



## Congratulatory - Computer Society of Zimbabwe Executive Leadership 2022-2023

### The CSZ Summit '22 comes to Victoria Falls this November!

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**The Biggest Summit Ever**

The anticipated annual CSZ Summit, which is a blended conference and exhibition, makes its 4th edition under the theme 'Rethinking the Future: Leveraging On Emerging Technologies' this summer — running from 9th to 13th November, 2022. This edition, unique in many ways and the biggest to be ever held, will revolve around the focal agenda: "How can emerging technologies pragmatically be employed in Zimbabwe's context for tangible strategic outcomes in the economy and society?"

**Why is this important question to answer for Zimbabwe?**

After the Covid-19 pandemic catapulted the role of technology in communication, work, and service delivery, an increase in awareness of new dimension (4IR) technologies such as robotics, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, big data, drone technology, and virtual reality to the fore. Have these technologies been adopted on a wide scale, particularly by African economies and societies, against clearly prolific applications in the first world?

**The CSZ Summit is the ultimate ICTs conversation platform**

This is the premise of Summit 2022: to answer the question from an informed position and, more importantly, to bring in experts to share experiences and practical insights on how, practically, emerging technologies can play a bigger role in improving processes and outcomes in the digital economy.

The line-up of speakers, demonstrations and exhibitors, therefore, has been

carefully curated to speak to providing actionable insights. From advanced data model demonstration, to practical artificial intelligence exposés, and drone technology!

As in previous years, the CSZ Summit is attracting, among many influential segments, policymakers and government players (regulation and compliance), Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry leaders, technology vendors and service providers, academics, interest groups and media. The resultant fusion of this diverse pool of contributors builds onto the elevated platform which the conference has become known for.

One new star feature being introduced this year will be the thought leadership stream — the very first of its kind, designed for policy makers and industry leaders to interrogate policy and Leadership topics that will be identified as special interest areas.

**Everything New!**

A new upgraded membership experience is coming to CSZ.

As the biggest body of ICT professionals in Zimbabwe, CSZ has, over the years, served its membership through providing platforms, access and opportunities for growth.

These have contributed to developing a respected crop of celebrated technology personalities on both the national and international scene. After key resolutions were made in 2017 to make CSZ even more competitive, with years of work being put into designing brand new programmes

and initiatives for membership, the culmination will be a new experience, set to be launched at the conference.

These will mark the biggest membership benefit upgrade in the society's recent history, and will

include industry recognised membership levels (local, regional, international), exclusive career and enterprise access, C-Suite and board installation programmes, as well as exclusive product service offers for media, events,

and knowledge bases.

**The 2022-2023 CSZ Executive moves into office**

CSZ's renewed strategic vision, which has been part of an expanded roadmap for institutional progression over the last 3

years, will be driven by the incoming Executive team. Notably, it marks a notable achievement for women in technology, with its incoming president, Joice Benza, being the second woman president of the CSZ, the

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# Congratulations!



**Mrs Joice Benza**  
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**Mr Freddy Ndhlovu**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

**Mr Alfred Gono**  
**SECRETARY**

**Mr Simon Pitt**  
**TREASURER**

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Axis solutions wishes the new presidium all the best in their term in office.

## Congratulations, Makorokoto, Amhlophe



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Computer Society of Zimbabwe summit delegates.

## ABOUT CSZ

COMPUTER Society of Zimbabwe (CSZ) is an internationally recognized professional body for Zimbabwe’s community of ICT professionals.

Established in 1974, it is the biggest grouping of ICT professionals in Zimbabwe, cutting across industries, interest areas and functions. The CSZ caters to the needs of ICT and associated professionals, as well as students in advancing career development, continuous learning and education.

It set itself up to bring people using computers together, to set up standards within the industry and to promote computers and their use in scientific and commercial environments.

The developments in the Information Technology Industry over the last two decades have meant that the Computer Society of Zimbabwe has had to examine and update its position in the light of these developments.

### The importance of ict in our society

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is used in most of the fields such as Education, Agriculture, Medicine, Defense, E-governance, E- Commerce, Banking, Transport, etc. With the advances in technology, computing infrastructure and the need to automate and

reduce cycle times, ICT is playing a vital role.

Teaching people how to be competent basic users of ICT technologies is an important role of ICT education, so they will be successful in their academic and work careers, and so they can efficiently participate in modern technical society.

The technology is any mechanism capable. ICT has made a huge impact on the day to day lives of society, especially the use of the World Wide Web, as it allows us to be kept informed on a range of issues; and also allows us to communicate with one another without using e-mail without any difficulty.

ICT in education is the mode of education that uses information and communications technology to support, enhance, and optimize the delivery of information. In addition to supporting the model of teaching and learning, ICT plays a role in support of the operation.

ICT has changed the way in which we communicate with each other, how we find needed information, work, conduct business, interact with. Decreased need for ‘labour intensive’ workers (like filing, printers etc.) ICT is an essential and a widespread means to perform meaningful tasks in modifying and modernizing present educational systems and the mode of learning.

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first-ever of native Zimbabwe origin. She will lead a dynamic team of experienced ICT industry leaders in driving the upgraded vision of the association.

### The following lists the incoming executive:

- (a) **President: Joice Benza**  
Joice is the founder, Managing Consultant and CEO of X-Pert Solutions, and ICT solutions provider. Her decorated career comes with various ICT Executive appointments, board appointments, and publications — certifying her as a trusted thought and business leader. Her forward-looking skills in project management, systems design, emerging technologies and 4IR strategy mapping have made her a sought-after consultant in Zimbabwe and beyond.
- (b) **Vice President: Freddy Ndhlovu**  
Freddy has served as an ICT

- Executive in various private and public concerns in a career spanning more than 23 years. He served diligently as Secretary of CSZ for many years before being elected as Vice President this year. He is also a member of the Institute of Directors Zimbabwe (IODZ), Institute of IT Professionals South Africa (IITPSA) as well as Project Management South Africa (PMSA).
- (c) **Secretary : Alfred Gono**  
Alfred’s industrious career in ICT professional stretches over 20 years’, most served in the energy sector. A project management specialist, he has played pivotal roles in systems design and implementation. He is Prince2 and ITIL certified and sits on the NAMACO ICT Sector Committee.
- (d) **Treasurer : Simon Pitt**  
Simon is the founder and CEO of Touchstone computers. He has served in the CSZ Council for many years as the finance lead.



**Touchstone Computer Systems**  
warmly congratulates the in-coming  
**Computer Society Executive Committee**  
on their recent appointment  
and wishes the team an enjoyable,  
productive and fruitful term in office.

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# CSZ Summit in pictures



The Management & Staff of Associated Newspapers of Zimbabwe would like to congratulate Mrs Joice Benza for being elected the new president of



(2022 - 2023)  
Congratulations on being entrusted with such an onerous responsibility at such an interesting time in the history of the society .Wishing you the best in your new role.



**Congratulations, Makorokoto Amhlophe !!!**



# CSZ 45th anniversary



## CONGRATULATIONS

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ARE PROUD TO CONGRATULATE  
MRS. JOICE BENZA ON HER ELECTION  
TO THE PRESIDUM OF THE  
COMPUTER SOCIETY OF ZIMBABWE



