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THIRD AFRICAN IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE ON WATER (PANAFCON-3)

Venue: Mulungushi International Conference Centre, Lusaka, Zambia
Dates: 27–29 May 2025

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1. Welcome Note: Minister of Water Development and Sanitation

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia, it is my honour and privilege to welcome you to the third African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water (PANAFCON-3) being held from 27-29 May 2025 in Lusaka, Zambia.

The conference is convening over 1,500 participants including heads of states and governments, ministers, private sector players, development partners, civil society, academia and youths amongst others from Africa and beyond.

Convened under the theme: “Assuring Inclusive and Climate-Resilient Water Security and Sanitation for the Africa We Want”, PANAFCON-3 will serve as a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform to review the initial draft of the post 2025 Africa Water Vision and Policy that provides an implementation framework for Agenda 2063.

Together, we will:

- Chart the course to finalise the post-2025 Water Vision and Policy in readiness for adoption during the AU Summit of 2026.
- Raise the profile of water in Africa’s ambitions for economic growth and social transformation
- Mobilise financing and partnerships for sustainable water and sanitation systems.
- Showcase Africa’s innovations and resilience in the face of climate change.
- Strengthen regional cooperation and partnerships for action to actualise the vision and policy.

As minister responsible for water development and sanitation in Zambia, I am especially proud to see the country host this transformative dialogue. This is a platform for action, solutions and solidarity. PANAFCON-3 is more than a conference. It is a collective commitment to our people, our environment & our shared future. We look forward to your participation, voice & vision. Let us shape the future of Africa’s water security and sanitation together.

Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu

Minister of Water Development and Sanitation, Republic of Zambia



2. Introduction : PANAFCON-3 Organising Team

We are delighted to welcome you to the third African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water (PANAFCON-3).

PANAFCON-3 is being held under the theme, "Assuring Inclusive and Climate Resilient Water Security and Sanitation for the Africa We Want."

Here is a line up of some of the activities during the conference;

- 26 May- Preconference parallel special sessions and side events.
- 27 May- PANAFCON-3 technical and exhibition official opening ceremony, parallel thematic and ministerial sessions.
- 28 May- Parallel thematic and closed ministerial session.
- 29 May- High-level dialogue session, presidential dialogue, and closing ceremony.
- 30 May- LuWSI and PANAFCON-3 Fun Run and self paying technical and tourist excursions.

PANAFCON-3 has three working languages which are English, French and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation is provided in all three languages.

We are delighted to have you here.

PANAFCON-3 ORGANISING COMMITTEE



3. Key Messages and Narrative Framing

Africa's aspirations for economic growth; social transformation; regional integration; trade; peace and security are dependent on assuring sustainable water availability for all purposes. As the Africa Water Vision 2025 comes to an end, PANAFCON-3 is the defining moment to unite all stakeholders and design a resilient, inclusive, and transformative water future for generations to come.

Messaging Framework

Main Theme	Assuring inclusive and climate-resilient water security and sanitation for the Africa We Want
Thematic Areas	1. Financing, investments and resource mobilisation 2. Water supply, sanitation, hygiene, and wastewater 3. Water infrastructure for economic growth, climate resilience, and disaster risk reduction 4. Governance and institutions for managing and protecting water resources 5. Information management and capacity development 6. Gender equality and social inclusion
Tagline	Water security and sanitation for the Africa We Want

SPEAKERS:

Heads of states and governments, ministers, private sector , development partners, civil society, academia, youth and women champions among others.

4. Fact Sheet / Statistics

Key Information

Africa's population is projected to reach 2.5 billion people by 2050 and 3.2 billion by 2070

Food production must almost double to feed the continent's growing population

A tenfold increase in water just for energy production is required to achieve the Agenda 2063 aspirations for modern economies and social progress

Climate change

- Nine out of the top 10 most vulnerable countries in the world are in Sub-Saharan Africa (Climate vulnerability index 2022).
- In 2024 Africa's economic loss was estimated b\$7 billion to \$15 billion annually due to effects of climate change. This is expected to rise approximately to \$50 billion annually by 2030, accounting for 7% of Africa's GDP on average. (African Development Bank)

Underdevelopment of water infrastructure accounts for up to 2% of Africa's lost annual GDP growth

Flooding causes direct losses of an estimated US \$1.4 billion per year in Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria and Tunisia

Inadequacies in water supply, sanitation, and hygiene services provision contribute significantly to:

1. 5,000 deaths each day due to water and sanitation related diseases that are easily preventable
2. estimates of annual losses of 5% of the continent's GDP due to inadequate provision of basic sanitation services,
3. reductions in household incomes and savings, as well as school attendance - due to the impacts of ailments related to poor sanitation on the labour force - which, in turn, adversely affect economic productivity and the pursuit of poverty eradication goals

05. Zambia General Information:

- Official Name: Republic of Zambia
- Capital City: Lusaka
- Population: 19.6 Million as at the 2022 Official National Census
- Official Language: English
- Currency: Zambian Kwacha (ZMW)
- Time Zone: Central African Time (CAT), UTC +2
- Driving Side: Left Hand Drive (LHD)
- Vehicle Requirements: Drivers Licence (Zambian) or International. Insurance & Seatbelts are mandatory
- Common Modes of Transport: Mini Buses, Taxi, Private Cars & Intercity Buses.
- Power Sockets: Type C, D and G (Same as UK)

Emergency Numbers:

- Police: 991
- Ambulance: 993
- Fire: 999



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