CONFERENCE AGENDA SESSION DETAILS, PRESENTATION TOPICS, Q & A, SPEAKERS & PANELLISTS
DAY 1- (27TH AUGUST 2025)

08:00 AM	Welcome, Registration & Networking Tea	
09:00 AM	Opening Remarks, Bica Group Managing Partner	(10 Mins)
09:25 AM	Opening Remarks by Smart Zambia Institute - National Coordinator.	(15 mins)
09:45 AM	Opening remarks and call upon the Hon. Minister for his speech, Permanent Secretary – Electricity "MINISTRY OF ENERGY MANDATE, CURRENT ARCHIVEMENT AND FUTURE PLANS.	(20 mins)
10:05 AM	Speech: Enhancing Our National Energy Security by Accelerating the Deployment of Solar PV Systems in Zambia – "The Regulatory Framework and Enforcement" Minister of Energy Hon. Makozo Chikote, (MP).	(20 mins)
10:45 AM	Keynote Address by: The Guest of Honor: Her Excellency the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, Mrs. Mutale NALUMANGO SOLAR Energy for Energy Security: Vision, Challenges, and Commitments.	(40 mins)
	Photo Session and Exhibition Tour Vice President, Ministers, PSs, Delegates.	
11:45 AM	Renewable Energy Landscape–Government Policy and Action Plans Mr. Mafayo Ziba- Director of Energy	(10 mins)
11:55 AM	Regulatory Enforcement in the Solar Sector: Gaps & Future Direction Mr. Allan Polito - Director Technical Regulation	(10 mins)
12:05 PM	Utility Perspective on Solar Grid Integration Mr. Justin Loongo-MD ZESCO	(10 mins)
12:15 PM	State of the Solar Industry in Zambia Mr. Mwewa Matanda, SIAZ President	(5 mins)
12:20 PM	Compliance and Design Standards for Solar Installations Eng. Wesley Kaluba, EIZ President.	(10 mins)

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12:30 PM	Environmental Regulations for Solar Projects-ZEMA Director General (10 mins)
12:30 PM	Panel: Building a Coherent Regulatory Ecosystem MOE,MOFNP,ERB,MOTS,TEVETA, ZIPAR Moderator: Dr. Bernard Tembo (60 mins)
13:30 PM	Lunch
14:40 PM	Standards and Certification for Solar Equipment Mr. Nathan Sing'ambwa, ZABS DG. (5 mins)
14:45 PM	Solar Energy THE ZAMBIAN CASE - Eng. Victor Benjamin Mapani (10 mins)
14:55 PM	Solar Projects/The Solar Value Chain in Zambia: Opportunities and BOTTLENECKS PROF. Paul Makasa, ED – NCC (5 mins)
15:00 PM	Role of Academia in Product Quality Testing and Solar Systems Training Institutions Mr. Cleophas Takaiza, TEVETA DG (5 mins)
15:05 PM	Panel: Strengthening Industry Through Training & Innovation MOTS, MOE, Fountain Gates, TEVETA, ZABS, UNZA Moderator: Prof. Jorry Mwenechanya
15:45 PM	Tax Rebates for Solar Industry and Tax Reforms and Impact on Solar Sector Ministry of Finance Representative / Mr. Dingani Banda, ZRA DG (5 mins)
15:50 PM	Panel Discussion: (Accelerating Solar Deployment Through Smart Taxation, Incentives, and Regulatory Reform) MoFNP, ZDA, ZRA, MOE and ERBMODERATOR: MR. YUSUF DODIA (60 mins)
16:50 PM	Closing Remarks/Vote of Thanks Mr. Brian SINKALA Mainza, Asst. Director – T Networking Dinner (if sponsored)