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Zimbabwe's Ministry of Energy and Power Development Endorses SAEIS 2026, Positioning the Summit as Southern Africa's Premier Eco-Infrastructure Investment Platform

Zimbabwe's **Ministry of Energy and Power Development** has officially endorsed the upcoming **Southern Africa Eco-Infrastructure Summit (SAEIS) 2026**, scheduled to take place from **15–17 July 2026** in **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**.

Held under the theme "**Reimagining Southern Africa's Future: AI-Driven Eco-Infrastructure for Sustainable Real Estate and Development**," and the sub-theme "**Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy as Enablers of Sustainable Infrastructure and Real Estate Development**," the three-day summit will convene **government leaders, municipalities, investors, development finance institutions, utilities, real estate developers, technology providers, sustainability experts, academia, and private sector leaders** from across Africa and beyond to accelerate investment and collaboration in sustainable infrastructure and green development.

The summit will feature **high-level panel discussions, exhibitions, networking sessions, project showcases, investment matchmaking, and strategic deal signings**, focusing on critical issues including **decarbonisation, capital mobilisation, public-private partnerships, smart infrastructure, digitalisation, climate resilience, sustainable urban development**, and the future of **AI-enabled infrastructure** across the region.

The **Ministry of Energy and Power Development's** endorsement aligns with **Zimbabwe's Vision 2030** agenda, which seeks to accelerate **infrastructure development, energy security, industrialisation, and sustainable economic growth**. As the **Lead Policy Ministry** and **Co-Host**, the Ministry will play a central role in shaping discussions and facilitating engagement between government, investors, financiers, and project developers to unlock strategic infrastructure opportunities across Zimbabwe and the wider Southern African region.

One of the defining highlights of **SAEIS 2026** will be the launch of the **SAEIS Investment Arena Challenge—Southern Africa's first live eco-infrastructure investment pitching platform**. Often described as a "**Shark Tank for Infrastructure**," the initiative will provide **ten shortlisted projects** from across Southern Africa with the opportunity to pitch live before a distinguished panel of **investors, development finance institutions, corporate leaders, government ministers, and infrastructure specialists** seeking **bankable projects** for investment, strategic partnerships, and implementation support.

The **Investment Arena Challenge** is expected to become one of the summit's flagship attractions, showcasing innovative, investment-ready projects spanning **clean energy, energy-efficient infrastructure, climate-resilient development, smart cities, digital connectivity, water and sanitation systems, and sustainable real estate**. Beyond capital raising, the platform has been designed to accelerate project implementation by connecting developers directly with decision-makers and funding partners in one venue.

Complementing the **Investment Arena Challenge** is a dedicated **Future Leaders Track**, providing **universities, research institutions, start-ups, innovators, and young entrepreneurs** with a prestigious platform to present transformative ideas, technologies, and solutions that will shape Africa's sustainable future and inspire the next generation of infrastructure leadership.

The significance of **SAEIS 2026** is further strengthened by the participation of **regional and international stakeholders** as **speakers, panellists, judges, investors, and strategic partners**. The summit will bring together **policymakers, development finance institutions, infrastructure developers, utilities, corporate executives, academia, and sustainability organisations** from across Africa and beyond.



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Among the distinguished panellists is **Caroline Adriaensen** who has covered several positions in East Africa as Head of Development Cooperation at the **European Union**. She will be joined by representatives from **Greenpeace Africa**, who will contribute an **independent accountability perspective** to discussions on **investment, climate action, environmental sustainability, and responsible infrastructure development**. Their participation underscores SAEIS 2026's commitment to fostering balanced, transparent and solutions-driven dialogue that brings together governments, investors, development partners and civil society to accelerate sustainable infrastructure across Southern Africa.

The formal endorsement and active participation of Zimbabwe's **Minister of Energy and Power Development, Deputy Minister, and Permanent Secretary** position **SAEIS 2026** as one of the region's most strategically aligned **eco-infrastructure investment platforms**. Their support reinforces the summit's role in advancing **Zimbabwe's Vision 2030** objectives while promoting regional collaboration, increasing **capital flows** into infrastructure projects, and accelerating **sustainable economic transformation** throughout Southern Africa.

SAEIS 2026 is expected to attract delegates from across **Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East**, further strengthening **Victoria Falls'** reputation as a leading destination for **international investment dialogue, innovation, and sustainable development**. By combining **high-level policy engagement** with **live investment opportunities**, the summit aims to catalyse new partnerships and position **Southern Africa** as a globally competitive destination for **eco-infrastructure investment**.

For more information about how to participate as an exhibitor, sponsor, speaker or partner at SAEIS, please contact info@southernafricaeco-infra.com or visit www.southernafricaeco-infra.com

Event Details - Dates: 15-16 July 2026

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