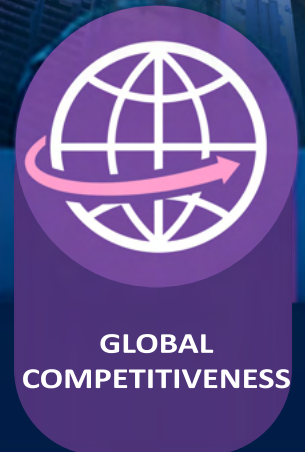




Quarterly
Newsletter
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ADVANCING QUALITY, DRIVING COMPETITIVENESS

Celebrating milestones
in certification, partnerships
and regional recognition



A Message from the Director General



The first quarter of 2026 has marked a period of significant progress for the Standards Association of Zimbabwe and the nation at large. From regional recognition at the SADC Quality Awards to strategic partnerships and advancements in certification services, Zimbabwe continues to strengthen its position as a competitive player in the global marketplace.

Our recent accreditation in ISO/IEC 27001 certification reflects our commitment to supporting organisations in navigating the evolving digital landscape, while our collaboration with ZimTrade signals a unified approach towards enhancing export readiness and product quality.

We also remain focused on capacity building, as demonstrated by our successful hosting of the ARSO awareness programme on harmonised African standards in fisheries and aquaculture.

As we look ahead, we encourage organisations across all sectors to actively participate in the 2026 National Annual Quality Awards and continue embracing standards as a tool for growth, innovation, and competitiveness.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cosmus Mukoyi'.

Cosmus Mukoyi
Director General

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ZIMBABWE SHINES AT THE 2025/26 SADC QUALITY AWARDS

Zimbabwe has once again demonstrated its growing leadership in quality excellence, securing six awards from seven entries at the 2025/26 SADC Quality Awards. This outstanding achievement highlights the nation's commitment to quality, innovation, and global competitiveness.

Held in Johannesburg, South Africa, the awards recognised top-performing organisations that had previously excelled at the National Annual Quality Awards



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Launch of 2026 National Annual Quality Awards

SAZ is pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 National Annual Quality Awards.

Key Dates

**31 March
2026**

**Call for Entries
Opens**

**13 May
2026**

**Preparatory
Workshop**

**31 July
2026**

**Submission
Deadline**

**11 September
2026**

**Awards
Ceremony**

Why Participate?

National recognition | Increased credibility | Opportunity for regional representation

SAZ SECURES ISO/IEC 27001 ACCREDITATION



SAZ Certification Services has achieved accreditation from SADCAS to certify organisations against ISO/IEC 27001:2022, a globally recognised information security standard.

This milestone confirms SAZ's compliance with international certification requirements and strengthens its position as a trusted certification body.

ADVANCING STANDARDS IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Zimbabwe successfully hosted a high-level awareness programme on harmonised African standards in fisheries and aquaculture in collaboration with ARSO.

The initiative focused on improving quality, sustainability and market access within the sector.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Capacity building on standards and conformity assessment
- ✓ Training on sustainability and eco-labelling
- ✓ Industry collaboration across stakeholders
- ✓ Practical industrial exposure

KEY OUTCOMES



Improved standards awareness



Strengthened technical capacity



Enhanced collaboration



Increased SME readiness

What This Means for Organisations:

- ✓ Local access to global certification
- ✓ Reduced certification costs
- ✓ Improved cybersecurity credibility
- ✓ Stronger data protection capabilities



“*Strengthening Trust, Securing Data, Enabling Digital Growth*”



SAZ & ZIMTRADE PARTNER TO BOOST EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS

SAZ and ZimTrade have formalised a strategic partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at strengthening export quality and competitiveness.

Witnessed by His Excellency, President Mnangagwa, President of Zimbabwe, the agreement represents a unified national effort to support exporters.



SAZ WILL

KEY COMMITMENTS

Provide ZimTrade with biannual company lists, standards updates, training, lab access, and priority revisions at agreed rates.

ZIMTRADE WILL

KEY COMMITMENTS

Share company lists, provide technical staff and secondments, include standards in supplier contracts, encourage exporter adoption, and invite SAZ to deliver training.



QUALITY STANDARDS AS A GATEWAY TO GLOBAL MARKETS

This partnership strengthens quality infrastructure, empowers exporters and positions Zimbabwe for sustainable growth in global trade.

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