



Achieving business excellence through standards

Standardization and Business Leaders' Conference

Venue : The Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls

Date : 6-9 May 2026

Theme : **Innovate, Collaborate and Transform: Shaping the future together for safer, easier and better lives.**

Director of Ceremonies **Patrick Kariwo**

Time	Activity	Speakers / Responsibility
Day 1: Wednesday, 6 May 2026		
10:00 – 13:00	Arrival, Mid-Morning Teas and Registration	Gertrude Zulu and Ellen Gwasira
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
Session 1	Opening of Session	
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome Remarks	Cosmus Mukoyi SAZ Director General
14:15 – 14:45	Wellness and Leadership: Leading from the front.	Miles Jacob Miles Jacob Wellness
14:45- 15:15	Economic overview-Future trends	Commissioner Chris Mugaga ZNCC CEO/ SAZ Vice Chairman
15:15- 15:30	Question and Answer Session	
15:30	Tea/Coffee and End of day 1	
18:00-	Welcome Cocktail	

Day 2		
Thursday, 7 May 2026		
Session 1	Official Opening	Director of Ceremony
08:00-08:25	Registration	Secretariat/Sound Team
08:25-08:30	National Anthem	Sound Team
08:30 – 08:50	Guest Speaker Standards for Development in the Digital Age.	Sergio Mujica ISO Secretary General
08:50-09:00	Welcome to Victoria Falls	Hon. Richard Moyo Minister of state - Provincial Affairs and Devolution for Matabeleland North Province.
09:00 – 09:10	Remarks by host	Engineer L. Nkala SAZ Executive Council Chairman
09:10-09:20	Remarks from ISO NextGen Award Winner	Kganya Sidange 2026 ISO NextGen/SAZ Systems Auditor
09:10-09:30	Guest Speaker The Future of Standardization in Africa Trends and Opportunities	Dr Hermogene Nsengimana ARSO Secretary General
09:50-09:55	Introduction of Guest of Honour	Government Official
09:55-10:30	Address by the Guest of Honour	Hon. Nqobizitha M. Ndhlovu Minister of Industry and Commerce
	ARSO/SAZ Dual Mark Certification Handover	Ranganai Mutonono
10:30-10:35	Handover of token of Appreciation	Engineer L. Nkala, Cosmus Mukoyi
10:35-10:40	Vote of Thanks	Chris Mugaga SAZ Vice-Chairman
10:40-10:50	Group Photo	Secretariate
10:50 – 11:15	Tea/Coffee	
Session 2	Innovation and Trade	
11:15-11:30	The role of International Standards in Trade and Regulatory Framework	Cindy Parokkil Director Policy-ISO
11:30-11:45	Quality Infrastructure- Recommendations for Zimbabwe	Dr. Chinyamakobvu African Union

11:45: – 12:00	Leveraging AfCFTA for inclusive and sustainable Development: Experiences and Lessons Learned.	Dr Ayodele Odusola UNDP Country Representative
12:00 12:30	Panel Discussion	Session Chair
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
Session 3		
14:00 – 14:15	The Invisible Infrastructure: How Standards hold Construction Together	Martin Chingaira CEO Construction Industry Federation of Zimbabwe
14:15- 14:30	MSMEs as engines for sustainable and inclusive economic growth: The need to increase their competitiveness in Africa- A Kenyan Experience	Esther Ngari MD Kenya Bureau of Standards
14:30- 14:45	Public-Private Partnerships in Standardization: Maximizing impact and Reach	Nathan N’singambwa Executive Director Zambia Bureau of Standards
14:45- 15:00	Panel Discussion	Session Chair
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee	
15:30- 18:00	Boat Cruise	

Day 3			Friday 8 May 2026		
Session 1					
09:00-09:20	Demystifying Artificial Intelligence.	Taariq Ismail AI Consultant/Specialist			
09:10-09:25	AI and Data Protection: Balancing Innovation and Privacy for a better future.	Tsitsi Mariwo POTRAZ			
09:25 – 09:35	Driving Digital Transformation through standards: insights and innovations from Russia	Antony Shalaev CEO Russia Standards Body (GOST R)			
09:35	Panel Discussion	Session Moderator			
10:00-11:30	Tea/Coffee				
Session 2					
Research Symposium					
11:00 – 11:05	Opening Remarks	Cosmus Mukoyi Director General SAZ			
11:05-11:20	Keynote Address: Co-Creating the future: Bridging Academia and Industry for Impact through Research	Prof. Dzvimbo ZIMCHE			
11:20-13:00	Research Presentations	Dr. O. Muvingi University Of Zimbabwe			
13:00-14:00	Lunch				
Session 3					
14:00 – 15:30	Research Presentations	Dr. O. Muvingi University Of Zimbabwe			
15:30-15:30	Tea/Coffee End of Program Day 3				
18:00	BOMA/BUSH DINNER				
Day 4					
Saturday 9 May 2026					
08:00	Departure for the Falls				
12:00-13:00	Lunch				
13:30	Departure to Airport				