

EVENT PROGRAMME



2026 SADC Sustainable Energy Week

***Theme: Driving Regional Economic Growth through Clean Energy
and Energy Efficiency***

**23-27 February 2026
Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

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About the 2026 SADC Sustainable Energy Week

The Ministry of Energy and Power Development (MoEPD) of Zimbabwe, the SADC Secretariat, and the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) will host the **2026 SADC Sustainable Energy Week** in **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**, from **23–27 February 2026**.

Theme: *Driving Regional Economic Growth through Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency*

Endorsed by SADC Energy Ministers, the SADC SEW is the region's premier annual platform for advancing investment, cooperation and knowledge exchange in sustainable energy.

High-Level Participation

The event will be officially opened by **H.E. Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa**, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, and attended by the **H.E. Mr. Elias M. Magosi**, the SADC Executive Secretary, **SADC Energy Ministers**, and senior international, regional, and national delegates.

Programme Highlights

- Ministerial and High-Level Plenary Sessions
- Business-to-Business Meetings
- Exhibitions and Technical Presentations
- Breakout Sessions
- **National Energy Compacts & Strategies** progress presentations (first-time feature)
- **Awards** Ceremony recognising outstanding regional projects (first-time feature)
- Technical Site Visits
- Golf Tournament

Participants

The Week will convene stakeholders from across the energy ecosystem, including SADC energy institutions (SADC Secretariat, Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP) and the Regional Energy Regulators Association (RERA) of Southern Africa, Kafue Gorge Regional Training Centre (KGRTC), SADC Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC-DFRC)), government ministries, policymakers, utilities, regulators, private sector companies, financiers, academia and development partners.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME SPEAKERS ARE TO BE CONFIRMED.

Pre-Event: Sunday, 22 nd February 2026			
Time	Activity		
09:00-20:00	Arrival of Delegates & Accreditation of the Delegates Open Venue: Elephant Hills Hotel		
Day 1: Monday, 23 rd February 2026			
All Day Exhibition: Exhibition Tent Business to Business Space: Gwayi Room Event Director of Proceedings: <i>Ms. Lindiwe Nyoni, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA) and Mr. Hugo Ribatika, Chief Executive Officer, Africanminds Media Group</i>			
Time	Activity		
08:00-09:00	Registration of the Delegates		
09:00-09:30	Event Welcoming: <i>Hon. July G. Moyo, Minister of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe</i> The Week Overview: <i>Mr. Kudakwashe Ndhlukula, Executive Director, SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE)</i> Room: Kalala		
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	<p>Building Standards/ Minimum Energy Standard, Finance Related to policy, and Heating and Cooling) Moderator: Prof. Kevin Nnanye Nwaigwe (Clean Energy Research Centre (CERC), University of Botswana</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Mankuebe Nkuebe, Statistician, Ministry of Energy and Meteorology, Lesotho 2. Eng. Gift Bakumbi, Acting Chief Operations Officer, Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA), Botswana 3. Mr. Edington Mazambani, Chief Executive Officer, Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA), Zimbabwe 	
11:30-12:00	TEA BREAK	
12:00-13:30	<p>Session 1B: Heating and Cooling International Collaboration and Gender Diversity Management Moderator: Dr. Francois Rozon (Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy Studies (CRSES), Stellenbosch University); Prof. Lameck Mugwagwa (NUST, Zimbabwe)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activities and Outputs of SOLTRAIN within Task 69 IEA SCH: Prof. Samson Mhlanga, NUST, Zimbabwe 2. Monitor and Evaluate Solar Thermosyphon and PV Hot Water Systems in a Side-By-Side Experimental Setup within Task 69 IEA SCH: Mr. Joseph Shigwedha, Namibia Energy Institute (NEI), Namibia <p>Scene Setting: Ms. Elizabeth Marabwa, Chief Director: Programmes & Projects Management Office, Department of Electricity and Energy, South Africa</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Panel SOLTRAIN+ Gender Managers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms. Tawha Peter Olyn, CERC, Botswana b. Ms. Reabetsoe Sehobai, National University of Lesotho Energy Research Centre (NUL ERC), Lesotho c. Ms. Florence Mochochoko, Bethel Business and Community Development Centre (BBCDC), Lesotho d. Ms. Hendrina Shinime, NEI, Namibia, e. Mr. Simnikiwe Gulwa, CRSES, South Africa 	<p>Session 3: Powering Progress: Enabling Policies for Energy Security and Economic Development in Southern Africa Session Lead: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Room: Kalundu Moderator: Ms. Anja Berretta, Director, Economy Africa Programme, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Kenya</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Damião Victor Namuera, Head of the Renewable Energy Department, Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy, Mozambique 2. Mr. Isaiah Nyakusendwa, Chairperson, Renewable Energy Association of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe 3. Ms. Leone Human, Chairperson, South African Independent Power Producers Association, South Africa 4. Mr. Habofanoe Makopela, Deputy Principal Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Meteorology, Lesotho

	<p>f. Mr. Welcome Nukeri, SANEDI, South Africa</p> <p>g. Ms. Jenipher Chigerwe, NUST, Zimbabwe</p> <p>4. Sustainable Gender Outcomes from SOLTRAIN+ Work package: Ms. Selma Festus, Project Assistant, SACREEE & Ms. Karen Gibson, SIAB, Botswana</p>	
13:30-14:30	LUNCH BREAK	
14:30-16:00	<p>Session 1C: Innovation and Solar Thermal in the SADC Countries Moderator: Dr. Andreas Elombo, Director NEI, Namibia; Eng. Jennifer Chigerwe, NUST, Zimbabwe</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Training in the VTC: Prof. Samson Mhlanga, NUST, Zimbabwe</i> 2. <i>Integrated Innovation Ecosystem for Green Energy Technologies: An Opportunity to Realise the Objectives of Namibia's Solar Thermal Roadmap, A partnership between Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) and UNDP: Ms. Helvi Iлека, NEI, Namibia & Ms. Irish Goroh, UNDP Namibia</i> 3. <i>How do we improve the adoption of renewable heating and cooling technologies in rural areas: Ms. Florence Mochochoko and Ms. Litheba Leseeka, BBCDC, Lesotho</i> 4. <i>Solar Heat for Industrial Applications – Partnerships and Progress in Botswana: Prof. Kevin N. Nwaigwe, SOLTRAIN Country Leader, Botswana and Mr. Kago Rabasoma, CERC, Botswana</i> 	<p>Session 4: Wind energy development in the SADC region Session Lead: Kafue Gorge Regional Training Centre (KGRTC) Room: Kalundu Moderator: Mrs. Thabile Nkosi, Director of Energy, Ministry of Natural Resources & Energy, Eswatini Scene-setting: Eng. Dean Musukwa, Senior Consultant – Projects and Consultancy, Kafue Gorge Regional Training Centre (KGRTC), Zambia</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Aisma Vitina, Head of APRA Secretariat, Danish Energy Agency, Denmark 2. Mr. Petrus Johannes, Executive: Technical Regulation, Electricity Control Board (ECB), Namibia 3. Mr. Robert Keast, Energy Transition Senior Manager, Carbon Trust, United Kingdom 4. Ms. Memory Mashingaidze, Head: Renewable Energy, Tatanga Energy, Zimbabwe 5. Eng. Peace Rugube, Director of Power Development, Ministry of Energy & Power Development, Zimbabwe
16:00-16:15	TEA BREAK	

16:15-17:30	<p>Session 1D: Innovation and Solar Thermal in the SADC Countries</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Helvi Ileka, NEI, Namibia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Innovations and trends in PV2Heat and PV-Thermal: Dr. Francois Rozon & Mr. Lavhelesani Maluleke, CRSES, South Africa</i> <i>Energy Audits Activities in Lesotho under SOLTRAIN+: Prof. Leboli Zak Thamae, Coordinator of the Energy Research Centre, National University of Lesotho</i> <i>Mr. Welcome Nukeri, SANEDI, South Africa</i> <i>Solar Trailer and Training Rigs for SOLTRAIN Dissemination and Demonstration in the SADC Region: Mr. Rudolf Moschik, AEE INTEC, Austria</i> <i>Sustainability/Expansion of SOLTRAIN in SADC: Ms. Selma Festus, Project Assistant, SACREEE</i> <p>Final Remarks/Conference Highlights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. Wolfgang Gruber-Glatzl, International SOLTRAIN+ Project Leader, Austria</i> <i>Mr. Kudakwashe Ndhlukula, SACREEE</i> <i>Prof. Samson Mhlanga, NUST-Zimbabwe, SOLTRAIN Project Leader, Zimbabwe</i> 	<p>Session 5: Redefining Power Sovereignty: Regional Cooperation in an Era of Increased Renewables</p> <p>Session Lead: Global Energy Transformation Programme (GET.transform) Zimbabwe & Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)</p> <p>Room: Kalundu</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Johan van der Berg, Country Window Coordinator, GET.invest, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Scene Setting: Mr. Stephen Dihwa, SAPP CC Manager, SAPP CC</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. Cletus Nyachowe, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA), Zimbabwe</i> <i>Ms. Ene Macharm, Head of Global Partnership GET.transform, Global Energy Transformation Programme (GET.pro)</i> <i>Mr. Alison Chikova, Chief Engineer (Planning and Operations), SAPP CC</i> <i>Mr. Monde Bala, Chief Executive Officer, National Transmission Company South Africa (NTCSA), South Africa</i> <i>Mr. Baruti Regoeng, Acting Director of Energy, Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Botswana</i> <i>Mr. Kurai Matsheza, Chief Executive Officer, Mutare Board & Doors, Chairman of Intensive Energy User Group (IEUG), Zimbabwe</i>
Closed Meeting (15h00)	<p>Closed Meeting: EELA Zimbabwe Country Project Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting (By invitation only)</p> <p>Room: Matetsi Room</p> <p>Time: 15:00 - 17:00</p>	
All Day	<p>Business to Business Space: Gwayi Room</p>	
19:00-21:00	<p>Welcoming Cocktail (sponsored by Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA)) by Pool Side All Participants</p>	
<p>Day 2: Tuesday, 24th February 2026</p>		
<p>All Day</p> <p>Exhibition: Exhibition Tent</p> <p>Business to Business Space: Gwayi Room</p>		
<p>Director of Proceedings:</p> <p><i>Ms. Lindiwe Nyoni, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, ZERA and Mr. Hugo Ribatika, Chief Executive Officer, Africanminds Media Group</i></p>		
08:30-09:00	<p>Recap: Director of Proceedings</p>	
09:00-10:30	<p>Session 6A: Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Livelihoods in Africa (EELA)</p>	<p>Session 7: Infrastructure Financing for an Energy Secure Region</p> <p>Session Sponsor: Old Mutual Group</p>

	<p>Program Activities (regional and country window perspectives) Session Lead: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Room: Kalala Moderator: Ms. Doreen Bwalya, National Project Coordinator for EELA Zambia, UNIDO</p> <p>Welcome Remarks: Hon. July G. Moyo, Minister of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Keynote Address: His Excellency Per Lindgärde, Ambassador of Sweden to Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Scene-setting: Mr. Innocent Madziva, UNIDO Country Representative, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Denis Ariho, Lead Technical Expert, East African Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (EACREEE) 2. Mr. Victor Sibanda, Research & Energy Efficiency Engineer, Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA), Zimbabwe 3. Mrs. Belinda Soko Kancheya, Director Technical Services, Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS), Zambia 4. Ms. Asteria Markus, Programme Support Officer, SACREEE 5. Ms. Elin Mathilda Karlsson, Industrial Development Expert, UNIDO 6. Dr. Mawufemo Modjinou, Principal Program Officer Energy Efficiency, ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) 7. Ms Joyce Njogu, Head Consulting Business Development and Sustainability, Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Kenya 	<p>Session Lead: SADC Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC-DFRC) Room: Kalundu Moderator: Mr. Zwelibanzi Sapula, Chief Executive Officer, SADC Development Finance Resource Centre Scene-setting: Mr. Farai Kanonda, Regional Sector Manager, Energy, African Development Bank (AfDB) Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Samuel Matsekete, Chief Executive Officer, Old Mutual, Zimbabwe 2. Mr. Victor Utedzi, Managing Director, African Transmission Corporation, Zimbabwe 3. Ms. Tilana de Meillon, Senior Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC) 4. Ms. Cliftoline Nauses, Acting: Chief Investments Officer, Development Bank of Namibia (DBN), Namibia 5. Dr. Farai Gaba, Chief Executive Officer, State Pension Fund, Zimbabwe 6. Mr. Edmund Higenbottam, Chief Executive Officer, Verdant Capital (IMAP South Africa)
10:30-11:00	TEA BREAK	

<p>11:00-12:30</p>	<p>Session 6B: Advancing Energy Efficiency for a Sustainable Future Session Lead: SACREEE Room: Kalala Moderator: <i>Dr. Ndivhuho Tshikovhi, Project Administrator, Division of Energy and Climate Action, UNIDO</i></p> <p>Scene-setting: <i>Mr. Readlay Makaliki, Lead Technical Expert, SACREEE</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ms. Harini Naidu, Principal Officer, Renewable Energy and Energy Management, Utilities Regulatory Commission, Seychelles</i> 2. <i>Mr. Mzwandile Thwala, Energy Efficiency Expert, UNEP's United for Efficiency (U4E)</i> 3. <i>Mr. Emmanuel Aziebor, Senior Regional Director, Africa, CLASP</i> 4. <i>Dr. Constance Van Zuydam, Environmental Officer, Eswatini Electricity Company, Eswatini</i> 5. <i>Mr. Olympus Manthata, Head of Climate and Environmental Finance, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)</i> 	<p>Session 8: Private Sector and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and Investment Mobilisation (Regional Transmission Infrastructure Financing Facility (RTIFF)) Session Lead: Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) Room: Kalundu Moderator: <i>Mr. Francois Robinson, Executive Director, Regional Energy Regulators Association (RERA)</i> Scene Setting: <i>Mr. Wilson Masango, Chief Engineer Markets, SAPP</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ms. Nadia Taobane, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank Group</i> 2. <i>Prof. Tsitsi Musasike, Professor of Global Development Policy, Boston University, United States of America</i> 3. <i>Mr. Brian Tahinduka, Executive Head of Energy, Infrastructure, and Mining, Africa Regions, Standard Bank Group</i> 4. <i>Mr. Tafadzwa Chinamo, Chief Executive Officer, Zimbabwe Investment & Development Agency (ZIDA)</i> 5. <i>Eng. Munyaradzi C. Munodawafa, Chief Executive, Zambezi River Authority</i> 6. <i>Mr. Tanda Syamunyangwa, Chief Executive Officer, Kanona Power Electricity, Zambia</i>
<p>12:30-13:30</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	
<p>13:30-15:00</p>	<p>Session 9: Powering communities – productive use of energy in the SADC Region Session Lead: <i>GIZ Namibia and UNDP Zimbabwe</i> Room: Kalala Hall Moderator: <i>Mr. David Jarrett, Chief Executive Officer, RDJ Consulting, Namibia</i> Scene-setting: <i>Mr. Tino Hess, GIZ Country Representative, INSPIRED Agri-PV: Sustainable Use of Agrivoltaics in Namibia, GIZ Namibia</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Eng. Tinayeshe Mutazu, Chief Director, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe</i> 2. <i>Ms. Munashe Mukonoweshuro, Principal Climate Change Scientist, Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife, Zimbabwe</i> 	<p>Session 10: Captive Power: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Powering Industrialisation in the SADC Region Session Lead: SADC Sustainable Energy Week Room: Kalundu Moderator: <i>Mr. Million Mafuta, Director of Electricity, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Malawi</i> Scene Setting: <i>Mr. Brian Tahinduka, Executive Head of Energy, Infrastructure, and Mining, Africa Regions, Standard Bank Group</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Mr. Doumeraj Jahajeeah, Director Technical Services (Public Utilities), Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities, Mauritius</i> 2. <i>Mr. Vimbayi Nyakudya, Chief Executive Officer, CAFCA, Zimbabwe</i> 3. <i>Mr. Simasiku Titus Mukwaso, Principal Energy Engineer, Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Botswana</i> 4. <i>Dr. Ndivhuho Tshikovhi, Project Administrator, Division of Energy and Climate Action, UNIDO</i> 5. <i>Ms. Nosipho Simelane-Dlamini, Research and Renewables Engineer, Eswatini Electricity Company, Eswatini</i> 6. <i>Mr. Amend Chiduma, Chief Technical Officer, Zimplats Private Limited, Zimbabwe</i>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mrs. Felistus Makumbinde, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rural Electrification Fund (REF), Zimbabwe 4. Dr. Wale Aboyade, Head of Public Policy and Government Relations, Sun King 5. Ms. Helen Zulu, Managing Director Zambia, Regional Director Southern Africa, Ignite Energy Access 6. Ms. Dina A. RAZAFIMAHATRATRA, Director of Energy Development, Ministry of Energy and Hydrocarbons, Madagascar 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Mr. Ben Xu, Chief Executive Officer, Dinson Iron and Steel Company, Zimbabwe
15:00-15:30	TEA BREAK	
15:30-17:00	<p>Session 11: Empowering gender and youth in the energy transition Session Lead: <i>Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET) & SACREEE</i> Room: Kalala Moderator: <i>Ms. Tenele Habangaan, Goodwill Ambassador for Gender & Youth Empowerment, SACREEE</i></p> <p>Keynote Address: <i>Her Excellency Romana Königsbrun, Austrian Ambassador to SADC Region</i></p> <p>Scene-setting: <i>Ms. Nandini Venkata, Communications Officer, Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Karen Gibson, Solar Industries Association of Botswana, SOLTRAIN+, Botswana 2. Mr. Lewis Makurumure, Renewable Energy Engineer, Hakwata Village, UNDP Zimbabwe 3. Mr. Matanda Mwewa, President of the Association, Solar Industry Association of Zambia, Zambia 4. Ms. Tuhupa Kavendjii, Project Engineer, Namibia Power 	<p>Session 12: Leveraging SADC's critical minerals, battery storage, EVs and green hydrogen for regional just energy transition and industrialisation Session Lead: <i>SADC Secretariat</i> Room: Kalundu Moderator: <i>Mr. Nico Snyders, Deputy Director of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, Namibia</i> Session Sponsor: <i>Mr. Zhenxing (Edward) Zhu, Shareholder & Africa General Manager, HD Green and HD Solar, China</i> Scene-setting: <i>Mr. Mongameli Mehlwana, Senior Economic Officer, Connectivity & Infrastructure Section Technology, Innovation, Connectivity and Infrastructure Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Dr. Eng. Caleb Makwiranzou, Deputy Minister of Mines and Mining Development, Zimbabwe 2. Prof. Nelago Indongo, Executive Director, Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL) 3. Dr. Zebediah Chitanha, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, CMED Pty Ltd, Zimbabwe 4. Mr. Mafayo Ziba, Acting Director of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Zambia 5. Mr. Rolly Binama, Chief Officer, Ministry of Hydraulic Resources and Electricity, Democratic Republic of the Congo 6. Eng. Pedzie Tapfumaneyi, Chief Executive Officer, Verify Engineering, Zimbabwe

	<p><i>Corporation, Namibia</i></p> <p>5. <i>Ms. Apphia Nyasha Musavengana, Founder, Concord for Young Women in Business Global Zimbabwe</i></p> <p><i>NamPower,</i></p>
Closed Meeting	EELA Zambia Country Project PSC Meeting (By invitation only) Room: Matetsi Room Time: 15:00 - 17:00
19:00-22:00	Minister's Dinner (By invitation only) sponsored by Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA)
19:00-21:00	Closed Event: Women in Energy (By invitation only) by Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET) and SACREEE
Day 3: Wednesday, 25th February 2026	
All Day	
Exhibition: Exhibition Tent	
Business to Business Space: Gwayi Room	
Director of Proceedings:	
<i>Ms. Lindiwe Nyoni, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, ZERA and Mr. Hugo Ribatika, Chief Executive Officer, Africanminds Media Group</i>	
Time	Activity
Session 13: Official Opening Ceremony	
Director of Ceremonies: Dr. Gloria Magombo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe	
07:00-07:15	Arrival of participants
07:15-07:45	Arrival of Ministers, SADC Executive Secretary and Ambassadors
07:45-08:15	Arrival of the Guest of Honour: General (Rtd) Hon. Dr. C. D. G. N. Chiwenga, Vice President of Zimbabwe
	Group Photo: High-level Dignitaries with the Guest of Honour
08:15-08:30	Arrival of Guest of Honour and Singing of Anthems: Zimbabwe, Southern African Development Community (SADC), African Union (AU)
08:30-08:35	Welcome Remarks: Hon. Richard Moyo, Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe
08:35-08:45	Remarks: His Excellency Mr. Elias M. Magosi, Executive Secretary, SADC Secretariat
08:45-08:55	Entertainment Interlude
08:55-09:00	Introduction of the Guest of Honour: Hon. July G. Moyo, Minister of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe
09:00 -09:30	Official Opening of the Conference: Championing a Sustainable Energy Future: Zimbabwe's Commitment to Regional Energy Security Official Opening Remarks: General (Rtd) Hon. Dr. C. D. G. N. Chiwenga, Vice President of Zimbabwe
09:30-09:35	Presentation of Token of Appreciation to the Guest of Honour: Mr. Kudakwashe Ndhukula, Executive Director, SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE)
09:35-09:40	Handover of event hosting to Kingdom of Eswatini
09:40-09:45	Vote of thanks: Hon. Dr. Kgosientso Ramokgopa, Minister of Electricity and Energy, South Africa
09:45-09:50	Closing of Official Opening Session with Anthems: AU, SADC, Zimbabwe
END OF OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	
09:50-10:20	TEA BREAK
10:20 -10:50	Remarks by Key Partners: 1. H.E. Romana Königsbrun, Austrian Ambassador to South Africa, Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Ms. Nadia Taobane, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank Group, World Bank 3. Dr. Kevin Kariuki, Vice President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth (PEVP), African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
10:50-13:00	<p>Session 14: Ministerial High-level Policy Deliberations: Driving Policy Synergies for a Sustainable Energy Transition in the SADC Region</p> <p>Scene Setting: <i>Dr. George Ah Thew, Acting Director of Infrastructure, SADC Secretariat. Regional Energy Infrastructure Development in line with the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP 2020-2030) and the 2024 SADC SEW Outcomes</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Eng. Amos Marawa, Deputy Chief Secretary, Special Project & Infrastructure, Zimbabwe</i></p> <p>Ministers and Heads of Delegations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Hon. Bogolo Joy Kenewendo, Minister of Minerals & Energy, Botswana</i> 2. <i>HRH Prince Lonkhokhela, Minister of Natural Resources and Energy, Eswatini</i> 3. <i>Hon. Mhloimi Moleko, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister of Energy, Lesotho</i> 4. <i>Hon. Ny Ando Jurice RALITERA, Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons, Madagascar</i> 5. <i>Hon. Dr. Kgosientso Ramokgopa, Minister of Electricity and Energy, South Africa</i> 6. <i>Hon. Makozi Chikote, Minister of Energy, Zambia</i> 7. <i>Hon. July G. Moyo, Minister of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe</i> 8. <i>Hon. Salome Wycliffe Makamba, Deputy Minister for Energy, United Republic of Tanzania</i> 9. <i>Eng. Arlindo Bota Manuel Carlos, Secretary of State for Energy, Ministry of Energy and Water, Angola</i> 10. <i>Mr. Alfred Liboko Bin Gele, Secretary General, Ministry of Water Resources and Electricity, Democratic Republic of the Congo</i> 11. <i>Eng. Emmanuel Matapa, Secretary for Energy, Ministry of Energy and Mining, Malawi</i> 12. <i>Mr. Sunjay Summun, Acting Deputy General Manager, Central Electricity Board, Mauritius</i> 13. <i>Mr. António Eugénio Manda, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Mineral Resource and Energy, Mozambique</i> 14. <i>Mr. Moses Pakote, Executive Director, Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, Namibia</i> 15. <i>Mr. Andrew Jean-Louis, Chief Executive Officer, Seychelles Utilities Regulatory Commission, Seychelles</i> 16. <i>Dr. Kevin Kariuki, Vice President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth (PEVP), African Development Bank Group (AfDB)</i>
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
15:00-17:00	Rainforest Visit by VIPs and other Delegates (By invitation only) Courtesy of Cell Insurance
19:00-21:00	Cultural Dinner & Awards Ceremony (Cultural Dinner: Sponsored by Old Mutual Zimbabwe and supported by GET.transform; Awards: sponsored by JA Solar)
Day 4: Thursday, 26th February 2026	
All Day Exhibition: Exhibition Tent Business to Business Space: Gwayi Room Director of Proceedings: <i>Ms. Lindiwe Nyoni, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, ZERA and</i> <i>Mr. Hugo Ribatika, Chief Executive Officer, Africanminds Media Group</i>	
Time	Activity
08:30-09:00	Recap: Director of Proceedings Main Plenary: Kalala
09:00-09:30	Main Plenary: Kalala Session 15: Keynote Speakers & Scene-Setting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Dr. Kevin Kariuki, Vice President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth (PEVP), African Development Bank Group (AfDB)</i> 2. <i>Ms. Nadia Taobane, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank Group, World Bank</i>

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09:30-11:30	<p>Session 15A: National Energy Compacts and Energy Strategy-Progress Deliberations Main Plenary: Kalundu Moderator: Mr. Kudakwashe Ndhlukula, Executive Director, SACREEE SADC Ministers and Heads of Delegations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas, Angola 2. Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Democratic Republic of the Congo 3. Ministry of Energy and Hydrocarbons, Madagascar 4. Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy, Mozambique 5. Ministry of Energy, United Republic of Tanzania 	<p>Session 15B: National Energy Compacts and Energy Strategy - Progress Deliberations Main Plenary: Gwayi Moderator: Mr. Stephen Dihwa, Executive Director, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) SADC Ministers and Heads of Delegations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Botswana 2. Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy, Eswatini 3. Ministry of Natural Resources and Minister of Energy, Lesotho 4. Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Malawi 5. Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities, Mauritius 	<p>Session 15C: National Energy Compacts and Energy Strategy - Progress Deliberations Main Plenary: Kalala Moderator: Mr. Francois Robinson, Executive Director, Regional Energy Regulators Association (RERA) SADC Ministers and Heads of Delegations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, Namibia 2. Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Natural Resources, Seychelles 3. Ministry of Electricity and Energy, South Africa 4. Ministry of Energy, Zambia 5. Ministry of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe
11:30-12:00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK		
12:00-13:00	<p>Session 16: Official Closing Ceremony Pathways to a Sustainable Energy Future: Reflections, Commitments, and Next Steps Main Plenary: Kalala</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2026 SADC Sustainable Energy Week: Outcome Statement, Recommendations, and Takeaways: Mr. Moses Ntlamelle, Senior Programme Officer-Energy, SADC Secretariat 2. Wrap-up presentation and Announcement of the 2027 SADC Sustainable Energy Week: Mr. Kudakwashe Ndhlukula, Executive Director, SACREEE 3. Closing Speech: General (Rtd) Hon. Dr. C. D. G. N. Chiwenga, Vice President of Zimbabwe 4. Vote of Thanks: Hon. July G. Moyo, Minister of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe 		
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK		
Closed Meeting	<p>ACARA AgriPV Meeting (By invitation only) Room: Kalala Time: 14:00 - 15:30</p>		
Closed Meeting	<p>SOLTRAIN+ Project Steering Committee Meeting (By invitation only) Room: Kalundu Time: 14:30- 15:30</p>		
Closed Meeting	<p>Zambezi River Authority Meeting (By invitation only) Room: Gwayi Time: TBC</p>		
18:30-23:00	Energy Gala (sponsored by ZamProc) (By invitation only)		

Day 5: Friday, 27th February 2026**Director of Proceedings:***Ms. Lindiwe Nyoni, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, ZERA and**Mr. Hugo Ribatika, Chief Executive Officer, Africanminds Media Group*

Time	Activity
08:00-13:00	Session 17: Technical Tours/Site Visits: Innovative Practices and Technologies in Sustainable Energy: 1. <i>Palm Hospitality Group (Solar Thermal & Energy Efficiency)</i> <i>Facilitator: Prof. Samson Mhlanga, NUST- Zimbabwe, SOLTRAIN Project Leader, Zimbabwe</i> 2. <i>Lanforce Energy Biogas Project</i> <i>Facilitator: Ms. Judith Marera, Chief Executive Officer, Lanforce Energy Ltd, Zimbabwe</i>
Full Day	2026 SADC SEW Golf Tournament Tournament Patron: <i>Hon. Kembo C. D. Mohadi, Vice President of Zimbabwe</i> Venue: <i>Elephant Hills Hotel Golf Course</i>
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK: All Participants
Afternoon	Free to Explore Victoria Falls
Day 6: Saturday, 28th February 2026	
Whole day	Departure of Delegates: All Participants