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TURNING ACTION INTO IMPACTS

POWERING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE

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ESG CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2026

The ESG Conference convened leaders from across sectors to share what works, challenge what doesn't, and chart actions that can be scaled.

Across industries and geographies, organizations are setting ambitious sustainability goals yet too often they stall in implementation.

The ESG conference bridged that gap through practical insights, peer exchange, and collaborative problem-solving.





RODNEY NDAMBA FCCA, INSAF CEO



Together, we can shape a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable future.

> **Sustainability is no longer a future aspiration. It is today's imperative. The question is not whether we should act, but how we turn good intentions into meaningful outcomes.**

SHARED CALL TO ACTION

Move from intention to implementation.



Nkosana Ndlovu

Group Chief Strategy & Transformation Officer, CBZ Holdings

Sustainable Finance: Business Opportunity in Sustainability

> *Finance is the nervous system of the economy. When we align capital with sustainability, we don't just manage risk — we unlock long-term value.*



Mr. Ndlovu made a compelling case for why sustainable finance is not only a moral imperative but a strategic business opportunity. He unpacked how capital is being reallocated in response to environmental, social and governance (ESG) realities and how businesses that act early can lead, rather than lag.

Key message

Sustainable finance is reshaping the flow of capital and redefining business value.

Companies that integrate sustainability into their financial strategy are better positioned for resilience, innovation and growth.

The future belongs to organisations that see sustainability not as a cost, but as capital.

Practical impact

Unlocks new funding sources through green bonds, impact investing and ESG-linked instruments.

Strengthens investor confidence and access to global markets.

Drives operational efficiency and cost savings through sustainable practices.

Enhances brand reputation and stakeholder trust.

Carbon Markets and Trading in Zimbabwe





Washington Zhakata

Director, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment

W. Zhakata, Chief Director in the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife, highlighted the growing relationship between climate change and business sustainability. He explained how business activities contribute to greenhouse gas emissions through energy use, industrial processes, waste and land-use change, while climate change itself threatens infrastructure, raw material supplies, livelihoods and business operations.

Mr. Zhakata emphasized the need for businesses to reduce emissions, adopt cleaner technologies and build resilience to climate-related risks. He also outlined the role of sustainability reporting, carbon markets and climate-related policies in encouraging responsible business practices and supporting low-carbon development in Zimbabwe.

> *Business activities contribute to climate change. Therefore, should respond to climate change. Business needs to adapt to climate change.*

KEY MESSAGE

Businesses must recognise climate change as both an environmental responsibility and a business risk. Integrating emissions reduction, climate adaptation and sustainability into business strategies is essential for protecting operations, maintaining competitiveness and achieving long-term sustainable growth.

PRACTICAL IMPACT

Businesses can reduce emissions and operating costs through energy efficiency, cleaner technologies and improved waste management, while strengthening infrastructure and supply chains against extreme weather events. Carbon markets may offer additional revenue opportunities, and effective climate-risk management and sustainability reporting can help businesses prepare for regulatory requirements and attract investment.

Elizabeth Nerwande
Head of Corporate Affairs, Mimosa



Responsible Mining Operations: Delivering Sustainability Impacts

Mimosa Mining Company highlighted the growing importance of responsible mining and sourcing amid increasing environmental and social expectations from Governments, investors, customers and communities. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations are no longer simply an added advantage; they are fundamental to maintaining a social license to operate and building resilient, sustainable businesses.

She emphasized three key priorities: protecting the environment through emissions reduction, responsible water management, waste reduction and land rehabilitation; creating meaningful social impact through healthcare, education, local enterprise development and community empowerment; and strengthening governance through recognized sustainability standards, risk management, accountability and stakeholder engagement.

Mimosa's experience illustrated how these commitments can translate into practical outcomes. She gave an example of how 1.1 million cubic metre tailings return-water dam to support water recycling, 88% waste diversion from landfill, investment in local enterprises, and community programs supporting healthcare, agriculture and livestock development.

> *Responsible mining must deliver measurable value for the environment, people and the economy not simply demonstrate compliance with standards.*



Key message

ESG is no longer just about compliance; it is about creating lasting value. The mining sector must turn sustainability commitments into measurable action that protects the environment, improves lives, strengthens communities and secures long-term business resilience.

Practical impact

ESG commitments translate into tangible results, including improved water recycling, reduced waste, environmental protection, enhanced community healthcare, and support for local enterprises and agricultural livelihoods. These initiatives demonstrate how responsible mining can strengthen community relations, improve operational efficiency, build stakeholder confidence and promote long-term sustainable growth.

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Rodney Ndamba, FCCA

INSAF CEO



Public-Sector Sustainability Reporting and Africa's Sustainable Development Agenda

Mr. Ndamba highlighted the critical role of public sector sustainability reporting in advancing Africa's sustainable development agenda. He emphasized that sustainability must be integrated into national planning, public policies, economic strategies and government decision-making, rather than treated merely as a compliance exercise.

He linked sustainability reporting to Africa's Agenda 2063, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Zimbabwe's National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2). He also highlighted challenges facing Africa, including poverty, youth unemployment, inequality, infrastructure gaps and climate change, stressing the need for human-centred and inclusive development.

> *"The Public Sector should be at the forefront of lead in sustainability.*

Key message

The public sector must lead the sustainability agenda by embedding sustainability into policies, decisions and development programmes. Effective sustainability reporting promotes transparency and accountability, supports evidence-based planning and helps ensure that economic growth translates into meaningful social, environmental and economic benefits.

Practical impact

Public institutions can use sustainability reporting to improve accountability, track development outcomes, strengthen resource allocation and measure progress against national priorities and the SDGs. Integrating environmental, social and governance considerations into public sector planning can support inclusive growth, improve public service delivery and strengthen confidence among citizens, investors and development partners.





Adrian Bertrand
CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER
SIX CAPITALS, SOUTH AFRICA

ESG and Responsible Investing



Mr. Bertrand explored Africa's potential to attract investment and achieve sustainable economic growth through effective ESG integration and responsible investing. He highlighted opportunities arising from Africa's growing population, critical minerals, mobile finance and digital technologies, while noting that potential alone does not guarantee progress. Strong institutions, reliable infrastructure, good governance and local value addition are essential to translating these opportunities into jobs, economic development and lasting benefits.

He emphasized that ESG should be embedded in business strategy, investment decisions and risk management, rather than treated as a reporting or compliance exercise. His presantation also highlighted the importance of credible sustainability data, transparent disclosure and active investor engagement in building confidence and attracting capital. Climate change, particularly the projected 2026/27 El Niño, was identified as a significant business and financial risk requiring proactive planning.

> *"Africa's time has come, but its potential must be translated into measurable economic and social impact."*

KEY MESSAGE

"Businesses and investors need to integrate ESG into their strategies, strengthen governance and demonstrate credible results to attract investment, manage risks and support sustainable development. Responsible investing should deliver both financial returns and lasting benefits for people and the environment."

PRACTICAL IMPACT

Businesses should identify their material ESG risks and opportunities, assign board-level responsibility, strengthen sustainability data and integrate ESG into investment and operational decisions. Investors should prioritise transparent reporting, credible governance and measurable outcomes. These actions can improve access to capital, strengthen climate resilience, encourage local value addition and job creation, and build investor confidence in African markets.



Chris Hart
Executive Chairman, Impacts Group, South Africa

Impact Driven Investment: Opportunities for Economic Growth



> *Investment should not only generate financial returns; it should also create lasting value for people, communities and the environment.*

Mr. Hart highlighted the importance of directing capital towards investments that generate both financial returns and measurable positive social and environmental outcomes.

The discussion relates to the broader conference message that sustainable economic growth requires investment in initiatives that create jobs, strengthen local industries, improve livelihoods and protect the environment. For Zimbabwe and the wider African region, impact-driven investment presents an opportunity to mobilise capital towards productive sectors, support enterprise development and promote inclusive, long-term economic growth.

Key message

Investment should deliver more than financial returns; it should create measurable and lasting economic, social and environmental impact. Embedding ESG considerations into investment decisions can help direct capital towards sustainable businesses, job creation, community development and opportunities that strengthen economic resilience.

Practical impact

Impact-driven investment can help businesses and communities access capital for sustainable projects, stimulate local enterprise development, create employment and support innovation. By prioritising measurable outcomes alongside financial performance, investors can contribute to inclusive economic growth, strengthen community livelihoods and promote long-term business sustainability.

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Elvis Moenga
Manager, Technical Standards and Regulation
ICPAK, Kenya

IFRS S1 and S2 Implementation: Experiences in Kenya

Mr. Moenga explored the implementation of IFRS S1 and S2 sustainability disclosure standards, highlighting how organizations can integrate sustainability and climate-related risks into corporate reporting and business decision-making. IFRS S1 focuses on sustainability-related risks and opportunities that may affect an organization's financial prospects, while IFRS S2 specifically addresses climate-related risks and opportunities.

His presentation connected directly to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles by promoting stronger governance, transparent reporting, effective risk management and accountability for sustainability-related matters. Lessons from Kenya, particularly from the banking sector, could provide valuable insights for Zimbabwean organisations seeking to strengthen ESG disclosures, improve climate-risk assessment and align sustainability practices with international reporting standards.

Ultimately, effective implementation of IFRS S1 and S2 can help organisations enhance transparency, build investor confidence and integrate sustainability into long-term business strategy, supporting responsible investment and sustainable economic growth.

> *Kenya's experience with IFRS S1 and S2 can provide valuable lessons for Zimbabwe as organisations strengthen sustainability reporting, integrate climate-related risks into business decisions and improve transparency for investors and other stakeholders.*



KEY MESSAGE

Effective sustainability reporting requires more than disclosure; it requires organisations to integrate sustainability and climate-related risks into governance, strategy, risk management and financial decision-making. Learning from Kenya's implementation experience can help Zimbabwean organisations identify practical approaches, address implementation challenges and strengthen the quality and credibility of ESG disclosures.

PRACTICAL IMPACT

Businesses that adopt IFRS S1 and S2 will be better positioned to manage climate risks, seize opportunities, and unlock access to global markets and capital.

Insights from Kenya could help Zimbabwean organisations understand how to assess climate-related financial risks, improve sustainability data collection, strengthen board oversight and align reporting with IFRS S1 and S2. Lessons from Equity Bank Kenya could also inform financial institutions on integrating climate risks into lending, investment decisions and risk assessment, while improving transparency and readiness to meet evolving sustainability disclosure expectations.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2026

A snapshot of meaningful exchanges, collective insights and real-world solutions shaping a sustainable future.



























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We value your partnership and the contribution it makes to advancing sustainability conversations in Zimbabwe.

Thank you for helping turn conversation into action.





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4th Edition
ESG Conference 2027

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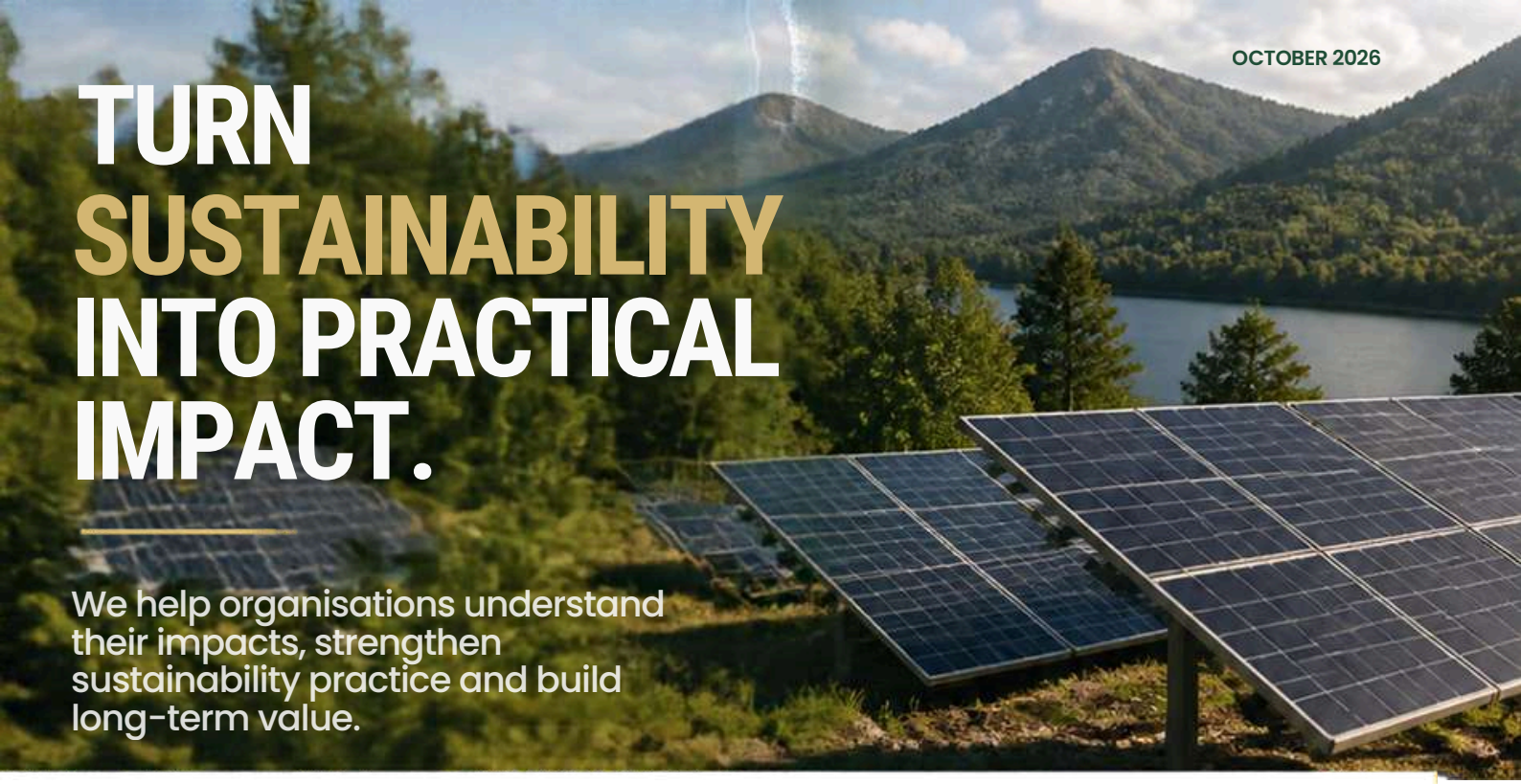

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We help organisations understand their impacts, strengthen sustainability practice and build long-term value.

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The Institute for Sustainability Africa (INSAF) partners with organisations through research, advisory, training and technical support—helping turn sustainability commitments into informed decisions and measurable action.

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- Sustainability reporting using GRI Standards — advisory and training
- Sustainability leadership, governance and board induction/training
- Materiality processes and impact assessments
- Sustainability and business strategy integration
- ESG due diligence, research and supply-chain ESG screening
- Project sustainability risk management
- Responsible investing and Principles for Responsible Banking advisory/training
- Climate change disclosure advisory and training
- Human rights in business training and disclosure
- Stakeholder engagement using AA1000 Standards
- Corporate sustainability policy formulation

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