



Towards Net Zero Future

ZIMBABWE STUDENTS CLIMATE INNOVATION SUMMIT 2026

Date: 25-26 June 2026

**VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE,
DIAMOND CONFERENCE CENTRE**



2026 CLIMATE & CONSERVATION SUMMIT – DRAFT PROGRAMME

Theme: Bridging the Policy Gap > Aligning NDS2 and NDC3.0 for People and Planet

Location: University of Zimbabwe, Innovation Hub

Dates: Thursday 25 – Friday 26 JUNE 2026

DAY ONE: 25 JUNE 2026, > POLICY TRANSITION, WILDLIFE & COMMUNITY REALITIES

MAIN PLENARY – MAIN HALL

TIME	SESSION	PANELLISTS/PRESENTER
0730 - 0800	Registration	ALL
0800 - 0830	National Anthem	• Director of Ceremonies: Dr. Charles Mugaviri
0830 - 0845	Welcome Remarks	• Director Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development Institute, University of Zimbabwe: Prof K. Nyikahadzo
0845 - 0900	Introduction to The Guest of Honour	• Vice Chancellor University of Zimbabwe: Prof. P. Mapfumo
0900 - 0930	Guest of Honour Keynote Speech	• Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Amb. Dr. Fredrick Shava
0930 - 1030	Corporate Awards & Thank You Speech	• Director of Ceremonies: Dr Charles Mugaviri • Minister of Environment, Climate and Wildlife: Dr Evelyn Ndlovu
1030 - 1100	Exhibition Grand Opening	• Director of Ceremonies: Dr Charles Mugaviri • Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development: Amb Dr. Fredrick Shava
1100 - 1130	TEA BREAK	ALL
1130 - 1140	International Perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses on global climate goals and strategic cooperation Angel of Hope Foundation: What Angel of Hope does in supporting children, women, youth and rural communities 	• Angel of Hope Foundation Patron: Dr Auxillia Mnangagwa • UK Ambassador to Zimbabwe: Peter (Pete) Vowles • UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator: Mr Edward Kallor

1140 - 1210	Technical Outlook Panel: Perspective on Education 5.0, Industrial Transformation and National Climate Policy Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Prof. K. Nyikahadzoi • EMA > DG Aaron Chigona • ZERA > CEO E.T Mazambani • Geo Pomona > CEO Dr Delish Nguwaya • ZIMPLATS > CEO Alex Mhembere
1210 -1310	The Energy & Industrialization Clash: Zimbabwe should phase out coal only after reaching Universal Energy Access, regardless of NDC 3.0 timelines.	University of Zimbabwe vs National University of Science and Technology Adjudicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Adjudicator: Felix Maringe • ZERA > Technical Services Director, Eng. Man'arai Ndovorwi • Min of Climate & Environment > Mr Lovemore Dhoba
1310 -1400	LUNCH TIME	ALL
1400 -1430	Agri-Tech: Focusing on climate resilient Agriculture and scaling student innovations.	Moderator > Xavier Poshiwa Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEEDCO > CEO Morgan Nzwere • ZFU > Dr Jameson Jawi • ARDA > Chairperson Ivan Craig • AFC > CEO Francis Macheke
1430 - 1530	The Agriculture & Adaptation Clash: The state should mandate transition from maize to small grains/drought tolerant crops for food security.	Africa University vs Chinhoyi University of Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief adjudicator: Prof. Felix Maringe • MLAFWRD, Chief Director for Agricultural Engineering, Mechanisation, and Farm Infrastructure Development: Eng. Edwin Zimunga • MECW, Deputy Director for Mitigation: Mr Lovemore Dhoba
1530 -1545	NETWORKING	ALL
1545 -1600	Close of Day One and Tea Break	ALL

BREAKOUT SESSION – DAY 1

Theme: Wildlife Conservation and Communities (Panellist Session)

Breakout Room A

TIME	SESSION	PANELIST
1130 - 1215	Plenary Session: Current Projects in Zimbabwe and Core Business	IFAW – Hwange National Park Landscape

1215 - 1300	Plenary Session: Current Projects and Core Business LUNCH BREAK	African Parks – Matusadonha Trust
1300 -1400	Plenary Session:	ALL
1400 - 1445	Current Projects and Core Business Plenary Session:	Save Valley Conservancy - Chiredzi
1445 1530	Current Projects and Core Business Plenary Session:	Frankfurt Zoological Society – Gonarezhou National Park
1530 - 1615	Current Projects and Core Business END OF DAY + NETWORKING TEAS	Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve – Gonarezhou National Park
1615 - 1630		ALL

BREAKOUT ROOM B

Theme: Carbon Market and Carbon Credits

TIME	SESSION Plenary Session:	PANELLIST
1130 -1215	Carbon Trading Law & NDC 3.0 Policy Plenary Session:	Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife
1215 - 1300	Carbon Registry LUNCH BREAK Case Study	Designated National Authority (ZiCMA)
1300 - 1400	Current Projects, Communities and Carbon Credits	ALL
1400- 1445	Plenary Session:	CICADA
1445- 1530	Voluntary Carbon Markets	Zimbabwe Carbon Association
1530 - 1615	Plenary Session: Capital, Regulatory and Compliance	Moderator: Farai Mpfu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kreston Trustees: Capital Markets (CIS, FPIC) • Designated National Authority: Carbon Licensing • RBZ: Exchange Control/FIU • ZIDA: Investors License • SECZIM: Commodity, Derivatives
1615 -1630	END OF DAY NETWORKING AND TEAS	ALL

DAY 2 > 26 JUNE 2026; Climate Finance, Carbon Markets & Implementation Mechanisms

Theme: From Commitments to Capital

MAINPLENARY – MAIN HALL

TIME	SESSION	Panellist/Presenter
0800 - 0815	Day2Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Ceremonies: Dr Charles Mugaviri
0815 - 0845	<p>African Leadership in Climate Action: Innovation, Policy, and Regional Cooperation</p> <p>Each Ambassador brings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zambia → Cooperation • Kenya → Innovation • Rwanda → Governance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr Charles Mugaviri • Zambia Ambassador to Zimbabwe: Brigadier General (Retired) Wilson Chikwalamba Tembo • Kenya Ambassador to Zimbabwe: Getrude Nyausi Angote • Rwanda Ambassador to Zimbabwe: James Musoni
0845 - 0915	<p>High-Level Keynote Panel</p> <p>Financing Zimbabwe's Climate Commitments: Carbon Markets and Domestic Resource Mobilisation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDBZ • Ministry of Finance & Economic Development • Zimbabwe Carbon Markets Authority (ZICMA) • Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife
0915 - 1015	<p>The Climate Finance & Sovereignty Clash: All NDC 3.0 targets should be "conditional" upon international finance, refusing domestic Treasury funds.</p>	<p>Midlands State University vs Bindura University of Science Education</p> <p>Adjudicator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Adjudicator: Felix Maringe • IDBZ: Technical Director • Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife > Mr Lovemore Dhoba, Deputy Director for Mitigation
1015 - 1030	<p>From Soil to Markets: Community-Led Regenerative Agriculture, Carbon Finance, and Youth-Driven Green Enterprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carboneg & Green Axis Agro Solutions: Carbon projects and regenerative agriculture, soil health, market access & investments • Hon. Albert Mavhunga (Chiefs & Communities): Community land stewardship, Trust, consent, and participation (FPIC), Traditional knowledge in conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nsikelelo Mafa Carboneg & Green Axis Agro Solutions • Hon. Albert Mavhunga Representing Chiefs and Local Communities • Hon. K. Mupamhanga: Youth Green Entrepreneurship Skills

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. K. Mupamhanga (Youth & Skills): Green entrepreneurship pathways, Vocational training for climate job, Youth inclusion in carbon & agriculture value chains 	
1030 - 1100	Transport Mobility Panel: Reimagining transport and mobility in Zimbabwe: Industry led pathways to low carbon movement	Moderator: Prof Nyikahadzoi Panellist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BYD > GM Clayton Chimudima • ZUPCO > CEO George Chikora • NRZ > CEO Dr. Misheck Sibanda • IDBZ > Acting CEO Willing Zvirevo
1100 - 1130	TEA BREAK	ALL
1130 - 1230	Debate: This house believes that Electric and non-motorized transport solutions are the most viable path to climate smart mobility in Zimbabwe	Gwanda State University vs Manicaland State University Adjudicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Adjudicator: Felix Maringe • IDBZ > Technical Director • Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development
1230 - 1300	Mining Panel: The Green Mineral Frontier: Balancing Zimbabwe's 12 billion Mining Economy with National Climate Policy	Moderator: Mr Edwin Panze Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIMOSA CEO • Chamber of Mines Technical Director • Director Ministry of Mines and Mining Development • Huayou Cobalt CEO
1300 - 1400	LUNCH BREAK	ALL
1400 - 1500	Debate: This House believes that for Zimbabwe to achieve 2030 Climate Goals, it must Prioritize Environmental Restoration over the expansion of Mining Industry	Lupane State University vs Great Zimbabwe University Adjudicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Adjudicator: Felix Maringe • Zimbabwe School of Mine Principal • Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development
1500 - 1530	Reports Back from Sessions + Networking	ALL
1530 - 1630	Awards	Awards Presentation: Hon. T. Machakaire & Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Charles Mugaviri
1630	END OF SUMMIT	

BREAKOUT SESSION – DAY 2

Theme: Wildlife Conservation and Communities (Panellist Session) **Breakout**

Room A

Time	SESSION	PANELIST
0830 - 0835	OpeningRemarks	Moderator
0835 - 0900	ZIMPARKS	ZIMPARKS
0900 - 0940	Plenary Session: CurrentProjectsand Core Business Plenary	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) – Victoria Falls Landscape
0940 - 1020	Session: CurrentProjectsand Core Business	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
1020 - 1100	Plenary Session: CurrentProjectand Core	World Food Programme (WFP)
1100 - 1130		ALL
1130 - 1210	Business TEA BREAK Plenary Session:	MyTrees
1210 - 1250	CurrentProjectsand Core Business Plenary	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
1300 – 1400	Session: CurrentProjectsand Core Business	ALL
1400 - 1440	LUNCH BREAK Plenary Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMPFIRE ASSOCIATION • Deputy Minister of Youth and Vocational Training • Deputy Minister of Local Government
1440 - 1520	Plenary Session: Current Projects and Core Business	Takashinga Initiavtive
1520 - 1530	Report Backto theMain Hall	ALL
1530 - 1630	AWARDS MAIN HALL	ALL

Breakout Room B

Theme: Carbon Market and Carbon Credits

Time	SESSION	PANELIST
0830 - 0835	OpeningRemarks	Moderator
0835 - 0900	ZimbabweCarbon Association	Zimbabwe Carbon Association
0900 - 0940	Plenary Session: Policy Authority & Regulatory Leadership Theseorganisations givelegitimacy and align with ZimbabweClimate governance and NDC 3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMA -National environmental regulator, critical voice in carbon compliance • Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife – Policy leadership on NDC implementation and climate strategy • ZERA – Key for carbon projects linked to energy transition
0940 - 1020	Plenary Session: Finance, ESG & Investment Institution Carbonmarkets only workwhen Finance understands Risk & Governance They translate carbon markets into bankable investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Mutual Zimbabwe – Institutions ESG finance voice • Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe – Sustainable finance and project structuring • CBZ Holdings – Local banking influence and climate finance potential

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kreston Trustees Zimbabwe – Governance, trusteeship, ESG compliance expertise
1020 - 1100	Plenary Session: Carbon Market Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP – Climate finance programmes and policy support • EMA – National Environmental Regulator & Carbon Oversight relevance
1100 - 1130	TEA BREAK	ALL
1130 - 1210	Plenary Session: Project Developers & Real Implementation Actors Bringing grounded experience – essential for credibility to show what carbon markets look like on the ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Parks – Conservation-led carbon and ecosystem projects • My Trees – Nature based restoration initiatives • Environment Africa – Community climate and adaptation programmes
1210 - 1250	Plenary Session: Corporate Buyers & Industrial Transition Leaders Including industry voices make the discussion commercially realistic, carbon markets need buyers and project sponsors, not just developers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zimplats – Mining sector decarbonisation and renewable transition • PPC Zim – Industrial emissions reductions perspective • Delta Corporation Limited – Corporate Sustainability and circular economy initiatives • CFS Bank – Licensed Carbon Credit Buyers
1300 – 1400	LUNCH BREAK	ALL
1400 - 1440	Plenary Session: Carbon Markets & Communities From Credits to Communities: How SI48 of 2025 Can Deliver Real Benefits for Zimbabweans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community & Conservation Project Developer • Local Nature-Based Solutions Organisation • Finance/ESG Governance Perspective Corporate Participant/Potential Carbon Credit Buyer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Parks: Share real experience on conservation – linked carbon projects and community benefits models • My Trees: Represent grassroots implementations & local stakeholder engagement • Old Mutual Zimbabwe: Explain what investors expect regarding community safeguards & ESG accountability • Zimplats: Discuss how industry approaches community partnerships under SI 48
1440 - 1520	Wrap UP & Key Takeaways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Clarity • Technology Readiness • Investor and Community Confidence 	ALL
1520 - 1530	Report Back to the Main Hall	ALL
1530 - 1630	AWARDS MAIN HALL	ALL