



[all timings in Central African Time (CAT) Lusaka]

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:10 Opening and welcome

Tighisti Amare, Deputy Director, Africa Programme, Chatham House

09:10 – 09:40 Keynote address

Representative of the Government of the Republic of Zambia

09:40 – 11:00 Session 1: Balancing regional and international relations

- How do African states exercise agency and assert their foreign policy priorities in a multipolar world?
- What are African countries' economic integration priorities, and how do these support regional and international multilateral trade?
- How are African countries engaging with emerging powers based on historical and contemporary relationships?
- What are Eastern and Southern African governments' key regional and international legal commitments, and how can African states exert influence within these frameworks?

Dr Gorden Moyo, Senior Lecturer, Lupane State University, Zimbabwe

Treasure Maphanga, Director, African Electronic Trade Group

Professor Tang Xiaoyang, Chair, Department of International Relations, Tsinghua University; China Forum Expert

Aanu Adeoye, Mo Ibrahim Academy Fellow, Russia-Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

Brenda Mutale Chanda, Co-Managing Partner, Moira Mukuka Legal Practitioners

Chair: **Professor Stephen Chan OBE**, Professor of World Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:30 Session 2: Partnerships for future development

- What partnerships are required for governments to support industrialization and sustainable economic growth in Southern Africa?
- What are the key emerging trends in the foreign relations of Zambia's civil society structures?
- How do international partnerships support healthcare, education and skills transfers, and how do these impact wider economic growth and development?
- What social and political roles do contemporary Chinese associations play in shaping Zambia-China relations?

McDonald Chipenzi, Executive Director, Governance, Elections, Advocacy, Research Services (GEARS) Initiative; Chairperson, Council of NGOs in Zambia

Dr Pippa Morgan, Lecturer, Political Science, Duke Kunshan University

Dr Lubinda Haabazoka, Director, Graduate School of Business, University of Zambia

Dr Hangwei Li, Advisor, African Views Organisation

Chair: **Tighisti Amare**, Deputy Director, Africa Programme, Chatham House

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 Keynote address: Regional environmental priorities

Ephraim Mwepya Shitima, Chair, African Group of Negotiators (AGN); Director, Climate Change and Natural Resources Department, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Republic of Zambia

Chair: **H.E. Nicholas Woolley**, British High Commissioner to Zambia

14:00 – 15:00 Session 3: Regional infrastructure

- What are the main areas of progress and remaining challenges in developing regional transport corridors?
- What lessons can be drawn from regional economic communities such as SADC and COMESA on efficient and effective border management?
- How do development finance institutions (DFIs) support regional infrastructure and how are projects selected for support?
- What regional and international partnerships are African actors developing in order to protect cybersecurity and promote digital rights?

Barbara Mommen, CEO, Coalescence Consulting

Dr Primrose Bimha, Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa (IDCPPA), University of Cape Town

Dr Wairagala Wakabi, Executive Director, Collaboration on International ICT Policy in East and Southern Africa (CIPESA)

Dr Lufeyo Banda, Chief Regional Operations Officer, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Chair: **Silvester Kasuku**, CEO, African Center for Transport, Infrastructure and Regional Integration (ACTIRI)

15:00 – 16:30 Session 4: Strategic minerals

- What are the key trends in the African mining sector? How should strategic minerals be defined and what impact can they have on national development? What is the impact of the rise of rare earth mineral demand?

- What are the optimum policies, regulations, and legislation frameworks to attract investment that generates benefits for investors, national treasury, and communities? How important is transparency for investment?
- What is being done to improve environmental sustainability in the mining sector, and how are companies working with communities on this issue?

Sheila Khama, Non-Executive Director, Tullow Oil (via pre-recorded video)

Peter Leon, Partner and Global Chair of Africa Group, Herbert Smith Freehills

Farai Nyabereka, Partner, Manokore Attorneys, Zimbabwe

Ian Mwiinga, Head, Zambia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Secretariat

Anthony Mukutuma, General Manager, Kansanshi Mine, First Quantum Minerals

Chair: **Christopher Vandome**, Research Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

16:30 – 17:00 **Break**

17:00 – 18:15 **Session 5: The international relations of debt**

- What role does debt play in African states' international relations and economic diplomacy? How do states exercise their agency with regards to debt management?
- How have different African states historically and currently engaged with international and regional debt relief initiatives? What lessons have been learned? What are the key policy implications for undertaking international debt relief?
- How have African countries benefited from Chinese loans? How have new players shifted the debt landscape? How do African states benefit from an increasing number of lenders and financial options?

Dr Sishuwa Sishuwa, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Democracy, University of Cape Town; Lecturer, Department of History, University of Zambia

Claudia Pollen, Director, Consumer Unit and Trust Society (CUTS)

Mark Bohlund, Senior Credit Research Analyst, REDD Intelligence

Chair: **Lowani Chibesakunda**, CEO, Citi Zambia

18:15 – 18:30 **Concluding remarks**

Dr Alex Vines OBE, Director, Africa Programme, Chatham House

18:30 – 20:00 **Reception**



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