialisation, agricultural modernisation, infrastructure development and investment mobilisation at the top of its agenda to attain upper-middle-income status by 2030. Zimbabwe must continue to pursue these priorities without external pressure that obstructs economic activity.

Sanctions removal would not automatically resolve debt arrears, infrastructure gaps or governance challenges. Equally, domestic reforms must address the need to address restrictions Zimbabwe and its regional partners face. Progress requires action on both fronts.

The Government must continue diplomatic engagement while focusing on improving policy consistency, addressing corruption and ensuring that reforms deliver measurable benefits. The objective is not simply to win the case for sanctions removal but to build an economy capable of creating employment, supporting growth and providing greater opportunities for Zimbabweans.

SADC Anti-Sanctions Day also reflects a wider African debate on international finance and the right of countries to determine their own priorities. The African Union's calls for the removal of unilateral sanctions on Zimbabwe reinforce the continental dimension of the dispute.

Regional solidarity must translate into practical cooperation. SADC should promote intra-African trade, strengthen payment systems, support joint industrial partnerships while continuing diplomatic efforts to end sanctions. Better-connected regional markets can create opportunities for growth and resilience against external shocks and help African economies diversify their resources.

Zimbabwe's campaign is therefore part of a wider argument about the role of the international economic system. Its success should be measured not only by statements but also by progress towards a more productive, competitive regional economy.

As Zimbabwe commemorates SADC Anti-Sanctions Day on 25 November, it is also centred on national sovereignty, international law, economic growth and the country's development ambitions. The designation of President Robert Mugabe as a Global Magnitsky framework remains a symbol of unresolved tensions in Washington, but the debate must distinguish direct legal restrictions from indirect effects and recognise the country's wider economic challenges.

The call for sanctions removal is strongest when connected to agenda: expanding legitimate trade, attracting investment, strengthening education, advancing technology, supporting cultural exchange and amenities.

Zimbabwe must retain the right to determine its political and economic future, continue engaging regional and international partners to address concerns it considers unjustified while building the institutions and productivity for long-term development.

On SADC Anti-Sanctions Day 2026, the message is clear: respect sovereignty, remove restrictions that obstruct legitimate development, strengthen regional integration and create an international environment in which Zimbabweans can thrive through their own efforts.

The ultimate measure of economic sovereignty is not simply the removal of restrictions. It is the ability of a nation to provide its people with dignity, security and a better future.

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Features

New Empowerment Group, HHIRA Seeks to Unlock Wealth and
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Feature - From small-scale miners and ambitious young entrepreneurs, businesses and farmers looking to expand production, a new era seeking to help more Zimbabweans turn their economic ambitions

The Hupfumi Hwedu Indigenous Resources Association (HHIRA) connecting citizens with business opportunities, investment partnerships, sectors, with the goal of turning economic empowerment policies for ordinary people.

The association's emergence comes at a time when Zimbabwe's ambitions, with growing attention on job creation, indigenous business, industrial development and the need to ensure that more citizens meaningfully in the national economy.

For many Zimbabweans, the challenge is not a lack of ideas or finding the capital, equipment, expertise and business connect those ideas into thriving enterprises.

HHIRA says it wants to help bridge that gap.

The association has commended the President, His Excellency Mnangagwa for the existing policy framework supporting indigé and says its focus is on helping citizens take advantage of ava

The initiative raises an important question for the country's eco Zimbabwe ensure that the promise of empowerment translates jobs that last and families whose livelihoods improve?

For an aspiring entrepreneur, an economic opportunity means a practical way to access it.

A young person may have a promising business idea but lack the resources to implement it. A farmer may have the land and determination to increase production but lack the irrigation equipment. A small-scale miner may have the skills to extract minerals but lack the technology and investment required to do so.

These are the kinds of challenges that economic empowerment programs must address if they are to make a meaningful difference.

HHIRA founder and chairman Mr Nyasha Munangwa has emphasized the need to go beyond policy commitments towards practical implementation.

The association's founder and secretary-general, Mr Johannes Mwanza, highlighted barriers that can prevent citizens from participating in economic activities, including limited access to resources and strategic business opportunities.

The organisation intends to mobilise Zimbabweans across different sectors to connect them with potential investors, financial institutions and technical support.

If implemented effectively, such an approach could help entrepreneurs develop their projects, strengthen their business operations and establish partnerships and create opportunities for growth.

The real measure of success, however, will be whether these efforts result in more functioning businesses, increased production and sustainable livelihoods.

Zimbabwe's mineral wealth offers opportunities that extend far beyond the extraction of resources from the ground.

While mining remains an important source of economic activity, it also creates demand for transportation, machinery, engineering, protective services and mineral processing.

These supporting activities can provide opportunities for locally owned businesses to enter the supply chain and build sustainable enterprises.

HHIRA is seeking to promote greater indigenous participation in mining and has advocated a stronger legislative framework to

For local entrepreneurs, the opportunity lies not only in owning also in supplying the goods and services that keep the industry

With appropriate investment, technical skills and access to markets, businesses could participate in activities that add value to the country's resources.

Greater participation must, however, go hand in hand with environmental protection, worker safety and compliance with mining regulations.

The broader ambition is to ensure that the country's natural resource opportunities across the economy, supporting local businesses

Economic empowerment also means giving women and young people the tools to build independent, productive futures.

Across Zimbabwe, many women are already running small businesses in agriculture, managing savings groups and supporting their families through formal trading activities.

With the right support, some of these enterprises could grow into businesses capable of employing others and serving wider markets.

Young people, meanwhile, need pathways that allow them to transform their creativity into sustainable sources of income.

Business mentorship, vocational training, access to finance and support from established companies could help bridge the gap between ambition and reality.

HHIRA has indicated that it wants to bring women, young people, entrepreneurs, professionals and other groups into its empowerment program.

The challenge will be ensuring that participation goes beyond mere drives to deliver practical assistance that beneficiaries can use

For a woman running a small food-processing business, that could mean access to customers. For a young entrepreneur, it could mean finding a partner, learning how to prepare a competitive proposal or securing financing to expand production.

These are the kinds of outcomes that can make empowerment meaningful at the community level.

Government procurement is another area where indigenous businesses have opportunities to expand.

From supplying office equipment and agricultural inputs to providing construction and professional services, public contracts can open doors into larger markets.

However, winning contracts requires more than submitting an application. Businesses must understand procurement procedures, prepare the required documentation, secure financing and demonstrate that they can deliver quality goods and services.

For smaller enterprises, navigating these requirements can be challenging without the right knowledge and experience.

HHIRA's proposed role in connecting entrepreneurs with economic opportunities will help businesses better understand the requirements and prepare to compete for government contracts.

Transparency and compliance must remain central to this process to ensure that economic opportunities are pursued fairly and that public resources delivered efficiently.

For businesses that succeed, the benefits could extend beyond the immediate contract. Experience gained through supplying established institutions can help businesses build credibility, improve their operations and compete for opportunities in the private sector.

Zimbabwe's National Development Strategy 2, covering 2026 to 2030, provides a framework for advancing economic growth, industrialisation and productive activities.

The national ambition is not simply to grow the economy, but to create jobs by supporting stronger businesses, creating employment and improving living standards.

For these ambitions to become a reality, national policies must be aligned with the needs and aspirations of people on the ground.

In rural communities, opportunities may lie in irrigation, livestock rearing, agricultural processing, tourism and the development of local markets.

In urban areas, entrepreneurs could find room to grow in manufacturing, transport, retail and digital services.

The key is to identify projects that respond to genuine market opportunities, the skills, resources and partnerships needed to make them sustainable.

This is where cooperation between Government, private business and empowerment organisations can make a difference.

HHIRA's executive board reportedly met officials from the Ministry of Commerce on September 10, 2026, to discuss cooperation around the economic empowerment framework.

Such engagement could provide a foundation for collaboration between business organisations seeking to connect citizens with economic opportunities.

But for Zimbabweans to see the benefits, the next stage must be implementation.

How many businesses will receive support? How much investment? How many jobs will be created? How many enterprises will still be operating several years from now?

These are the questions that will ultimately determine the initial

Transparent reporting, fair selection of beneficiaries and clear targets demonstrate progress and build confidence among entrepreneurs and investors.

It will also be important to ensure that people outside major cities are not left behind, particularly those in rural communities who may face greater challenges accessing finance, infrastructure and commercial networks.

The association's success will depend on its ability to turn its strategy into practical programmes that produce verifiable economic benefits for its members.

At its heart, economic empowerment is about giving people a fair chance in building their own futures.

It is about helping a small business become a larger enterprise, increase production, giving a young person the tools to start a business, and creating opportunities for communities to benefit from economic activity.

For Zimbabwe, these ambitions are closely connected to the broader goals of economic growth, employment creation and sustainable development.

HHIRA has presented itself as an organisation seeking to create opportunities and encourage greater indigenous participation in the economy. The challenge is to demonstrate how that ambition can translate into tangible results.

As Zimbabwe moves towards its 2030 development targets, increased practical business support, responsible investment and transparency will contribute to a stronger entrepreneurial environment.

Ultimately, empowerment will be measured not by the number of organisations established, but by the businesses that grow, the jobs created, and the families whose lives improve.

For Zimbabweans with the ambition to build, produce and innovate. The priority now is to ensure that the right support, resources are in place to turn that ambition into reality.

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Zimbabwe News

Rural Electrification Works Begin at Nyamubarawanda and Manyau Primary School in Ward 13 of Nyanga North
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NYANGA NORTH -- Rural electrification works have commenced at Manyau Primary School in Ward 13 of Nyanga North, another step towards expanding access to modern infrastructure.

The Rural Electrification Fund (REF) team is on the ground, working to complete the process of connecting the two schools to the grid, now underway.

The development is expected to strengthen the learning environment for teachers while creating opportunities for schools to make greater use of technology.

electricity-dependent educational resources.

Access to electricity is increasingly important in modern education. Learning, information and communication technology, science projects and other teaching activities can benefit from a reliable power supply.

For communities in Ward 13, the project represents an important development, with the potential to improve educational opportunities, social and economic progress.

Hon. Chido Sanyatwe, the Honourable Member of Parliament for the constituency, has previously spoken about the importance of rural electrification for access to essential services and opening up economic opportunities.

"We are truly grateful to the Government, through the Rural Electrification Authority, for remembering Nyanga North. This constituency has some of the poorest in the province, and real development, such as electricity, was taking a long time. Now that electricity is available, we will push for irrigation schemes along the Zambezi River and transform this area into a greenbelt." She said.

She also highlighted the educational benefits of electricity, stating

"Our schools can now teach practical subjects like Science and Technology, thanks to electrification. Professionals who previously left due to the lack of clean energy will now have reasons to stay."

The ongoing project in Ward 13 reflects the development priorities of the Republic, extending essential infrastructure to rural institutions and improving the conditions under which communities access education and other services.

Cllr. Stephen Karera, the Ward 13 Councillor, is a key local representative of the community in which the two schools are located.

The commencement of electricity connection works is significant for the local authorities, teachers, parents and learners who stand to benefit from improved infrastructure.

Electricity can help schools strengthen their use of computers and other educational tools.

resources, improve lighting in classrooms and administrative spaces, and promote practical learning where suitable equipment is available.

The project also highlights the importance of cooperation among schools, local institutions, constituency leadership, local authorities and community groups to develop infrastructure to underserved areas.

The electrification of rural schools aligns with Zimbabwe's broad development priorities under the Second National Development Strategy (SNDS) and the national ambition of achieving an empowered and prosperous society by 2030.

Electricity is a foundational service that can support education, health, agriculture, production, entrepreneurship and rural industrialisation. When schools and community institutions are connected to the national grid, communities gain access to greater use of modern technology and services.

For Nyamubarawanda Secondary School and Manyau Primary School, this project creates the prospect of a more technologically enabled learning environment. The benefits will depend on the completion of the connections, reliable electricity supply, the availability of appropriate equipment and the capacity to maintain and use the infrastructure.

The project also demonstrates why rural infrastructure development is important for major towns and commercial centres. Rural schools require electricity to access educational opportunities that prepare them for a modern economy.

Under the Second Republic, rural electrification has remained a priority in the broader infrastructure and development agenda associated with the vision of Dambudzo Mnangagwa.

The Rural Electrification Agency has undertaken projects across the country to bring electricity to public institutions and communities. In Nyanga National Park, the agency has connected schools, health facilities and business centres. This shows that electricity infrastructure can serve several community needs.

The latest works at Nyamubarawanda Secondary School and Manyau Primary School are part of this continuing effort to expand access to electricity in rural areas.

With preliminary work completed and the REF team on site, the agency is now working on the main works at Nyamubarawanda Secondary School and Manyau Primary School.

development for Ward 13.

Once the connections are completed and electricity becomes available, the communities will have an opportunity to strengthen their educational activities and acquire suitable technology and learning equipment.

For Nyanga North, the project reinforces the importance of sustainable infrastructure as Zimbabwe pursues the objectives of NDS2 and the Vision 2030.

The next milestone will be the successful completion of the works. Both institutions are receiving electricity from the national grid.

Zim Global Media will continue to follow rural infrastructure development and its impact on schools and communities across Nyanga North and South.

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