



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

21 JULY 2021

**HALL 2, ZIMBABWE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE,
BULAWAYO**



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Time	Event	Responsibility
08.30-0855	Registration	Secretariat
	First Session: <u>Official Opening and Tone Setting</u> Moderator: Ambassador N. D. Kitikiti, Deputy Chief Secretary, Office of the President and Cabinet	
0855-0900	National Anthem	ALL
0900-0905	Welcome Remarks	Mr. B. Moyo , Board Chairperson ZITF Company
0905-0915	Opening Remarks	Hon. J. Ncube , Minister of State and Devolution for Bulawayo Metropolitan Province
0915-0940	"The Pandemic and the Economy: Business Recovery Support Initiatives – Fiscal Interventions and Perspectives"	Hon. Prof. M. Ncube , Minister of Finance and Economic Development
0940-0950	Discussant	Mr. H. Ruzvidzo, President , Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries

0950-0955	Marketing Slot	AFC Holdings
0955-1005	Remarks and Introduction of the Guest of Honour	Hon. Dr. S. I. Nzenza, M.P, Minister of Industry and Commerce
1005-1030	Key Note Address and Official Opening by the Guest of Honour	Hon. C. G. D. N. Chiwenga, Vice President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Minister of Health and Child Care
1030 -1100	Question and Answer Segment/Discussion	Mr. K.C. Katsande, NECF National Co-chair
1100 -1120	TEA BREAK	ALL
	Second Session: <u>Export Markets and Digital Economy</u> Moderator: Prof. A. Chakravat, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.	
1120 -1145	Creating Export Market Opportunities for Zimbabwean Products: The Case of the Economic Partnership Agreement.	Mr Timo Olkkonen, Ambassador European Union Delegation to Zimbabwe
1145 -1200	Discussant	Mr. A. Majuru, Chief Executive Officer, ZimTrade
1200-1240	Question and Answer/Discussion	Moderator
1240-1400	LUNCH	ALL
	Third Session: <u>Currency and Macroeconomic Stability</u> Moderator: Ms. J. Ncube, Presidential Advisory Council Member	
1400-1425	"Digital Economy in Zimbabwe: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges"	Dr. G. Machengete, Director General, Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe

1425 – 1435	Discussant	Dr. G. T. Hapanyengwi , Director Information Communication Technology, Zimbabwe Council of Higher Education
1435-1500	Discussion and Conference Wrap Up	Moderator
1500-1510	Closing Remarks and Vote of thanks	Dr. M. C. Bimha , NECF Steering Committee Co-Chair
Teas and Departure		

THEME: "Embracing the New Normal for Business & Industry: Realities & Opportunities"