PROGRESS ON ECONOMIC AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN ZIMBABWE

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Outline

- Our Vision
- The Transitional Stabilisation Programme (TSP)
- Progress on Economic and Structural Reforms
- Emerging Challenges and Mitigatory Measures
- Reform Trajectory
## Economic Reforms
- Reintroduction of local currency
- Introduction of Dutch Forex Auction.
- Removal of fuel and electricity subsidies.
- Operationalising ZIDA.
- Implementation of Special Economic Zones.
- Removed the gold incentive.
- Introduced inter-operability of mobile money platforms.
- Fiscal consolidation.

## Mining Industry
- US$4.2 billion Great Dyke Investments Platinum Mine already under construction.
- US$4 billion Karo Resources Mhondoro-Ngezi platinum project ahead of schedule.
- Arcadia Lithium mine being developed.
- Coal production – new coal mines opened.

## Massive Roadworks
- Rehabilitation of urban roads funded by ZINARA.
- DDF rehabilitating rural roads in all districts.
- Harare-Beitbridge highway dualisation.
- Karoi-Binga Road under construction.
- Chiredzi-Tanganda road completed.
- Makuti-Chirundu stretch under construction.

## Agriculture
- Replaced Command Agriculture with private sector funded Smart Agriculture.
- Land Audit completed.
- Farm downsizing in progress.
- Signed Global Compensation Deed.
- 1.8 million farmers trained for Pfumvudza.
- Established Youth Desk.
- Irrigation Schemes revival.

## Major Infrastructure Projects
- Expansion of RGM Airport.
- Construction of New Parliament Building.
- Expansion and modernization of Beitbridge Border Post.
- Gwayi – Shangaan Dam
- Marovanyati Dam.
- Construction of District hospitals

## Power Generation (Ongoing)
- Hwange Unit 7&8 (600MW)-45% complete.
- Zambezi Gas and Coal -750 MW
- Western Areas – 600 MW.
- Jinan -600 MW.
- Tsinghshan – 100MW
- Zimbabwe Zhongxin Electrical Energy 430 MW

## Education
- Implementation of new school curriculum.
- Introduction of Education 5.0.
- Student Accommodation being built at universities.
- Innovation Hubs at Universities.

## Political Reforms
- Repeal and replacement of POSA.
- Repeal and replacement of AIPPA.
- Implementation of devolution ongoing.
- Alignment of laws to the Constitution almost complete.
- Constitutional Amendments ongoing.
The Transitional Stabilisation Programme

**TSP Objectives**
- Macro-Fiscal Stability.
- Laying a foundation for private sector led growth that is sustainable and shared/equitable.
- Further democratisation of the country;
- Normalising international relations;
- Infrastructure development;
- Public/Social Services delivery; and
- Social protection.
ECONOMIC AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS UNDER THE TSP
Macro-Fiscal Stabilisation Being Restored: 
Key Milestones

**Fiscal Consolidation**

**Enhanced Revenue Collections**
- Strengthened admin measures.
- Sealing leakages.
- Enhanced Revenue collection through taxes, customs and 2% Intermediated Mobile Transfer Tax.

**Expenditure Containment**
In support of monetary policy on containing money supply and hence inflation:
- No more recourse to Central Bank overdraft.
- Issuance of TBs only for Budget.
- Public Wage Bill below 50% of total revenues from 92% in 2017.
- Rationalisation of posts, freeze on hiring, save for critical sectors/posts
- PFMS controls rolled to all departments and local levels.
- New procurement Act now functional.

**Fiscal Balance**
- Surplus of ZWL$800 million for the period Jan to June 2020.
- The surpluses serve as a buffer for shocks such as impact of Cyclone Idai, drought and COVID-19 pandemic.
- Surpluses are also supporting social services delivery, social protection and infrastructure development.
Elimination of the Twin Deficits:

The twin Fiscal and Current Accounts are now in surplus: 2019 and 2020

Fiscal Balance

Current Account Balance

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Strengthening Monetary Policy

Monetary Policy being Refined and Strengthened to sufficiently support Fiscal Policy for Stabilisation and inflation containment:

- Re-introduction of local currency;
- Strengthening the recently established Reserve Bank a Monetary Policy Committee & New RBZ Board;
- Monetary targeting: growth in reserve money in line with SSA average of 20-35%;
- Introduction of an exchange rate linked Open Market Operations (OMOs) investment instrument settled in local currency, to allow wealth holders to preserve their value;
- Bursting the speculative bubble on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, driven by dually listed shares;
- Curbing speculative borrowing through appropriate interest rates adjustments (currently increased from 15% to 50% then further to 70% for the RBZ overnight window);
- Introduced inter-operability of mobile money platforms by adopting a National switch;
- Removal of fuel, electricity and gold subsidies.
Foreign Exchange Policy and Exchange Rate Movements

- Introduction of the foreign exchange Dutch Auction system on Tuesday, 23rd June 2020 which is designed to reduce exchange rate instability and improve price discovery;

- Exchange rate, which had moved from ZWLS25:US$1 to ZWLS80:US$1; has since stabilized around that level during the better part of July - August 2020;

- Price stability now visible in line with convergence of parallel and auction rates.

- Introduced a second auction systems for small scale operators.

- Use of the Anti-money laundering act and rules to monitor and regulate transactions, especially in speculative activities on the foreign exchange market.

- Tighter regulation of payment system, e.g. cash in-cash out limits at mobile banking agents

- Regulating unethical practices on the Stock Exchanges and Bureau De Changes (e.g placed a vesting period of 90 days for dually listed shares);
The premium on the parallel and official exchange rate has significantly narrowed from a peak of 300% on 22 June to current 26.4%.
Projected annual inflation is consistent with reducing the month-on-month inflation from 31.7% in June 2020 to around 5% in the last quarter of 2020.
STRUCTURAL REFORMS

Key reforms in the following areas:

- **Political Reforms**
  - Alignment of Laws to the Constitution;
  - Constitutional Amendments.

- **Governance & Institutional Reforms**
  - Devolution
  - Compensation
  - State Owned Enterprises
  - Budget Transparency

- **Competitiveness**
  - Ease of Doing Business
Political Reforms

Alignment of laws to the Constitution almost complete.

By end March, 144 laws had been amended out of 183 that need to be aligned to the Constitution.

Efforts underway to work on the balance of 39.

Alignment is categorised into 10 clusters, which are:
- Media and Information;
- Security;
- Citizenship and Movement of People;
- Local Government;
- Social Services;
- Environmental and Natural Resources;
- Justice Delivery;
- Economic Services;
- Political and Civil Rights; and
- Cross-Cutting.

Constitutional Amendments Ongoing.
Progress on POSA and AIPPA

POSA and AIPPA successfully Repealed

**POSA**
- February 2019: Cabinet approved principles of Maintenance of Peace and Order Bill
- 3 September 2019: Bill approved by both houses of Parliament
- Awaiting Approval by the President
- Repeal of Public Order and Security Act (POSA)
- Maintenance of Peace and Order Bill signed into law on 15 November, repealing the Public Order and Security Act (POSA)

**AIPPA**
- Freedom of Information Bill approved on 19 February 2019
- Zimbabwe Media Commission Bill approved on 13 February 2019
- Protection of Personal Information Act
- Repeal of Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (AIPPA)
- Freedom of Information Bill gazetted on the 1st of July 2020, repealing Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (AIPPA)
Governance and Institutional Reforms
# Devolution: 2020

## 2020 Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers Disbursements

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Government has committed to finalising outstanding compensation obligations to all former farm owners affected by Land Reform Programme.

On 29 July, Government and commercial farmers signed Global Compensation Deed Agreement. The agreement settled for an agreed amount of US$3.5 billion to be paid to former commercial farmers for improvements, land clearing and biological assets.

The agreement entails that Government and the former commercial farmers jointly mobilise the resources from potential financiers.

As at December 2018, a total of 301 former farmers were fully compensated with another 452 farmers partially compensated.
Public Enterprises Reform

PEs Reform Strategies

For Privatisation
- Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe (IDBZ)
- ZUPCO
- Agribank
- Some subsidiaries of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)

For listing on ZSE
- Petrotrade
- Willovale Motor Industries
- Chemplex
- Deven Engineering

Merging
- Potraz and BAZ
- Powertel, Zarnet & Africom
- Boxing and Wrestling Boards
- Competition and Tariffs Commission
- ZIA, Special Economic Zones, ZIMTRADE & Joint Ventures Unit

For liquidation
- National Glass Industries
- Zimglass
- Kingstones Limited
- Tractot Firm Motira

Adopted by Line Ministries
- New ZIA
- NIEEB
- National Liquor Licensing
- Board of Censors
- Lotteries and Gaming Board

Partial Privatisation
- 17 ZMDC subsidiaries
- The GMB and CAAZ will be unbundled to separate their regulatory and commercial functions
Public Enterprises Reform

Five Enterprises targeted for immediate reforms

- **TelOne/NetOne**: To be privatised as a single package.
  - Government approached the World Bank local office to ask IFC for Transactional Advisors.

- **POSB**: Adjudication of Bids was done on 25 June 2019.
  - KPMG Advisors Zimbabwe were recently appointed as the Transactional Advisors.

- **GMB**: De-merger into GMB Strategic Grain Reserve and Silo Foods Industries completed.
  - Genesis Global was appointed as the Transaction Advisors to assist Silo Foods.

- **ZESA**: Government approved the re-bundling of 5 separate units.
  - Amendment of Electricity Act Technical Committee is working on the implementation.

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Competitiveness

Building a Foundation for Competitiveness and Growth
Repealing Indigenisation Law

Concluding Repealing of the Indigenisation law

Establishing an Economic Empowerment law
Ease of Doing Business Reforms

- Zimbabwe’s 2020 World Bank ranking is 140 from the previous position of 155, that is, it has improved by 15 positions.

- Zimbabwe—one of the top 20 on the world and top five in Africa doing business reformers, according to the 2019 World Bank Doing Business Report.

Ease of Doing Business Reforms
Administrative Milestones

Institutional Reforms

One Stop Shop Investment Centre-Zimbabwe Investment Authority (ZIDA) now Operational;
Special Economic Zones and the Joint Venture Unit.

Areas of improvement:
- Starting a Business: Improved through online name search (Overall number of days reduced from 32 to 11 days)
  - Harare Municipality reduced business licensing fee from about US$300 to US$200.
- Construction Permits: Faster approval of permits following more frequent sessions by the Municipal Building Commission in Harare. (Number of days to get permit reduced from 208 to 150 days).
- Registering property: Deeds Registry now implementing an internal tracking system, allowing applicants to track their applications throughout the property transfer process. Number of days reduced from 36 to 14 days.
- Operationalisation of the Credit Registry to coordinate data on clients/creditors.

Enforcement of Contracts

- Improved through increasing the number of small claims courts from 2 to 10 and establishment of commercial courts from 0 to 4

Trading across Borders

- Improved through reviewing of checkpoints for both imports and exports clearance processes at Beitbridge Border Post
  - 41% reduction in compliance checkpoints.
### Amended Legislation

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<td>Abolish the State Procurement Board and set up a new body to be called the Procurement Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe which will oversee and regulate procurement activities conducted by government Ministries, statutory bodies and local authorities.</td>
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<td>Manpower Act Amendment Bill &amp; NSSA Act Amendment</td>
<td>Permit the centralization of collection of manpower development levies NSSA Obligations and PAYE and thereby streamline payments under the Paying Taxes indicator.</td>
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<td>Regional Town and Country Planning Act Amendment</td>
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<td>Companies and Other Business Entities</td>
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Zimbabwe ranked third in Africa on budget transparency by the Open Budget Survey (OBS) of 2019, with a Budget Index Score of 49, up from 23 recorded in 2017.
EMERGING CHALLENGES & MITIGATORY MEASURES

- KEY CHALLENGES/SHOCKS:
  - Climatic Shocks such as Drought and Cyclone Idai
  - Energy Challenges
  - Currency Volatilities and other Macro-economic Risks
  - COVID 19 Pandemic
Transmission of Shocks

COVID-19 Pandemic
- Disrupted value chains
- Commodity prices drop
- Travel restrictions

Macroeconomic Environment
- Forex shortages
- Currency Devaluation
- Inflationary Pressures

Drought

Cyclone Idai

Electricity shortages

Necessary containment measures (Lockdown)

Low tourism activity

Low manufacturing output

Low mining output

Low agricultural output

Low access to imported inputs and equipment

Disrupted value chains

Commodity prices drop

Travel restrictions

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Transmission of Shocks

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Macroeconomic Environment

Drought

Cyclone Idai
In 2020, anticipated growth below expectation.

Climate shocks are having significant impact on economy and human welfare

**Drought**
- Impact on agricultural production, electricity generation and food security.
- More than 50% of the total population are projected to be food insecure by year of 2020.
- Government already started importing of grain to close the gap.

**COVID-19**
- The pandemic has affected almost all sectors of the economy, especially tourism industry.
Impact of COVID-19 on the Economy

The impact of the pandemic is being transmitted through the following channels:

- Lower commodity demand and international commodity prices;
- Reduced tourist arrivals due to travel restrictions;
- Disruption of global supply chains for both raw materials and final products and services;
- Slowing down of global financial flows including credit availability, remittances and portfolio investments;
- Currency volatility; and
- High inflation.
Impact of COVID-19 on Sectors of the Economy

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Gross Domestic Product
- Growth
- Employment
  - Additional health workers
  - Labour demand in manufacturing of PPE, healthcare products, pharmaceuticals
  - Laying off contract workers
  - Reduced working hours
  - Indefinite unpaid leave

ICT
- E-learning
- E-commerce

Foodstuffs Manufacturing
- Positive supply-side response

Electricity and Water
- Increased imports
- Improved hydro-electricity generation
Government Interventions in Mitigating Impact COVID-19
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- Stimulus Package for productive sectors
- Unfreezing of medical staff posts
- Budget reallocation
- Expenditure Cuts from less priority areas
- Support to Line Ministries
- Social protection
### ZWL$18 Billion Stimulus Package

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Agriculture

Prioritised Agriculture Programmes

Guided by the Agriculture Recovery Plan, priority is on productivity through the following:

- Mechanisation,
- Livestock production,
- Irrigation,
- Soil conditioning,
- Extension services and
- Appropriate and timely financing.

Grain Production
Progress on Reforms in Agriculture

- Replaced Command Agriculture with private sector funded Smart Agriculture.
- Land Audit completed.
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MINING
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- Sector currently contributing about 8% of GDP.
- Targeting a USD12 billion mining industry by 2023, which represents a 344% increase from the USD2.7 billion achieved in 2017.
- Gold production is targeted at 100 tons ounces by 2023 from a combination of small scale miners and large scale producers.
- Platinum output is targeted to reach 69,350 tons ounces driven by expansion of existing capacities and new investments.
- Diamond output is expected to reach 12 million carats.
- Opening new coal and other mines.
Progress in Mining Industry

Priority policy areas:

- Reviewing and updating mining legislation,
- Enhancing exploration and investment in mining,
- Modernisation and computerisation of the mining title administration system (mining cadastre),
- Improving transparency in the mining sector and establishing a viable fiscal regime.
- Beneficiation and value addition of minerals to create more jobs and earn more foreign currency are priorities for the sector.

Examples of Progress to date

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**Targets:**
- Attaining growth rate of at least 2 percent per annum and manufacturing value-added growth of 16 percent per year
- Increasing merchandise export growth rate of 10 percent per year.
- Increasing capacity utilisation in prioritised sectors from current levels of approximately 40 percent to at least 75 percent by 2023.

**Key pillars.**
- Development and strengthening of industrial value chains and Import Substitution,
- Agro-based industrialisation,
- Mineral beneficiation,
- Export-led industrialisation,
- Commercialising of intellectual property, heritage/natural advantage based industrialisation,
- ICT-led industrialisation,
- Emerging industries and start-ups, backward linkages with SMES, anchor and cluster industries, industrial parks and innovation hubs,
- Services-driven industrialisation.

**Strategic thrust,**
- labour market regulations.
- Skills upgrading.
- Productivity, driven under the Tripartite Negotiating Forum (TNF)
Jobs Creation esp through SMEs

Industry value chains
# Support for SMEs

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Infrastructure Development

- Notwithstanding pressures from Covid-19 pandemic, Government remain prioritising ongoing critical infrastructure projects in roads, energy and water and sanitation.
- Treasury has ring fenced resources towards these projects, critical for enabling the doing business environment.
- The 2020 Budget targeted to raise Z$25 billion for Infrastructure development. As at end July 2020, Z$6.6 billion had been invested and the remainder of Z$18 billion would be raised and injected during the last half of 2020.

**Priority Projects:**

- Energy: continuing the construction Hwange 7 & 8 expansion project together with rehabilitation of other thermal power stations.
- Roads: Harare-Beitbridge Highway Rehabilitation and Expansion as well as other roads
- Expansion of RGM Airport.
- Construction of New Parliament Building.
Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Development Projects

**Power**

- **Energy infrastructure projects**
  - Hwange 7&8 expansion (600MW) 45% complete
  - Hwange Life extension
  - Bulawayo and Harare Power stations
  - Upgrading the transmission and distribution infrastructure
  - Promoting use of alternative energy sources such as solar and gas. At least 300 MW for solar projects.
  - Private sector energy projects underway:
    - Zambezi and Gas and Coal - 750 MW;
    - Western Areas – 600MW;
    - Jinan – 600 MW;
    - Tsingshan – 100 MW;
    - Zimbabwe Zhonxin Electrical Energy – 430MW

**Water and Sanitation**

- **Dam projects**- Causeway, Gwayi-Shangani and Marovanyati
- Other urban water projects - Chivhu, Semwa, Bindura and Tuli-Manyange dams, Victoria Falls Municipality Water and Sanitation Project and the Chiredzi Town Council Water and Waste Water Augmentation.
- **Various Boreholes**

**Roads**

- **Massive Roadworks Ongoing**
  
  - Beitbridge-Harare-Chirundu Dualisation
  - Mutare-Harare-Gweru-Bulawayo Dualisation
  - Rehabilitation of urban roads funded by ZINARA.
  - DDF rehabilitating rural roads in all districts.
  - Karoi-Binga Road under construction.

Improved energy supply, road and rail network and WASH.
Harare-Beitbridge is one of the priority roads projects underway.

- There are five contractors on the ground each widening and resurfacing 20 km.
- The target is to complete 200 km this year.
- To date, over ZWL$600 million has been disbursed to the project.
Five dams are now being prioritised this year due to financial constraints. These are:

- Marovanyati.
- Causeway.
- Chivhu.
- Gwai-Shangani.
- Semwa.

Additionally, various boreholes were drilled to improve water supply.
Other Major Infrastructure Projects

- RGM Airport Expansion
- New Parliament Building
- Beitbridge Border Post Expansion and Modernization;
- Construction of District Hospitals;
- Renovation of various health infrastructure and facilities across the country.
Social Protection

Strengthened social protection

- Increased allocations for cash transfers and in-kind distributions to reduce food poverty.
- Repaid arrears on school fee waivers that have been accumulated since 2016.
- Subsidized public transport to mitigate the impact on urban poor.
- Subsidized agricultural inputs for vulnerable households.
- Identified financing gap and mapped out improvements in social service delivery.
Social Protection

Total social protection expenditure: January to June 2020, amounted to ZWL$902.2 million.

Areas:

- Drought Mitigation: $412.2 million
- Basic Education Assistance Module: $150 million
- Sustainable Livelihoods: $67.3 million
- Support to disabled persons: $7.1 million
- Harmonised Social Cash transfers: $158.1 million
- Support to elderly persons: $3 million
- Children in difficult circumstances: $5.1 million
- Health assistance: $11.9 million
- Covid-response: $85.5 million

- Presidential Input Scheme: $3 billion (for July-Dec 2020)
Education

**Progress to date:**

- Implementation of new school curricula - Education 5.0.
- Student accommodation being built at universities.
- Innovation hubs being constructed at universities.
- Construction of new schools (2000 planned)
Upcoming National Development Strategy

National Development Strategy: 2021-2025
## NDS Thematic Areas

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