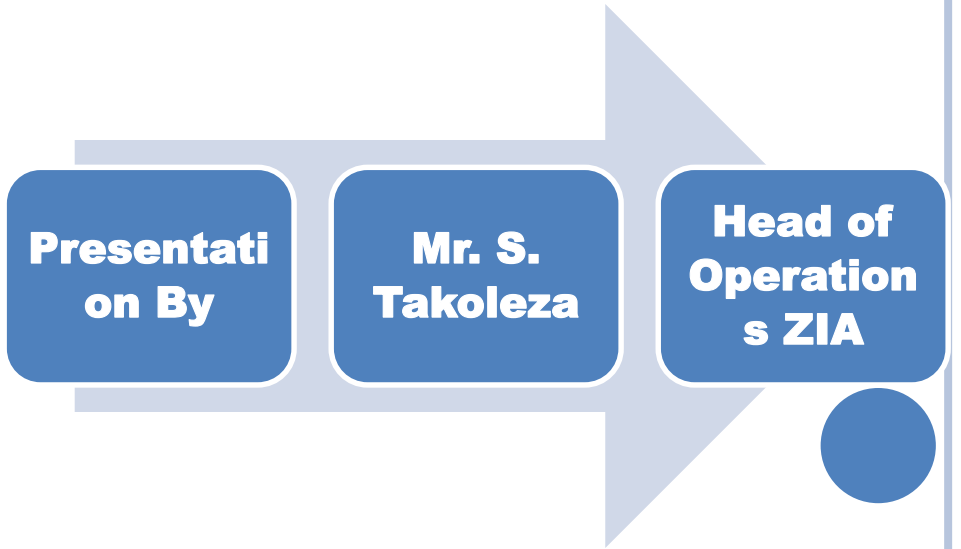


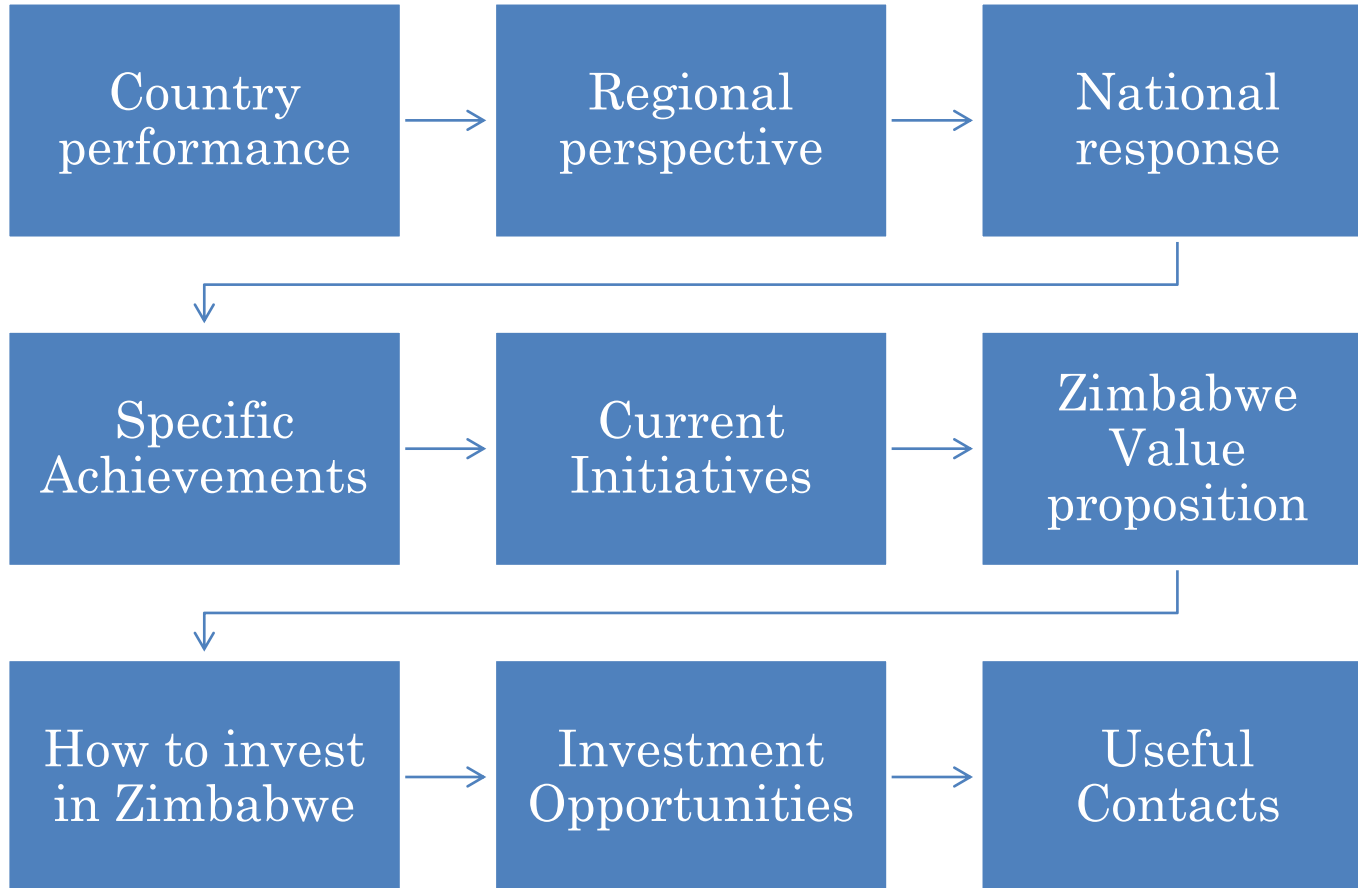
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DOING BUSINESS IN ZIMBABWE

23-24 June 2017



PRESENTATION OUTLINE



- Zimbabwe lagging behind most of its regional peers:
 - Mauritius (49),
 - Rwanda (56),
 - South Africa (74), and
 - Botswana (71),
 - Zambia (98)
 - and Mozambique (133), (see Table 1).
- Zimbabwe`s latest ranking of 161 for 2017 is despite the fact that the country has initiated a number of Doing Business Reforms.

REGIONAL PERFORMANCE: EASE OF DOING BUSINESS RANKINGS

Economy	2015-2016	2016 -17
Mauritius	28	49
Rwanda	46	56
Botswana	74	71
South Africa	43	74
Zambia	111	98
Mozambique	127	137
Zimbabwe	155	161

Source: World Bank Ease of Doing Business Rankings

NATIONAL RESPONSE

- In September 2015 Zimbabwe officially launched the overall Doing Business Reform program.
- The reforms were aimed at improving the overall business environment and reduce the complexity and cost of regulatory processes.
- The initial wave of milestones were realised through pioneering technical working groups of:
 - Starting a business and protecting minority investors,
 - Resolving insolvency and enforcing contracts,
 - Paying taxes and trading across borders,
 - Getting credit, and
 - Property registration & getting construction permits.

SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Specific achievements so far include;
 - Number of days to start a business has been reduced from 90 to 15 days
 - Time for approval of construction permits has been reduced from 448 days to 120 days
 - Property Registration now takes 14 from 36 days
 - Time taken to pay taxes reduced from 242 hrs to 160 hrs

SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Companies no longer need to advertise when applying for shop licences in municipalities
- Collateral Registry establishment to increase access to credit and strengthen financial services industry
- More than 13 Bills have been developed to improve the doing business climate and
 - some are amendments to existing laws while
 - some are completely new laws.
- A program is in place to fastrack finalisation of the legal instruments to become law by August 2017.

PROGRESSION OF THE REFORMS

- In 2016, the reforms took a sectoral approach, with the following sectors being included in the reform package:
 - Road Freight and Passenger Sector;
 - Tourism and Enabler Sectors;
 - Export Sector (facilitated by Ministry of Industry and Commerce and ZimTrade);
 - Local Authorities (City of Harare

UPSCALING THE REFORM WORK

- Strategies which have been put in place to further improve the overall investment climate, beyond just the ranking include:
 - Widening the publicity efforts to include DB respondents, regulators, user groups for the services and media practitioners as well as law makers
 - Enhancing use of online application and processing facilities wherever possible to improve turnaround time and
 - facilitate sharing of data across Government departments

UPSCALING THE REFORM WORK

- Accelerating legislative reform efforts and this is now being spearheaded by Office of the President to underpin the reforms
- Capitalising on global best practices by working with World Bank and other global development partners
- Extending the 100 Day Rapid Results Initiative to other sectors to maintain the momentum.

CURRENT REFORM INITIATIVES

- As of May 2017, the Government launched the following new reform initiatives:
 - Local Authorities
 - Manufacturing sector
 - Agriculture
 - Harmonisation of Investment Laws
 - Mining

HARMONISATION OF INVESTMENT LAWS

- Government is moving to streamline and harmonise plethora of trade and investment laws.
- The strategy for execution is still being formulated as a multi-stakeholder process.
- culminate in reconfiguration of OSS framework after reviewing the legislation impacting investment.
- Digital OSS to start running by September 2017

ZIMBABWE`S VALUE PROPOSITION

- Centrally and strategically located in the SADC region which provides a regional gateway (North-South Corridor) & access to major regional markets of SADC/ COMESA
- Strong human capital base with trainable workforce
- Voted World Best Climate (tied with Malta) (International Living Magazine, 2011)
- Voted World Best Tourism Destination (European Council on Tourism and Trade, 2014)
- Resource endowment with over 55 exploitable important minerals/materials resources
- Pro-market policies that government has started to implement
- Strong Doing Business reform initiatives underway
- Favourable Exchange Control Policies
- Government commitment to continue with the multi-currency regime

INVESTOR PROTECTION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Property rights enshrined in new Constitution of 2013
- Zimbabwe is a signatory to a number of multilateral investment treaties such as:
- 1958 New York Convention on the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards
- 1968 Washington convention aka International Convention on Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- United Nations Convention on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).
- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)-accession in Sep 1989
- Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) agreement in April 1999 which permits OPIC to conduct transactions in Zimbabwe.
- Zimbabwe set up a modern progressive Arbitration Act of 1996 based on UNCITRAL model law.
- Vibrant Commercial Arbitration Centre in Harare, with many arbitrators experienced in commercial disputes
- BIPPAS concluded with various countries including South Africa

Guidelines for investing in Zimbabwe



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TARGETED INVESTMENT AREAS

The thrust would be to capitalise on unique education, networks, capital, skills and experience acquired here

Infrastructure:

Dams, irrigation,
transport, energy,
housing

Agriculture

Crops, livestock, horticulture,
processing, drying and packing

ICT

Device assembly
and
manufacture,
data centres,
networking

Value Addition & beneficiation

Manufacturing,
mining,

SME sector

Marketing, Business
Process Outsourcing,
Linkages

SOME SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTORS IN ZIMBABWE



TIGER BRANDS
ADDING VALUE TO LIFE



Barloworld
Leading brands



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CEMENT



Pick n Play


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CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Zimbabwe is open for investment;
- The country offers tremendous investment opportunities across all sectors of the economy;
- Government is committed to continue to enhance the country's ease of doing business environment;

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

Questions?



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