



**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**AT THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFRICAN CAPACITY BUILDING
FOUNDATION**

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HARARE, ZIMBABWE

The Executive Secretary for the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF),
Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie;

Distinguished Members of the ACBF Executive Board;

Permanent Secretaries here present;

Senior Government Officials from Zimbabwe;

Senior Government Officials from other countries here present;

Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

Representatives of Development Partners;

Distinguished panelists;

Members of the media;

Ladies and gentlemen;

1. It is my great honour and privilege to welcome you all to Harare, Zimbabwe to participate and share experiences at the Third Pan-African Capacity Development Forum (CDF3) and the 25th Anniversary of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF).
2. As Government of Zimbabwe, we are delighted to have you all, from ACBF member states, Non-Governmental organisations, Foundations, private companies and Civil Society, amongst others, to share our vast experiences in capacity development.

3. May I, on behalf of the Government of Zimbabwe, acknowledge and appreciate concerted efforts in braving long distances and finding time in your busy schedules to participate at this important event.
4. As we celebrate the 25th ACBF Anniversary as well as the Third Pan-African Capacity Development Forum (CDF3) whose timely and relevant theme for our continent is; ***“Developing Capacity for Africa’s Economic and Social Transformation”***.
5. Allow me, to commend ACBF on its unwavering support specifically ACBF member countries and the African continent at large.
6. Your Excellences, Ladies and Gentleman, let me hasten to say Zimbabwe is a key beneficiary of support in the areas of human resource development and institutional capacity building from ACBF.
7. These celebrations come at a time when Zimbabwe and the rest of Africa is grappling with social and economic development issues. This esteemed gathering of diverse minds therefore; offers ample opportunity for us as a continent to introspect different ways and means of strengthening capacity development for the advancement of our continent.
8. Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of the Government of Zimbabwe, Board of Governors and participants gathered here today, to extend to ACBF, our warmest and heart felt congratulations of 25 years of excellence and integrity.
9. To our Distinguished Guests, I welcome you all and hope you will find time to visit our various tourist attractions such as Victoria Falls, Great Zimbabwe, among others.
10. I wish you fruitful deliberations and a pleasant stay.

I Thank You.