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**OFFICIAL PATRONAGE
INNOVATION AFRICA 2027, HARARE, ZIMBABWE:
6 – 8 APRIL 2027**

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, I am pleased to confirm official patronage for **Innovation Africa 2027**, to be hosted in **Harare, Zimbabwe, from 6 – 8 April 2027**.

Innovation Africa 2027 will be hosted under the leadership of the **Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology**, with the full endorsement and involvement of the **Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education** and the **Ministry of ICT, Postal and Courier Services**. This confirms the united commitment of the Government of Zimbabwe to hosting a landmark

Pan-African summit focused on education, higher education, ICT innovation, skills development and the future of learning across the continent.

The Government of Zimbabwe recognises Innovation Africa as one of the continent's leading platforms for education, higher education, ICT innovation and skills development. Hosting Innovation Africa 2027 will demonstrate our commitment to educational and digital transformation, vocational and technical skills, teacher development, curriculum reform, and the implementation of new technologies in education. It will also provide an essential opportunity to engage African governments and the private sector in practical dialogue on how innovation can improve outcomes and better prepare young Africans for the demands of the 21st century.

Zimbabwe's decision to host Innovation Africa 2027 is closely aligned with our national development priorities, including Vision 2030 and the National Development Strategy. Through collaboration, knowledge sharing, the strengthening of innovation ecosystems and the promotion of industry partnerships, we believe that practical lessons from our transformation agenda can contribute to a broader Pan-African conversation to the benefit of all African nations.

Innovation Africa 2027 is thus a strategic platform for African governments to exchange experience, showcase progress and build new partnerships around the central theme of **Innovation in Education**. The summit will bring together ministers and senior officials from across Africa with leading international and African companies active in education technology, digital learning, ICT infrastructure, STEM, teacher training, technical and vocational education, artificial intelligence, assessment reform and higher education innovation.

A key strength of Innovation Africa is its unique meetings-based format and the structured program of scheduled meetings between African government delegations and industry partners. This model

ensures that the summit is focused on genuine outcomes, practical engagement and long-term partnerships. It enables ministers, senior officials, education institutions and companies to discuss national priorities directly, identify areas of cooperation and develop solutions that can support implementation across education systems.

As the host country, Zimbabwe is honoured to welcome the continent to Harare for Innovation Africa 2027. We believe that this summit will stand as a landmark moment for education transformation in Africa, bringing together policy, innovation, investment and implementation in one focused platform.

I, therefore, warmly invite African ministers, senior government officials, industry leaders, development partners, and all participants to join us in Harare from **6 – 8 April 2027**. We look forward to welcoming you to Zimbabwe, the land of **Unity, Freedom and Work**, and to giving all delegates the opportunity to witness the stunning beauty, rich heritage and warm hospitality of our nation.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Honourable Dr Frederick M. Shava

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