



**DIASPORA TRADE &
INVESTMENT INDABA
2026
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL,
HARARE ZIMBABWE
7TH AUGUST 2026**

Indaba 2026 Theme:

*Connecting Zimbabwe to Global
Markets: Trade, Investment &
Partnerships*

Indaba Objectives

1. Promote Zimbabwe as a Trade and Investment Destination:
 - Showcase Zimbabwe's diverse sectors with potential for growth and investment.
 - Facilitate partnerships between Zimbabwean businesses and UK investors.
 - Present opportunities for UK companies to absorb exports from Zimbabwe.
2. Create Strategic Partnerships:
 - Engage potential investors across sectors such as banking & finance, hospitality, property, travel, insurance, shipping, and security.
 - Build collaborations that support Zimbabwe's export growth and trade diversification.
3. Establish ZimUK Indaba as an Annual Flagship Event:
 - Launch the inaugural event as a stepping stone for future editions.
 - Ensure sustainable growth of trade relations through consistent networking and business development.
4. Facilitate Dialogue between Key Stakeholders:
 - Engage policymakers, business leaders, industry experts, and potential SME diaspora investors to discuss business opportunities in Zimbabwe.
5. Celebrate Zimbabwe's Economic Growth:
 - Celebrate the spirit of resilience and growth in Zimbabwe's economic landscape.
 - Highlight success stories and create a platform for mutual cooperation.



INDABA AGENDA



09:00 HRS: REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

- Attendees arrive, register, and network with other participants. Welcome beverages will be served, with the opportunity to meet and discuss initial ideas.
- Coffee, tea, and other beverages served.

10:00 HRS: OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME ADDRESS

Indaba Opening Speakers:

- Welcome Remarks - **Kennedy Mwedziwendira**, (ZimUK Business Chamber- Chairman)
- Indaba Opening by **Guest of Honour, Dr. Chipika – Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe**

11:00 HRS: UK, ZIMBABWE TRADE RELATIONS

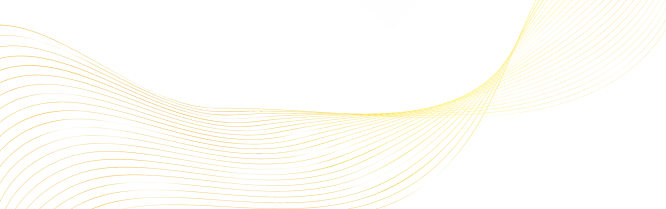
- **Opportunities For Zimbabwe Businesses – Stuart Oxenford** (Head of Trade and Investment – British Embassy, Zimbabwe)

11:20 HRS: UNPACKING GLOBAL TRADE – ZIMBABWE/ USA CONNECT

Dr Patrick Mateta – (Managing Partner, Vineyard Healthcare Solutions) USA

11:40 HRS: EMPOWERED WOMEN DRIVING GLOBAL TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS

Nyasha Gwatidzo (Social Entrepreneur, Founder, Impact Investor, Multi-Award Winner, Author and Philanthropist) UK



12:20 HRS: PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A 1

***LEVERAGING GLOBAL NETWORKS TO EXPAND
ZIMBABWE'S TRADE FOOTPRINT***

Kennedy Mwedziwendira – Chairman and Founder – ZimUK Business Chamber

- **Dr Chipika** – Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe
- **Stuart Oxenford** - Head of Trade and Investment – British Embassy
- **Dr Patrick Mateta** - Managing Partner, Vineyard Healthcare Solutions
- **Nyasha Gwatidzo** - Social Entrepreneur, Founder, Impact Investor, Multi-Award Winner, Author and Philanthropist

• **Discussion Focus:**

1. Is Zimbabwe doing enough to create enduring trade and investment relationships global markets.
2. How Zimbabwe can become a key player in global markets.
3. Export experts, trade facilitators, and UK-based businesses interested in African markets.
4. The role of the diaspora in promoting Zimbabwe as a competitive investment destination.
5. Actionable recommendations to improve export competitiveness and market access.
6. The role of chambers of commerce, trade missions and business networks in facilitating market access.

13:30 HRS NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK

**14:30 HRS: BUILDING A GLOBAL VILLAGE,
COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION**

Ali Monjack (Co-Founder, Impactful Founders Club) - UK

**15:10 HRS: FINANCIAL INCLUSION & REGIONAL
TRADE**

Dr Edna Mukurazhizha - (Chairperson of COMESA
Federation of Women in Business) - Zimbabwe

**15:30 HRS: BRIDGING ZIMBABWE FARMERS TO
INTERNATIONAL MARKETS**

Clarence Mwale - Founder, CEO and Co Owner of KUMINDA

15:50 HRS:

PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A 2

***EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTHS, TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES: THE DIASPORA'S ROLE IN CONNECTING
ZIMBABWE TO GLOBAL MARKETS***

- Ali Monjak - Impactful Founders Club
- Godfrey Mushandu - CEO - GMT Networks
- Edna Mukurazhizha - (Chairperson COMESA Federation of Women in Business / ZimUK BC)
- Kuminda
- Discussion Focus:
 1. Diaspora-led cooperatives, SACCOs, or investment clubs focused on rural women
 2. Key export sectors: Agriculture, textiles, minerals, processed foods.
 3. Market access and logistics for Zimbabwe companies entering global markets.
 4. Diaspora investment in rural infrastructure
 5. Creating an enabling environment for diaspora investment in rural initiatives
 6. Addressing challenges relating to access to finance, logistics, customs procedures and market information.
 7. Case studies of successful diaspora-funded women-led enterprises

16:50 HRS:

CLOSING REMARKS

Cleto Mudhefi - Director, Precious Hope Care / ZimUK Business Chamber - Head of Secretariat

THANK YOU

