

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP ON THE ROLLOUT OF THE ZIMBABWE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 1 (NDS1) – INTEGRATING THE 2030 AGENDA** - Mr. Charles Mujajati, Director, EPMD, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

1. As you might be aware the Government of Zimbabwe launched NDS1 on November 16, 2020, and this marked a new development path for the country beginning 1 January 2021.
2. It is important to note that the NDS1 was developed under COVID-19 pandemic regulations, thereby limiting the number of participants attending physical meetings. It was also at a time when the country was still adjusting to the 'new normal' under the pandemic. Several training programmes which were meant to capacitate the NDS1 drafting team, focal persons and sector specialists were then stalled.
3. It is against this background, culminating in this important workshop which will capacitate Government officials on how to mainstream and align the NDS1 to the 2030 Agenda. This will ensure effective dissemination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of both the NDS1 and the 2030 Agenda.
4. I am reliably informed that this training will also include the role of partnerships in enhancing achievements of the set outcomes and goals of both NDS1 and 2030 Agenda.
5. The capacity building programme will be in the following fourteen(14) NDS1 National Priority Areas in relation to the 2030 Agenda and possible areas for partnerships, in simple and understandable forms to cater for the various and diverse audiences:-

a) Economic Growth and Stability

- b) Food and Nutrition Security;
- c) Moving the economy up the Value Chain and Structural Transformation;
- d) Infrastructure and Utilities;
- e) Housing Delivery;
- f) Digital Economy
- g) Human Capital Development and Innovation;
- h) Health and Wellbeing;
- i) Human Capital Development;
- j) Environmental Protection, Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Management;
- k) Image building, International Engagement and Re-engagement;
- l) Devolution and Decentralisation;
- m) Social Protection; and
- n) Youth, Sport and Culture

6. The overarching objective of this capacity building is to have a shared understanding and stakeholder buy-in during the implementation of the Country's new development agenda, the National Development Strategy (NDS1) 2021-2025 and the 2030 Agenda.

7. Basically the capacity building is aimed at achieving the following objectives among others:-

- To mainstream and align NDS1 to the 2030 Agenda;

- To acquaint planners and SDG technical team on the possible areas to enhance partnerships during the implementation of both NDS1 and 2030 agenda.
  - To acquaint the participants with the knowledge on the roles played by the various contributing partners to the targets and outcomes of both NDS1 and 2030 Agenda.
8. The workshop will be in the form of presentations on NDS1, Agenda 2030 and partnerships followed by discussion sessions where participants will exchange and express their views.

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