
Vote of Thanks

2024 SADC SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK CONFERENCE

By Minister of Energy and Power Development (Zimbabwe)

Honourable July G. Moyo

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(GICC)

SALUTATIONS

Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana,

SADC Honourable Ministers,

Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps,

Distinguished Delegates and Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

1. On behalf of the SADC Member States, I wish to express our deepest gratitude to Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana, for honouring us with his presence and delivering such an inspiring and thought-provoking keynote address at the official opening of the Inaugural SADC Sustainable Energy Week.
2. Mr. President, your insightful remarks have underscored the urgent need for regional collaboration in addressing the challenges of energy access, energy security, sustainability, and innovation in our region. Your vision for a future where sustainable energy and energy efficiency is the kingpin of inclusive socio-economic growth and environmental resilience is one, we all share and strive to realize.
3. I would like to extend our appreciation to the Government of Botswana, SADC Secretariat and SACREEE for organizing this event. Let me also extend our gratitude to the people of Botswana, the Hotels for their warm hospitality. Special gratitude goes to the Botswana Defence Force band for performing the opening and closing anthems during the official opening ceremony.
4. Additionally, we also recognize the tremendous efforts of the event partners: the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Austrian Development Agency and SOLTRAIN+, all sponsors, the exhibitors and stakeholders who have worked tirelessly towards this event. Your dedication to advancing the sustainable energy agenda is commendable and essential for the prosperity of our region.

5. As we proceed with the deliberations over the course of this week, let us be guided by the vision shared by Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, President of the Republic of Botswana. Let us commit to concrete actions that will transform our energy systems, improve livelihoods, and position SADC as a leader in sustainable energy innovation.
6. Once again, Mr. President, we thank you for gracing this occasion and for your continued leadership in advancing sustainable energy in Botswana and across the region.
7. Thank you all, and may this week be productive and transformative for the future of energy in SADC.

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