

ZIMBABWE CABINET
THIRD POST-CABINET PRESS BRIEFING
24TH FEBRUARY, 2026

Today, the 24th February 2026, His Excellency the President, Dr. E.D. Mnangagwa chaired the Third Cabinet Meeting and the following issues, among others, were considered and approved:

1.0 NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR CHILDREN IV:
2026-2030

Cabinet considered and approved the National Action Plan for Children IV: 2026-2030.

Under the Second Republic, Government of Zimbabwe is committed to protecting children's rights and ensuring they enjoy a dignified childhood through the development of National Action Plans. The current Plan aims to improve children's well-being by employing evidence-based methods and fostering multi-sectoral collaboration. Its goals include enhancing access to quality services, strengthening protection mechanisms, increasing

community capacity, reducing child labour and ensuring effective policy enforcement.

The Plan addresses emerging challenges such as child labour, poverty, and online violence, targeting vulnerable groups including orphans and girls who face the risk of child marriage. The Plan aligns with national, regional and international frameworks, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and Zimbabwe's legal statutes. Additionally, the Plan will be linked to the local child protection policies and legislation.

The Plan is structured around five pillars, namely: Improved Access to Inclusive Basic Social Services; Ending Violence Against Children; Family and Community Capacity Strengthening; Elimination of Child Labour; and Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building. The Plan sets specific outcomes aimed at increasing access to services, reducing harm, empowering families, eradicating child labour and enhancing enforcement. Cross-cutting issues encompassing gender, disability, and climate change are also integrated across all pillars. The Plan is supported by a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Framework to ensure

oversight and stakeholder engagement, along with an advocacy strategy utilising media, community outreach, and public events for information dissemination.

2.0 IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Cabinet considered and approved the Implementation Mechanisms for Rural Development Initiatives.

As the Second Republic accelerates socio-economic transformation, implementation mechanisms have been designed for rural development initiatives to facilitate comprehensive and inclusive updates from all relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies involved in rural development and industrialisation. Eleven critical enablers for agriculture-led rural development and industrialisation have been identified for tracking, namely: Capacity Building; Finance; Water; Energy; Markets; Infrastructure; Transport; Governance; Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Information Communication Technology.

To ensure effective implementation, emphasis will be on strengthening the operations of NDS 2 Thematic Committees, which will meet regularly to produce evidence-based progress reports on rural development and industrialisation efforts. The relevant reports will be consolidated for presentation to Cabinet.

With the view to ensuring results-oriented operations, Cabinet has directed establishment of programmes that promote community-led production initiatives to improve livelihoods, guided by prioritised approaches addressing rural challenges. These initiatives will align with NDS 2 and ultimately Vision 2030 aspirations, and will be supported by the introduction of a Livelihoods Upliftment Tracker to monitor and evaluate progress.

3.0 UPDATE ON THE HOSTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TOURISM HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN VICTORIA FALLS: 27TH APRIL TO 2ND MAY, 2026

Cabinet also received and approved a Report on the hosting of the forthcoming United Nations Tourism High-Level Meetings in Zimbabwe as presented by the Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry.

Cabinet advises that Zimbabwe will host major United Nations Tourism events scheduled to run back-to-back at the Elephant Hills Resort in Victoria Falls from 27th April to 1st May, 2026. The high-profile meetings are as follows:

- a) the 23rd United Nations Tourism Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS), running from 27th to 28th April 2026;
- b) the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability-linked Pilot Capacity-Building Workshop, to be hosted from 28th to 29th April 2026, in preparation for the International Year of Resilient and Sustainable Tourism 2027; and
- c) the 2nd United Nations Tourism Regional Congress on Women Empowerment in Tourism in Africa, running from 29th April to 1st May, 2026.

Hosting these meetings represents a strategic milestone for Zimbabwe in the journey towards hosting the International Year of Resilient and Sustainable Tourism in 2027, an honour that underscores the country's political and diplomatic profile within the global tourism governance space. The mega events will position the country as a top leader in the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE Tourism) while the

participation of global tourism leaders, policymakers, development partners, sustainability experts and academia will reinforce Zimbabwe's commitment to sustainable and resilient tourism development practices through alignment with the United Nations Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

4.0 REPORT ON THE CANCER MANAGEMENT BENCHMARKING VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA: 30TH NOVEMBER TO 7TH DECEMBER, 2025

Cabinet received and approved another Report on the Cancer Management Benchmarking Visit to the Republic of Kenya by a delegation led by Permanent Secretary in Honourable Vice President K.C.D. Mohadi's Office.

The high-level delegation that visited Kenya from 30th November to 7th December 2025 gained invaluable insights on cancer governance and coordination; health financing and universal coverage; research, surveillance, and digital health; radiation regulation; medicines and technologies; health workforce development; and supply chain and equipment maintenance. The

insights will provide prospects for enhanced research and development; cancer financing and strengthened bilateral cooperation on institutional realignment of cancer management; the twinning of oncology institutions; and joint capacity-building initiatives.

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