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Agriculture Boom Lifts Zimbabwe Economy Past \$50 Billion

By Abel Karowangoro



Deputy Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Omphile Marupi hands over a television set to a beneficiary during a Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation pre-Independence roadshow in Maphisa yesterday, as Matobo District gears up to host the 46th Independence Day celebrations at Maphisa Stadium. Picture: InfoZW

A strong agricultural recovery has driven Zimbabwe's economy to a re-based nominal GDP of \$52.4 billion in 2025, a milestone that repositions the country as the largest economy in Southern Africa outside South Africa and marks a decisive shift in its growth trajectory.

Figures released by the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency show that the economy expanded on the back of a 24% surge in agricultural output, supported by gains in mining and manufacturing, confirming agriculture's central role in the country's recovery and broader macroeconomic stabilisation.

The revised data, following the first comprehensive economic census in over a decade, indicates that Zimbabwe's economy had long been significantly undercounted. GDP estimates have been adjusted upward to \$44.5 billion

for 2023 and \$45.7 billion for 2024, culminating in the 2025 projection, which reflects 6.6% real growth.

The economy recorded 8.1% growth in the first half of 2025, with second-quarter output rising 11% year-on-year.

The agricultural rebound, driven by improved productivity, favourable weather conditions and sustained Government support programmes, has anchored growth across sectors, reinforcing its position as the backbone of Zimbabwe's economic structure.

The rebasing has materially strengthened the country's fiscal outlook.

Treasury, led by George Guvamatanga, now operates with a debt-to-GDP ratio of 45%, significantly lower than the previously estimated 60%, while Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube confirmed that Gross National Income per capita has reached \$3,200, aligning

with the country's Vision 2030 upper-middle-income targets. International institutions have validated the revised figures.

The International Monetary Fund places Zimbabwe's 2025 GDP at \$53.3 billion, while the World Bank has confirmed the 6.6% growth outlook and projects continued expansion into 2026, noting that Zimbabwe is outpacing several regional peers.

The new data elevates Zimbabwe's regional standing, placing it ahead of economies such as Zambia, Mozambique and Botswana, and confirming its position among the top economies in eastern and southern Africa.

The census also captured previously underreported economic activity, particularly within the informal sector, which the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe estimates generates over \$14 billion annually. Thousands of enterprises,

many linked to agriculture and agro-processing, have now been incorporated into official statistics, providing a more accurate measure of national output.

This correction has significant policy implications. For years, fiscal planning and revenue targets were calibrated against a smaller economic base, limiting the scope of public investment.

The updated figures expand fiscal space, with revenue collections projected to reach \$7.9 billion in 2025. Economists note that increasing tax efficiency to regional averages could unlock hundreds of millions of dollars in additional resources without raising tax rates.

The improved economic profile also strengthens Zimbabwe's position in ongoing engagements with international creditors under the Structured Dialogue Platform, shifting the narrative from one of distress to one of restructuring within a growing economy.

The agricultural sector's performance has been central to this shift, providing both immediate growth and a foundation for wider industrial and export expansion.

Its recovery has coincided with broader macroeconomic stability, including a fiscal deficit below 0.5% of GDP and declining inflation expected to reach single digits by early 2026.

The revised GDP figures mark a turning point in how Zimbabwe's economy is measured and understood, aligning official data with on-the-ground activity and highlighting the scale of productive capacity across sectors.

Tourism Ministry Lauds Travel Agents' Role

Takudzwa Karowangoro



Travel agents have been described as the "heartbeat" of Zimbabwe's tourism industry for their role in connecting travellers to destinations and turning journeys into memorable experiences.

The Association of Zimbabwe Travel Agents held its 2026 Annual General Meeting at the Rainbow Towers Hotel in Harare, where members reaffirmed their commitment to improving service delivery and strengthening the representation of travellers across the tourism sector.

Speaking at the event, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Dr Takaruza Munyanyiwa, delivered the keynote address on behalf of Minister Hon Barbara Rwodzi. He praised the association for its continued leadership and contribution to the growth of Zimbabwe's tourism industry.

"Travel agents play a key role in promoting professionalism, expanding market access, and improving efficiency within the tourism value chain.

Their work helps position Zimbabwe as a competitive and attractive destination for both local and international tourists, he said.

He also highlighted that strong cooperation between government and travel industry players is essential for building a sustainable tourism sector that supports economic growth and job creation.

The meeting reaffirmed the association's commitment to service excellence and improving the overall travel experience for tourists visiting Zimbabwe's diverse attractions.

Amendment No. 3: ZANU PF Sets Record Straight

By Takudzwa Karowangoro

The ongoing Amendment No. 3 awareness campaign took centre stage during a recent ZANU PF Mashonaland West Provincial Inter-District meeting, where key constitutional proposals were explained to party members and the public.

Speaking at the meeting, ZANU PF Mashonaland West Women's League Secretary for Administration, Cde Maggie Chidarikire, outlined Clauses 18 and 19 of the proposed amendment, which focus on

changes to the country's governance structures.

The clauses propose the abolition of the Zimbabwe Gender Commission (ZGC), with its responsibilities set to be transferred to the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC).

"In simple terms, this means the functions currently handled by the ZGC will not be removed but will instead be absorbed into the broader mandate of the ZHRC, which already deals with the protec-



tion and promotion of human rights," she said.

Cde Maggie Chidarikire noted that the move is aimed at streamlining government institutions, reducing duplication of roles, and improving efficiency in service delivery. It is also expected to lower administrative costs by consolidating similar functions under one commission.

"Under the new arrangement, issues of gender equality and protection of rights will continue

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Chiefs Back Amendment Bill No. 3

By Takudzwa Karwangoro

National Chiefs Council has thrown its weight behind the proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 3 Bill, signaling strong traditional leadership support ahead of nationwide public hearings set to begin at the end of March.

The endorsement was made during a high-level council meeting in Bulawayo, where members, led by council president Chief Mtshane Khumalo, described the amendment as a significant step in the country's ongoing governance reforms.

Chiefs, who serve as custodians of culture and leaders of rural communities, occupy a critical position in Zimbabwe's governance framework. Their support is widely regarded as a reflection of grassroots sentiment, giving added weight to the reform process.

Speaking during the meeting, Chief Khumalo expressed the council's

general approval of the bill while acknowledging areas that require further refinement.

"As the National Chiefs Council, we support the amendment as part of strengthening our governance systems.

However, we have also identified certain concerns, particularly those affecting traditional leaders, which we will formally present during the public consultation process," he said.

The Constitutional Amendment No. 3 Bill forms part of broader efforts to refine Zimbabwe's legal and administrative structures.

While details of the proposed changes have sparked debate in various sectors, the involvement of traditional leaders is expected to play a key role in shaping the final outcome.

Public hearings on the bill are scheduled to run from March 30 to

April 2, providing citizens and stakeholders with an opportunity to contribute their views.

The chiefs' early endorsement comes at a pivotal moment, as the government intensifies its engagement with communities across the country.

Observers note that the participation of traditional leaders in the consultation process could help bridge the gap between policymakers and rural populations, ensuring that reforms are both inclusive and responsive to local realities.

As the hearings approach, attention is now turning to how the concerns raised by the chiefs, and other stakeholders, will influence the final form of the amendment, underscoring the importance of broad-based dialogue in Zimbabwe's legislative process.

ZRP Warn Public on Bogus Recruitment Notice

By Hurumende News Hub

The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) has warned the public about a fake recruitment notice circulating on social media.

In a statement, the police said the information is false and misleading, urging people to ignore any claims that there are new job openings for police officers.

The ZRP made it clear that it has not started any new recruitment process.

National police spokesperson, Paul Nyathi, said the circulating message is part of a growing trend of scams targeting job seekers. "The Zimbabwe Republic Police has not announced any recruit-

ment. Members of the public should disregard these false messages and avoid being misled," he said. Authorities explained that such fake messages are often used to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals, particularly those actively seeking employment.

Assistant Commissioner Nyathi further urged the public to rely only on verified communication channels.

"All official recruitment processes are communicated through recognised platforms, including mainstream media and our verified social media pages. We do not use third parties or agents," he added.

The ZRP also ad-

vised people interested in joining the police force to remain patient and wait for official announcements that clearly outline application procedures.

He warned against paying money to anyone claiming they can facilitate recruitment into the police force. "No one should pay any fees for recruitment. Anyone requesting payment is engaging in fraud," Nyathi said.

Members of the public who need more information or wish to report suspicious activities are encouraged to contact the National Complaints Desk on (024) 2703631 or WhatsApp 0712 800 197.



Suspect Arrested After Kadoma Robbery Attacks



By Hurumende News Hub

KADOMA - The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) has arrested a 24-year-old man, Obey Tafadzwa Sithole, in connection with a series of armed robberies that took place in Kadoma on 23 March 2026.

Police say the incidents occurred between 1800 and 2300 hours, during which the suspect and two accomplices who are still at large allegedly targeted nine different victims across the town.

The suspects are reported to have been armed with machetes, knives, and pepper spray. They allegedly attacked victims in separate incidents, stealing cash and valuables.

In one of the cases, the group is said to have robbed a motorist whose vehicle had broken down near the railway line in Damafalls. The victim lost cash and property worth approximately US\$2,700.

The Zimbabwe Republic Police confirmed that Sithole has since been arrested, while efforts are ongoing to locate his two accomplices. Police also recovered several stolen items, including seven mobile phones, which had reportedly been sold to individuals in Chegutu.

Investigations into the matter are continuing as authorities intensify efforts to curb violent crime in the area.

Zim Amplifies Youth Leadership at Africa Summit



By Takudzwa Karowangoro

Zimbabwe is stepping up its push for youth inclusion in governance, with Deputy Minister of Local Government and Public Works, Albert Mavunga, representing the country at a high-level summit hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa.

Running under the theme "Peace, Development and Inclusive Leadership: Youth as Policy and Action Drivers in Africa," the conference has drawn young leaders from across the continent to tackle pressing development issues.

Speaking to Hurumende News Hub on the sidelines of the conference, Hon. Mavunga underscored the importance of youth participation in governance.

"We cannot talk about sustainable development without fully involving young people. They are

not leaders of tomorrow, they are leaders now," he said.

Zimbabwe's delegation includes Junior Councilor and the Ministry's Youth Desk Coordinator, highlighting a growing emphasis on grassroots participation.

The team is contributing to discussions around the African Youth Charter and the role of local authorities in delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For the young delegates, the experience has been both eye-opening and empowering. One junior councillor described it as a turning point.

"Being here has shown us that our voices matter beyond our towns and cities. We can actually influence policies at a much bigger level."

Breakout sessions at the summit have focused on climate resili-

ence, digital transformation, and inclusive governance—key areas shaping Africa's future. These engagements have allowed participants to exchange ideas and explore practical solutions to shared challenges.

The exposure to continental frameworks such as Agenda 2063 has also broadened perspectives. The Ministry's Youth Desk Coordinator noted: "You begin to see the bigger picture, that what we do locally connects to Africa's long-term vision."

As the conference progresses, Zimbabwe's participation is sending a strong message: youth empowerment is no longer optional, it is essential.

Hon. Mavunga added: "If we want strong communities and a strong Africa, we must trust young people with responsibility and give them space to lead."

Zim Knocks on Security Council Door

By Everisto Zhuwao

The country has intensified its diplomatic offensive for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council, dispatching Foreign Affairs and International Trade Minister Amon Murwira to the Caribbean as a Special Envoy of President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

The high-stakes mission signals Harare's growing determination to position itself as a key voice in global governance as the race for the 2027-2028 term gathers momentum.

Professor Murwira visited Santo Domingo, where he engaged senior government officials in a strategic mission aimed at securing the Caribbean nation's vote for Zimbabwe's bid.

The outreach reflects Zimbabwe's efforts to build international backing across regions, particularly among Caribbean states whose collective support is often crucial in multilateral voting processes.

Speaking during the visit, Minister Murwira said that Zimbabwe is committed to deepening ties with the Dominican Republic beyond the immediate goal of securing votes.

"We are not merely asking for support at the United Nations; we are building a partnership grounded in mutual respect and shared aspirations," Murwira said.

"Zimbabwe sees the Caribbean as a natural ally in advancing the interests of the Global South."

While the Security Council campaign provided the immediate impetus for the visit, dis-



cussions between the two sides focused on a broader agenda aimed at strengthening long-term bilateral relations.

Key areas under negotiation include cooperation on peace and security, trade and tourism, and climate resilience, sectors where both nations face shared economic and environmental challenges.

Murwira is also advocating for deeper collaboration in education, science, and technology, fields he described as essential to sustainable development.

"Our cooperation must go beyond diplomacy. We want to see tangible benefits in trade, innovation, and capacity building," the Minister said.

"The Dominican Republic has made significant strides in tourism and infrastructure, and Zimbabwe has much to learn and share."

Zimbabwe's engagement with Caribbean states marks a deliberate strategic shift towards building cross-regional alliances, a move that could broaden its diplomatic influence and enhance its chances of success at the United

Nations.

By expanding its outreach beyond traditional partners in Africa and Asia, Harare is signalling a commitment to a more inclusive and diversified foreign policy approach, one that seeks to align with nations facing similar developmental and geopolitical realities.

The campaign for a non-permanent seat on the Security Council requires widespread support from United Nations member states, making such diplomatic missions essential.

Zimbabwe's push reflects its ambition to play a more active role in shaping international peace and security decisions, particularly on issues affecting Africa and the developing world.

The outcome of Murwira's mission to the Dominican Republic could prove pivotal.

"Zimbabwe is ready to take its rightful place at the table where decisions affecting global peace and security are made," Murwira said.

"We are not asking for charity. We are offering our voice, our experience, and our commitment to a just and equitable world order."

ZRP Destroys Illegal Drugs Worth Millions

By Takudzwa Karowangoro

The fight against drug abuse is entering a more aggressive phase, with the Zimbabwe Republic Police ramping up operations to dismantle networks, disrupt supply chains, and send a clear message to drug lords operating across the country.

In a striking show of force, police recently destroyed tonnes of confiscated drugs at incinerators at Sally Mugabe Central Hospital, marking one of the largest public disposals in recent years.

The move followed the conclusion of court cases in which offenders were convicted, ensuring the substances would never make their way back onto the streets.

The scale of the operation paints a stark picture of the drug problem.

Authorities confirmed the destruction of one tonne of marijuana, nearly 400 litres of illegal cough syrup, crystal meth, illicit alcohol, and banned skin-lightening creams.

But beyond the numbers lies a deeper strategy: visibility.

By publicly destroying the drugs, police are not only removing harmful substances from circulation they are sending a warning. The message is direct: Zimbabwe is no longer safe ground for drug syndicates.

Across the country, that message is being reinforced through coordinated raids and targeted arrests.

In the eastern district of Nyanga, police recently moved swiftly on a tip-off, uncovering an illegal marijuana plantation in Sahumani Village.



Hundreds of plants were uprooted and destroyed, while a suspect was arrested and is now assisting with investigations.

Operations like these highlight a critical shift in policing—one that leans heavily on community intelligence. Residents are increasingly becoming partners in the fight, reporting suspicious activities and helping authorities track down hidden drug operations.

The crackdown is also being felt in the courts.

In Epworth, a 30-year-old woman, Violet Kashiri, was sentenced to an effective three years in prison after being found in possession of nearly six kilograms of marijuana.

Her arrest followed

a targeted police operation, underscoring how law enforcement is tightening its net around both suppliers and distributors.

What is emerging is a coordinated national campaign, one that goes beyond isolated arrests.

The ZRP is steadily building pressure on drug networks, targeting every level of the chain, from cultivation and trafficking to street-level distribution.

Behind the scenes, authorities are also focusing on prevention, urging communities to remain vigilant.

Public cooperation, police say, is proving to be one of the most effective tools in exposing drug lords who often operate in secrecy.

Minister Mavetera Reflects on Transformative PAPU Chairmanship

By Abel Karowangoro

Zimbabwe has officially concluded its tenure as Chair of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) Plenipotentiary Conference, with the 11th Ordinary Session convening in Kampala, Uganda, to elect new leadership and adopt a continental strategy for the postal sector through 2030.

The Conference, held from March 25 to 27, 2026, at the Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa, brought together Ministers, Heads of Delegation, and senior officials from across Africa and beyond to chart the future of the continent's postal services.

Zimbabwe Reflects on a Transformative Tenure

In her opening address, Hon. Tatenda Anastacia Mavetera, Minister of ICT, Postal and Courier Services and outgoing Chairperson of the Plenipotentiary Conference, reflected on the four-year period since Zimbabwe assumed the chairmanship at the 10th Ordinary Session held in Victoria Falls in June 2021.

She described the tenure as "anything but ordinary," marked by unprecedented global disruption, rapid technological transformation, and institutional reform.

"It has been a period marked by unprecedented global disruption, rapid technological transformation, institutional reform and renewed strategic ambition," Minister Mavetera said.

"And through it all, we have stood together."

She paid tribute to the Republic of Uganda for accepting, at short notice, the responsibility of hosting the high-level Conference, describing the gesture as deeply symbolic.

"It speaks to Uganda's unwavering commitment to Pan-African cooperation, to institutional continuity and to the shared vision that binds us as a Union," she said.

"Uganda has once again demonstrated that when Africa is called upon, Africa rises, united, responsive and resolute."

Key Decisions on the Agenda

Over the course of the three-day session, delegates are expected to adopt several critical instruments that will shape the future of the continent's postal sector.

These include the African Postal Strategy 2026-2030, the Programme of Activities for the same period, quadrennial budget ceilings, and the renewal of the Union's leadership.

The Conference also features the Africa Ministerial Postal Dialogue,

a high-level strategic forum scheduled for March 26, where policymakers will discuss actionable policies, responsive legislation, and innovative strategies for the sector.

Minister Mavetera emphasised the importance of moving beyond aspirational goals to tangible outcomes.

"Our overarching objective must be clear: to translate ideas into impact and ensure that our deliberations yield tangible, transformative outcomes that improve the lives and livelihoods of the citizens we serve," she said.

Acknowledging Tanzania's Enduring Role

The outgoing Chair also paid tribute to the United Republic of Tanzania, which has hosted PAPU's headquarters since its founding on January 18, 1980.

"For over four decades, Tanzania has not only hosted our Union but also nurtured it into a vibrant platform where Africa's successive postal agendas have thrived," Minister Mavetera said.

"It has provided unwavering diplomatic support, facilitated institutional operations, extended material assistance and ensured that PAPU functions in an environment of stability, dignity and purpose."

She described the partnership as deeply symbolic of the spirit of African solidarity.

Praise for PAPU Leadership

Minister Mavetera commended the General Secretariat, led by Secretary General Dr Sifundo Moyo and Assistant Secretary General Ms Jessica Hope Ssengooba, for ensuring that Africa's voice is heard and respected on the global stage.

She noted their contributions during the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Extraordinary Congress in Riyadh in 2023 and the UPU Congress in Dubai in 2025, where Africa remained a cohesive, strategic and influential actor in shaping the future of the global postal ecosystem.

Navigating Global Challenges

Reflecting on the challenges that have defined her tenure, Minister Mavetera noted that Zimbabwe assumed the chairmanship during the COVID-19 pandemic—a crisis that disrupted economies and redefined social interaction but also spurred remarkable innovation in the postal sector.

She acknowledged that today, new challenges have emerged, including global geopo-

litical tensions, economic volatility, supply chain disruptions, and technological shifts.

"These dynamics have far-reaching implications for our sector — affecting everything from operational costs to service reliability and market competitiveness," she said.

She called on the sector to move beyond incremental change and embrace transformational thinking.

"Our sector must rise to the occasion. We must step up our game. We must move beyond incremental change and embrace transformational thinking," she said.

"We must leverage innovation, strengthen partnerships, deepen regional cooperation and build systems that are agile, inclusive and future-ready."

Handing Over the Mantle

As she prepared to hand over leadership to the incoming Chairperson and Bureau, Minister Mavetera reaffirmed her commitment to the Union's ideals and objectives.

"Though my tenure as Chairperson ends, my dedication to the ideals, objectives, and advancement of the Pan-African Postal Union remains steadfast," she said.

"In this regard, I stand ready, at all times, to avail my experience, insights and support to the incoming leadership whenever they call on me."

She thanked the African postal community for placing its confidence in Zimbabwe, describing it as a profound honour carried with humility and a deep sense of duty.

Minister Mavetera called on delegates to be guided by the enduring values that define Africa: solidarity, mutual respect, shared purpose, and the philosophy of Ubuntu—I am because we are.

"Let us therefore deliberate with wisdom, decide with courage and act with conviction," she said.

The 11th Ordinary Session of the PAPU Plenipotentiary Conference runs until March 27, after which the Union will have a new leadership structure and a clear roadmap for the next four years.





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Zimbabwe Retains Key PAPU Post After Chairmanship Handover

By Abel Karawangoro



The leadership of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) has been reaffirmed for another term, with delegates at the 11th Ordinary Plenipotentiary Conference re-electing Dr Sifundo Chief Moyo of Zimbabwe as Secretary General and Mrs Jessica Hope Ssenooba of Uganda as Assistant Secretary General.

The elections, held on the sidelines of the week-long conference in Kampala, saw Dr Moyo retain his position unopposed, while Mrs Ssenooba suc-

cessfully fended off a challenge from Senegal's Mr Bassirou Wade to secure her second term. The outcomes signal continued confidence in the incumbent leadership as the Union embarks on implementing its newly adopted African Postal Strategy 2026-2030.

Dr Moyo, who has served as Secretary General since his initial election, was returned to the post without opposition, a testament to the broad support his stewardship has commanded

across the continent.

His re-election comes on the back of a tenure that saw Africa assert a cohesive and influential voice at the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Extraordinary Congress in Riyadh in 2023 and the UPU Congress in Dubai in 2025. Under his leadership alongside Mrs Ssenooba, the General Secretariat has been credited with steering the Union through a period of institutional reform, strategic

Mrs Ssenooba's re-election was contested, with Senegal putting forward Mr Bassirou Wade as a challenger for the Assistant Secretary General position. However, the Ugandan diplomat secured sufficient support from member states to retain her post.

Her continued presence in the Union's leadership ensures institutional continuity as PAPU implements key decisions adopted during the current plenipotentiary session.

EDITORIAL

The 3-0 demolition of Botswana on Saturday night was more than just a comfortable victory in a regional tournament. It was a statement. Zimbabwe's senior men's national team finally looked clinical, confident, and hungry for goals – qualities that have been missing for far too long.

Coach Marian "Mario" Marinica might not be the darling of the terraces yet. He does not carry the emotional connection many fans crave, and his communication style has drawn criticism.

But results on the pitch cannot be ignored. In one evening, the Warriors scored three well-taken first-half goals, kept a clean sheet despite facing a penalty, and comfortably booked their place in the final of the Mukuru Four Nations Tournament.

What stands out most is the team's renewed ability to find the back of the net. Scoring goals was a persistent headache under the previous coach, Michael Nees.

Now, with contributions from debutant Mongameli Tshuma, McCauley Bonne, and Bill Antonio, the Warriors suddenly look dangerous in attack.

That alone is progress worth acknowledging. Of course, beating Botswana at home is not the same as defeating stronger regional powers or qualifying for major tournaments. Some will dismiss the result as "just a friendly tournament" or "only against Botswana."

But such criticism misses the bigger picture. In football, confidence is everything. A convincing win like this can restore belief among the players, silence some doubters, and

create positive momentum heading into tougher challenges. Constantly changing coaches has been one of Zimbabwean football's biggest problems.

Every new appointment brings a fresh tactical philosophy, new selections, and another period of adaptation. The result is often instability, confusion in the dressing room, and stalled development.

If we are serious about building a competitive national team, we must resist the temptation to sack coaches at the first sign of public discontent. Marinica is still in the early stages of his tenure.

He is using this tournament to test new players and build squad depth – a necessary process if the Warriors are to compete effectively in future qualifiers. Rome was not built in a day, and neither is a successful national football team.

The people's favourite tag is earned over time through consistent results and visible improvement. Marinica may not have it yet, but he has earned the right to be judged on more than one or two matches. Let him continue his work.

Let the team play more games under his guidance. Only then can we fairly assess whether he is the right man for the job. For now, credit where it is due.

Well done to the Warriors for a professional and clinical performance. If Marinica can maintain this level of organisation, attacking threat, and defensive solidity, Zimbabwean football may finally be turning a corner. Patience is not always popular, but in football development, it is often es-



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New Song Blends Tradition with Sir Wicknell-Style Opulence



By Everisto Zhuwao

Zimdancehall artist Crystal Rich has released a new Afrobeats single titled "Peperereke," which draws heavy inspiration from the opulent lifestyle of businessman Wicknell Chivayo.

The track marks a significant shift in the artist's creative direction following weeks of public controversy, with Crystal Rich pivoting toward themes of high-end romance and extreme wealth in his latest musical offering.

In the new song, the artist describes a vision of global travel with a newly wedded wife while drawing direct parallels to the public life of Wicknell and Lulu Chivhayo.

The lyrics specifically mention paying a bride price so substantial that it would allow his future in-laws to purchase their own private jet—a blend of traditional cultural practices like lobola with modern aspirations of private aviation.

"I wanted to paint a picture of the kind of love that knows no limits," Crystal Rich said.

"When you see Wicknell and Lulu, you see a couple who move freely, who travel, who enjoy the finest things. That is the energy I wanted to capture."

High-Budget Visuals at Charles Prince Airport

To complement the audio release, Crystal Rich launched a

high-budget music video powered by Desert Music, filmed on location at Charles Prince Airport.

The visuals feature the artist playing the role of a wealthy husband traveling the world and spending freely in high-fashion settings, scenes intended to showcase a pinnacle of success and financial freedom that resonates with the dreams of many young Zimbabweans.

"The video was about bringing that dream to life," he explained.

"I want my fans to see it and say, 'If he can do it, I can too.' It's about aspiration."

A Tribute to the Chivhayos

Crystal Rich told Hurumende News Hub that the song and video are intentional tributes to the standard of living displayed by the Chivhayos.

He noted that many couples aspire to the level of comfort and luxury that the pair frequently shares on social media.

"I look at how they live, how they celebrate their love, and I think, this is what many people want for themselves," the artist said.

"It's not about copying. It's about recognizing excellence and using it as inspiration."

While he dismissed claims that the song was a tactical move to solicit a gift from the philanthropist, he admitted he

would welcome such an opportunity.

"If Sir Wicknell hears the song and decides to bless me, who am I to say no?" he said with a laugh.

"But that was never the intention. The intention was to create art that speaks to where we want to go as a people."

Inspiring a Generation

The artist said that the "jet life" represents a level of achievement he wanted to capture through his music to inspire his audience.

By focusing on grand romantic gestures and wealth, "Peperereke" aims to provide a soundtrack for those who share similar aspirations of success.

"We dream big in Zimbabwe," Crystal Rich said.

"This song is for everyone who wants to give their partner the world. It's for the young man who wants to pay lobola that makes headlines.

It's for the couple that wants to honeymoon in Paris. That dream is valid."

Gaining Traction
The single is currently gaining traction as listeners react to its bold themes of luxury and ambition.

While some have drawn comparisons to the artist's earlier controversies, others have praised the track for its polished production and aspirational message.

Zimbabwe Civil Servants to Get Salary Increase from April 2026



Zimbabwe's civil servants are set to receive a salary increase effective 1 April 2026, following a government-led job evaluation exercise aimed at aligning pay with roles and responsibilities across the public sector.

The announcement was made by Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Edgar Moyo, during a media briefing in Bulawayo on Friday.

He described the adjustment as part of the government's ongoing efforts to improve the welfare of its workforce, although specific salary figures were not disclosed.

Negotiations Behind the Adjustment

The new salary structure stems from deliberations held by the

National Joint Negotiating Council (NJNC), which convened on 26 March 2026 at Kaguvi Building in Harare.

The NJNC serves as a platform for collective bargaining between the government and civil service unions, focusing on salaries, allowances, and working conditions for public employees.

Unions Accept Offer Amid Economic Pressures

Cecilia Alexander confirmed that civil service unions accepted the government's offer after consultations, citing the urgent need to provide relief to workers facing tough economic conditions.

Speaking to state media on 27 March, she noted that while full details remain undisclosed, the

agreement includes maintaining the US\$320 component of salaries.

"The government tabled a remuneration offer informed by the outcomes of the job evaluation process," she said.

"After deliberations, we resolved to accept the offer in light of the immediate need to support workers under the current economic environment."

She added that the remaining portion of salaries will be paid in Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG) and indexed to the prevailing exchange rate. Public sector employees will receive details of their updated salaries through official communication channels.

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to be addressed, but within a single, expanded institution rather than separate bodies," Cde Chidarikire said.

Despite these concerns, speakers at the meeting emphasised that the core mandate of protecting gender rights remains intact, with only the institutional struc-

ture being reformed.

The awareness campaign continues as government and party officials seek to educate citizens on the contents and implications of Amendment

No. 3, urging the public to rely on factual information rather than misinformation.

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Zimbabwe Looks to China: Cooperative Politics to Drive National Development

...With 107 Parties, ZANUPF Can Mirror China's CPC Model for Inclusive Governance

By Abel Karowangoro

Zimbabwe is at a historic crossroads. The Constitutional Amendment No. 3 Bill, now moving through public hearings in Parliament, is not just a legislative exercise, it is a practical test of the country's democratic maturity.

By embedding public consultation, structured engagement, and institutional refinement into the process, Zimbabwe is demonstrating that it can learn from global examples while shaping a governance model suited to its own context.

Following a Proven Model: China's Multi-Party Cooperation

China offers a clear illustration of how cooperative governance can drive national development.

The Chinese system, formally known as the multi-party cooperation and political consultation system under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), brings together the CPC and eight other political parties, known as democratic parties.

These parties are not opposition forces; they collaborate to contribute expertise, provide oversight, and ensure that policies reflect the needs of society.

This system allows China to avoid the pitfalls of partisan gridlock, maintain long-term strategic planning, and implement complex initiatives, such as poverty alleviation, infrastructure development, and environmental protection, through collective decision-making.

The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) acts as a bridge between government, parties, and society, facilitating dialogue and ensuring that diverse perspectives are included in policymaking.

Zimbabwe's Unique Opportunity: Over 107 Political Parties

Zimbabwe, like China, has the potential to build a cooperative political system. Unlike China's eight political parties, Zimbabwe has more than 107 registered political parties, many of which remain largely outside direct governance processes.

Amendment No. 3 offers a framework through which ZANUPF, as the ruling party, can work collaboratively with these parties to strengthen governance, improve institutional efficiency, and focus on national development.

The Bill's movement into



public consultation is crucial.

By opening parliamentary hearings to citizens, youth organizations, civic bodies, and opposition parties, Zimbabwe is creating an inclusive platform for dialogue.

Traditional leaders, ZANUPF's provincial and district structures, and national committees are all actively involved, ensuring that the reform process is grounded in local realities while maintaining strategic coherence.

This mirrors China's consultative approach, where inputs from multiple stakeholders inform policy decisions without creating political instability.

Institutional Strengthening Through Consultation

One of the key goals of Amendment No. 3 is to enhance governance structures rather than disrupt them. Provisions such as extending electoral cycles, parliamentary election of the President, and reforms to the voters' roll are aimed at improving institutional functionality.

ZANUPF leaders argue that these measures will allow governments the time and political space to implement policies, build infrastructure, and deliver tangible results for citizens.

The Bill also addresses duplication in human rights institutions, gender rights protection, and the inclusion of appointed senators to bring specialized expertise into governance.

These proposals are framed not as tools of political capture but as mechanisms to ensure that governance is efficient, inclusive, and responsive.

In doing so, Zimbabwe is

demonstrating a pragmatic, consultative approach similar to China's model, which balances expertise, representation, and long-term planning.

Democracy Beyond Elections

Critics of Amendment No. 3 often focus on the idea that presidential election by Parliament could weaken the direct relationship between citizens and the executive.

However, proponents emphasize that democracy is not exhausted by mass voting alone.

Article 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that citizens have the right to participate "directly or through freely chosen representatives."

Since members of Parliament are freely elected representatives, a President chosen by Parliament still reflects the will of the people.

This principle resonates with the Chinese experience, where leadership is selected through consultation among parties and representative bodies, rather than through direct mass elections.

By emphasizing institutional legitimacy and representative consultation, Zimbabwe is laying the groundwork for a system that prioritizes effective governance over populist politics.

Youth and Public Engagement: Essential for Success

Zimbabwe's Amendment No. 3 process actively involves young people through ZANUPF youth structures, civic organizations, and community engagement initiatives.

In China, youth participation is promoted through the



Communist Youth League and youth-focused CPPCC subgroups, which ensure that emerging generations contribute ideas and perspectives to policymaking. Zimbabwe's approach similarly empowers young citizens to engage in consultations, fostering political literacy and encouraging active participation in governance reform.

Stability, Efficiency, and Development

Amendment No. 3 is framed as a refinement rather than a rupture.

Proponents argue that democratic legitimacy is not only about holding frequent elections but also about structuring institutions to deliver stability, coherence, and development.

Extending electoral cycles and enabling parliamentary presidential selection ensures governments are judged on performance rather than slogans, reducing political volatility and promoting long-term planning.

Similarly, reforms to parliamentary processes, the voters' roll, and appointed senators are designed to bring expertise, efficiency, and representation into governance.

These measures demonstrate that Zimbabwe is following a path where democracy is functional, not just theoretical—a principle that China has successfully applied for decades through its consultative, multi-party governance model.

Constitutional Reform as a Democratic Exercise

Amendment No. 3 emphasizes that constitutional change is part of the natural evolution of governance, not a betrayal of democratic principles.

The 2013 Constitution was a negotiated compromise, and this amendment represents refinement to ensure that the country's democratic institutions remain effective and aligned with national development goals.

President Mnangagwa has repeatedly stressed that reform is fidelity to the people's will and an evolution of governance structures to meet current realities.

Public consultation, youth engagement, and cross-party dialogue are central to this process.

By drawing lessons from China's experience, Zimbabwe is demonstrating that inclusive governance, cooperative party structures, and consultative reform can strengthen democracy while promoting national development.

Zimbabwe's constitutional journey under Amendment No. 3 illustrates a commitment to learning from global

Entertainment

“This Is My Stage” – Etherton Beenie Sends Strong



The warning shots have already been fired—and they’re loud.

In the now-circulating video, Etherton Beenie doesn’t hold back. With confidence and authority, he steps into the spotlight and sends a direct message to Godfather Templeman: this is not just a clash—it’s a lesson. A statement. A takeover. (YouTube)

From the tone alone, you can feel it—this is personal.

Beenie speaks like a man who has already visualised victory. There’s no hesitation in his delivery, no second-guessing. His words cut through with intent, suggesting

that when May comes, Templeman won’t just be challenged—he’ll be schooled. (YouTube)

But if there’s one thing the Zim dancehall scene knows, it’s this: Godfather Templeman never backs down.

The response has been just as intense. Clips and reactions have been flying across social media, showing Templeman matching energy with energy. This is no one-sided war. It’s a full-blown lyrical confrontation, with both camps digging in and preparing for impact.

And now, the narrative is bigger than the two DJs.

The streets are talking. The fans are choosing sides. The culture is watching closely.

What makes this clash different is the buildup—it hasn’t been quiet. It hasn’t been controlled. It’s been raw, public, and relentless. Every video, every freestyle, every jab has added fuel to a fire that is now impossible to ignore.

By the time the two step onto that stage, the outcome won’t just be about performance.

It will be about who backed up their words.

Because in a clash like this, talking is easy.

Proving it—that’s everything.

No Fear, No Pressure – Templeman Steps Up for UK Cup



If Etherton Beenie fired the first warning shot, then Godfather Templeman just answered with a full response—and it’s heavy.

In the circulating clip, Godfather Templeman steps in with composure and controlled aggression, making it clear he’s not here to be intimidated. Where Beenie came with bold declarations, Templeman responds with calculated confidence—less talk, more authority.

His message is simple: he’s ready. There’s no sign of pressure in his delivery. Instead, Templeman leans on experience, reminding everyone why his name carries weight

in the Zim dancehall scene. It’s not just about hype for him—it’s about legacy, control, and proving that when it matters most, he delivers.

What makes this response powerful is the tone. It doesn’t feel rushed or emotional—it feels strategic. Like a man who understands the stage, the moment, and exactly what needs to be done when the clash finally happens.

Meanwhile, Etherton Beenie remains equally locked in. His earlier statements still echo across the culture, setting the tone for what many are calling one of the biggest dancehall clashes Zimbabwe has

seen in recent years.

Now, with both sides having spoken, the buildup has reached another level.

From ZiFM Stereo to Star FM, from viral clips to street debates—this is no longer just promotion. It’s a full-blown rivalry unfolding in real time.

And as May approaches, one thing is undeniable:

This is more than a clash of DJs.

It’s a clash of egos.

A clash of styles.

A clash of reputations.

When the stage lights come on, there will be no more talking.

Only one question will remain—who actually runs the sound?

Reginae Carter Reflects on Growing Up Around Lil Wayne’s Relationships

By Hurumende Entertainment Desk



Reginae Carter has shared a personal look into what it was like growing up as the daughter of rap icon Lil Wayne, revealing how his relationships influenced her childhood in unexpected ways.

Speaking during a recent episode of the Heir Time podcast with Toie Ashanti, Reginae opened up about what it was like being around her father’s partners while growing up—offering a rare glimpse into life behind the celebrity spotlight.

‘I Just Looked Up to Them’

The conversation explored whether children of celebrities form emotional connections with their parents’ significant others. For Reginae, those connections were not only real but also deeply formative.

“I just looked up to them,” she said, reflecting on the women her father dated.

“I was so interested in what they had going on.”

Rather than viewing the revolving door of relationships as disruptive,

Reginae described how

she often admired the women in her father’s life, with some becoming style and personality influences during her younger years.

A Special Fondness for Nivea

She recalled being especially fond of singer Nivea, who was in an on-and-off relationship with Lil Wayne that included an engagement and the birth of their son.

“I was so obsessed with Nivea,” Reginae admitted. “I literally asked my dad, ‘Can Nivea come to my party?’ I wanted to be like her.”

She recounted trying to emulate Nivea’s look, a testament to the impact the R&B singer had on the young Reginae.

Appreciating Trina and Solange

Reginae also spoke positively about other well-known figures linked to her father, including rapper Trina and singer Solange Knowles.

“I loved Trina. I loved Solange,” she said. “I appreciated all of them in different ways.”

Lil Wayne’s connection with Trina dates back to the mid-2000s,

while his bond with Solange has been described by the singer herself as a friendship rather than a romantic relationship. Regardless of labels, Reginae’s appreciation for each woman was clear.

‘It Was Just Dope’

Rather than focusing on controversy, Reginae framed the experiences as meaningful moments from her upbringing.

Her reflections suggest that exposure to different personalities within her father’s life helped shape her interests and perspective.

“Seeing different women, different personalities—it was just dope to me,” she said.

Her comments offer a rare insight into how celebrity relationships can affect family life behind the scenes, showing a more personal and relatable side to the experiences of children raised in the spotlight.

For Reginae, the women who passed through her father’s world were more than headlines, they were figures who left lasting impressions on a young girl finding her own way.

models while respecting local context.

China's system shows that multi-party consultation, expert participation, and inclusive policymaking can yield stability,

long-term planning, and tangible societal progress. Zimbabwe, with its more than 107 political parties and active ZANUPF leadership structures, has the institutional capacity to replicate these principles.

The process shows that democracy is more than elections and slogans. It is consultation, inclusion, efficiency, and the ability to adapt governance structures to meet the nation's developmental aspirations. Zimbabwe's journey toward Amendment No. 3 reflects

a deliberate, measured, and pragmatic approach to governance, grounded in participation, expertise, and public scrutiny.

If successfully implemented, the amendment could mark a new era of cooperative governance in Zimbabwe, demonstrating that political plurality, structured consultation, and institutional reform are not only compatible with democracy but essential to its endurance and effectiveness.

By studying the Chinese model, adapting its consultative mechanisms, and engaging over 107 political parties, Zimbabwe is showing the continent a credible path for inclusive, results-oriented governance.



China's Robot Wolves Swarm Simulated Urban Battlefields



Chinese state broadcaster CCTV has released footage from its new documentary series Unmanned Competition, showcasing the latest generation of "robot wolves" conducting simulated urban combat operations.

Developed by the Automation Research Institute under China South Industries Group Corporation (CSGC), these quadrupedal machines represent a major evolution from earlier "robot dog" prototypes into coordinated, role-specialized swarms designed for high-risk environments.

From Solo Units to Intelligent Wolf Packs

Earlier legged robots primarily served as support tools for soldiers.

The new-generation system, however, operates as a coordinated "wolf pack," connected through a shared sensor network that functions as a collective brain. This network enables real-time information sharing, autonomous collaboration, and joint decision-making, all under human supervision.

Each robot in the pack has specialized roles:

Shadow – reconnaissance and scouting

Bloody (or Bloodbath) – direct attacks, equipped with micro-missiles and grenade launchers

Polar – logistics and supply support

These machines have significantly enhanced mobility, with articulated joints allowing speeds up to 15 km/h, the ability to navigate complex urban ruins and sandy terrain, and the capacity to leap over obstacles up to 30 cm. Each can carry payloads up

to 25 kg, supporting a range of weapons for fire suppression and precision strikes.

Simulated Urban Warfare Demonstration

The footage highlights a simulated urban clearing operation where the robot wolves advance in coordinated formation.

They autonomously map the battlefield, identify and prioritize targets, and integrate seamlessly with aerial drones for enhanced situational awareness and joint strikes.

The demonstration emphasizes their potential to enter hazardous zones first—conducting reconnaissance, drawing enemy fire, and executing attacks—dramatically reducing risks to human soldiers.

Experts cited in Chinese media describe the systems as having "stronger bodies, smarter brains, and more combat-ready capabilities."

One military commentator noted that unmanned platforms like these can boost real-time battlefield awareness, increase operational flexibility, and create psychological deterrence in dense urban or coastal environments.

Ties to the PLA and Strategic Context

The robot wolves have been linked to training exercises involving the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Eastern Theater Command, which oversees operations in the Taiwan Strait.

Earlier footage from 2025 showed similar quadrupedal units participating in human-drone collaborative drills alongside infantry equipped with

QBZ-191 rifles.

This latest reveal comes amid China's broader push into unmanned and AI-enabled systems.

The Unmanned Competition series explores developments in robotics, autonomous platforms, and swarm tactics, positioning them as central to future "intelligentised" warfare.

A Glimpse into the Global Robotics Race

While the footage is impressive, real-world combat deployment of these armed swarms has not been publicly confirmed.

Analysts view the demonstration as both a technological showcase and a strategic signal, highlighting China's rapid progress in quadrupedal robotics for military applications.

The development mirrors a global trend: countries around the world are investing heavily in legged robots, drone swarms, and AI-driven autonomous systems to reshape ground warfare.

China's robot wolves stand out for their emphasis on pack intelligence and modular weaponisation in urban settings, environments expected to dominate future conflicts.

As these systems evolve, questions around ethics, autonomous targeting rules, and escalation risks in AI-augmented battlefields will intensify. For now, the wolf pack's simulated howl serves as a vivid reminder that the future of warfare is arriving faster than many anticipated.

SPORTS NEWS

Warriors Run Riot: 3-0 Demolition of Botswana



By Next Level Sport

Zimbabwe's senior men's national football team delivered a dominant performance on Saturday evening, thrashing host Botswana 3-0 at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium to kick off their Mukuru Four Nations Tournament campaign in style and book a place in the final.

The Warriors were clinical in the first half, firing three unanswered goals to silence the home crowd before controlling proceedings after the break.

Goalkeeper Elvis Chipezeze capped a solid display by saving a second-half penalty to preserve a clean sheet. Highlanders star Mongameli Tshuma stole the headlines on his debut for the national

team, opening the scoring in the 24th minute with a composed finish that marked a dream start in Warriors colours.

Zimbabwe doubled their lead eight minutes later through McCauley Bonne, who capitalised on slick interplay involving Bill Antonio.

The relentless pressure paid off again on the stroke of half-time when Bill Antonio himself found the net in the 45th minute, making it 3-0 and putting the game firmly beyond Botswana's reach.

In the second half, coach Marian Marinica rang the changes early, introducing Daniel Msendami in the 47th minute as he contin-

ued his squad rotation policy.

Despite Botswana earning a penalty in the 66th minute, Chipezeze produced a crucial save to deny the hosts any consolation.

The victory sets up an exciting final clash against Zambia, who advanced after edging Malawi 9-8 in a dramatic penalty shootout.

Marinica is using the tournament as a vital platform to assess new talent and build squad depth ahead of Zimbabwe's upcoming competitive fixtures.

The Warriors' commanding win not only sends a strong message to their regional rivals but also boosts confidence as they prepare for the final on Tuesday.



Strong Start For Early Pace Setters In MCM Estates NRSL Opener

By Varaidzo Matope

The 2026 MCM Estates Northern Region Soccer League season got underway with an action-packed Matchday 1, as several teams laid down early markers in the race for promotion while others were left with work to do.

Harare City FC opened the campaign on a high note with a convincing 2-0 victory over CP Chemicals FC on Friday, immediately positioning themselves among the early contenders.

The momentum carried into Saturday, where a series of tightly contested fixtures highlighted both attacking intent and defensive discipline across the league.

PAM FC were among the standout performers, securing a solid 2-0 win over MWOS U19, while Black Rhinos FC matched that scoreline with an equally impressive victory against Cranborne Bullets FC.

Narrow 1-0 wins were recorded by High Range FC (against Karoi United FC), Shamva Mine FC (over Batanai FC), Chegutu Pirates FC (against Golden Eagles FC), Jumbo Giants FC (over G&T Mining FC), and Ngezi Stars U19, who edged Banket United FC.

Elsewhere, three matches ended in stalemate, with FC Oden drawing 0-0 against Rangers FC, Zambezi G&C FC held by Black Mambas FC, and Mare-

re FC sharing the spoils with Chingwere FC.

After the opening round, Black Rhinos FC, Harare City FC, and PAM FC sit at the summit of the log standings, all tied on three points with a superior goal difference of +2, giving them an early edge in the title race.

They are closely followed by a cluster of teams on three points, including Chegutu Pirates FC, High Range FC, Jumbo Giants FC, Ngezi Stars U19, and Shamva Mine FC, all of whom secured narrow but crucial wins.

In mid-table, sides such as Black Mambas FC, Chingwere FC, Rangers FC, FC Oden, Marere FC, and Zambezi G&C FC each picked up a point after their draws, keeping them within touching distance of the early leaders.

At the bottom end, CP Chemicals FC, Cranborne Bullets FC, and MWOS U19 find themselves under early pressure after suffering defeats without scoring, leaving them with a negative goal difference and zero points after Matchday 1.

While it is still early days in the season, the opening round has already provided a glimpse into the competitive nature of the league, with dominant wins, narrow margins, and disciplined defensive displays shaping the initial standings.

Zim Karate Team Bags 10 Medals



By Next Level Sport

Zimbabwe's young karate talents lit up the City Sports Centre as the country proudly hosted the inaugural Karate One Youth League on African soil, with local athletes securing an impressive collection of silver and bronze medals against stiff international competition.

The landmark event, held from March 26 to 28, 2026, marked the first time the prestigious World Karate Federation (WKF) Youth League tournament was staged on the African continent.

It attracted over 200 young athletes from 35 countries, providing a major platform for emerging karatekas to gain international exposure and ranking points.

Zimbabwe's contingent stood out with strong performances, particularly in the Under-14 and junior categories.

The nation's young stars earned three silver medals and several bronze medals, showcasing the growing depth of karate talent in the country. Zimbabwe's

Medal Winners: Silver Medallists
 •Shayne Manyathela - Under 14 years, Under 45kg Kumite
 •Bradley Kagoro - Boys Under 14 years Kata
 •Elizabeth Maganga - Girls Under 14 years Kata
 Bronze Medallists
 •Charity Moyo - -52kg Kumite
 •Nicole Sibanda - Girls Under 14 years Kumite -52kg
 •Shassmeen Yalabi - Girls Under 14 years Kata
 •Maita Musavaya - Cadet Boys Kumite 70kg
 •Tapiwa Dawanyi - Under 14 Boys +45kg Kumite
 •Makanaka Mulo - Junior Girls Kata
 •Zvikomborero Moyo - Boys Under 14 years Kumite -45kg

Additional strong showings came from Trinity Kotsi (Junior Boys Kumite -68kg) and others who competed with determination on the big stage.

Cllr Stanley Manase Manyenga, representing the Mayor and

Chairperson of the Sports Committee, officially opened the tournament and hailed the event as a major success.

He emphasised that such competitions align perfectly with Harare City Council's sports development policy, led by His Worship the Mayor Cllr Jacob Mafume.

"Events like these put Harare on the global sports map and provide opportunities for our young athletes to shine," said Cllr Manyenga.

The tournament served as both a celebration of youth development and a stepping stone toward higher-level WKF competitions.

Zimbabwe's solid medal tally, especially the three silvers against top talent from around the world, has boosted national pride and highlighted the potential of the country's young karatekas.