



# Zambia Annual Renewable Energy Conference (ZARECON 2026)

**Theme:** Powering Zambia's Future: Pioneering Policy, Innovation, And Partnerships For Energy Security

**Venue:** InterContinental Hotel, Lusaka

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Hosted by:** Zambia Renewable Energy Association (ZARENA)



# About The Conference

The Zambia Annual Renewable Energy Conference 2026 (ZARECON 2026) and Expo is the country's leading multi-stakeholder platform designed to bring together key energy stakeholders from government, industry, academia, and civil society to promote policy harmonisation, innovation, and partnerships for Zambia's energy security. This inaugural Renewable Energy Conference and Expo aligns with Zambia's **8th National Development Plan (8NDP)**, the integrated resource plan, Vision 2030, and the National Energy Policy. It supports targets under the Energy Compact, focusing on expanding renewable energy capacity, attracting private sector investment, and achieving universal access to clean energy.

As a flagship national and regional platform, ZARECON 2026 will unite:

- Government & regulators
- Investors & financiers
- Energy developers
- Academia & researchers
- Development partners
- Youth & women innovators



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# Minister's Foreword



## Honourable Makozo Chikote

The Minister of Energy  
Honourable

### Zambia stands at a pivotal moment in its energy journey.

As demand for reliable, affordable and sustainable power continues to grow, the choices we make today will define our economic competitiveness, climate resilience and inclusive development for decades to come. Achieving this future requires more than policy alone; it demands strong partnerships, sound engineering, innovative financing and shared commitment across the entire energy value chain.

The ZARENA Energy Conference (ZARECON) 2026 is a critical platform designed to bring these forces together. It convenes government, utilities, regulators, investors, developers, engineers, financiers, innovators and development partners to move beyond dialogue and towards implementation.

### ZARECON 2026 offers stakeholders a unique

#### opportunity to:

- Engage directly with national energy priorities and regulatory direction
- Unlock investment-ready opportunities in renewable energy and infrastructure
- Strengthen technical, financial and institutional collaboration
- Contribute to shaping Zambia's long-term, resilient energy system

I therefore call upon all energy sector stakeholders, public and private to participate actively in ZARECON 2026 and to partner with ZARENA in advancing solutions that power growth, sustainability and national development.

The Ministry of Energy fully supports this initiative and looks forward to outcomes that translate vision into action for Zambia and the region.



# Welcoming Remarks



**Dr. Chilala Bowa**  
ZARENA Executive Director

## Message on Hosting The Inaugural ZARECON 2026

ZARECON 2026 comes at a defining moment for Zambia and the wider Southern African region. We stand at the intersection of policy ambition, technical capability and an urgent need for sustainable and reliable energy systems that can power inclusive economic growth.

This conference is more than a convening of experts. It is a deliberate national and regional platform where engineering rigour meets strategic leadership, and where decisions are shaped not only by vision, but by data, standards and execution. Our focus is clear: to accelerate Zambia's transition toward clean, reliable and affordable energy, while strengthening the systems that support industry, households and regional integration.

Renewable energy is inherently multidisciplinary. Its success depends on a holistic approach that

integrates policy and regulation, engineering and innovation, finance and investment, environmental stewardship, academia, industry and communities. Fragmented efforts cannot deliver lasting solutions. ZARECON exists to convene all key players across this ecosystem, ensuring that energy solutions are not developed in isolation but engineered collaboratively for long-term impact and sustainability.

Zambia occupies a unique strategic position within the SADC region. Through ZARECON 2026, we are positioning our country as a Green Energy Hub for Southern Africa, leveraging our abundant renewable resources and geographic advantage to contribute meaningfully to the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP). Energy security, resilience and economic competitiveness can no longer be pursued in isolation; they must be built collaboratively, across borders.

A central pillar of this vision is the Global Renewable Centre (GRC).

The GRC is designed to bridge the long-standing gap between academic research and industrial application. By connecting universities, industry, policymakers and innovators, we are ensuring that Zambia's energy transition is driven by local expertise, applied research, and home-grown solutions that are scalable, bankable and globally competitive.

ZARECON 2026 is ultimately about responsibility. Responsibility to engineer systems that endure. Responsibility to build institutions that outlast individuals. And responsibility to ensure that the energy choices we make today secure prosperity, resilience and opportunity for generations to come.

I invite all stakeholders, government, industry, academia, financiers and development partners to engage with purpose, contribute with discipline, and collaborate toward a shared energy future that is resilient, inclusive and sustainable.

Together, we are not merely discussing the future of energy. We are engineering it.



## WHY THIS CONFERENCE MATTERS

### Zambia's Energy Reality

- Heavy reliance on hydropower - drought vulnerability
- Prolonged load shedding affecting industry, health & education
- **Rural electrification gap:** 2/3 of rural households lack electricity
- Need for investment and policy reform

- Limited private sector participation

### But Zambia has massive potential:

- Solar, wind, biomass, mini-hydro
- Strategic position in SAPP
- Growing investment appetite

## ZARECON OBJECTIVES

- Mobilise finance for renewable energy projects
- Bridge academia and industry through peer-reviewed research
- Promote inclusive energy access for women and youth
- Strengthen policy and regulatory frameworks
- Establish post-conference accountability tracking
- Position Zambia as a regional clean energy hub



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**This is Zambia's most concentrated clean energy decision-making audience.**

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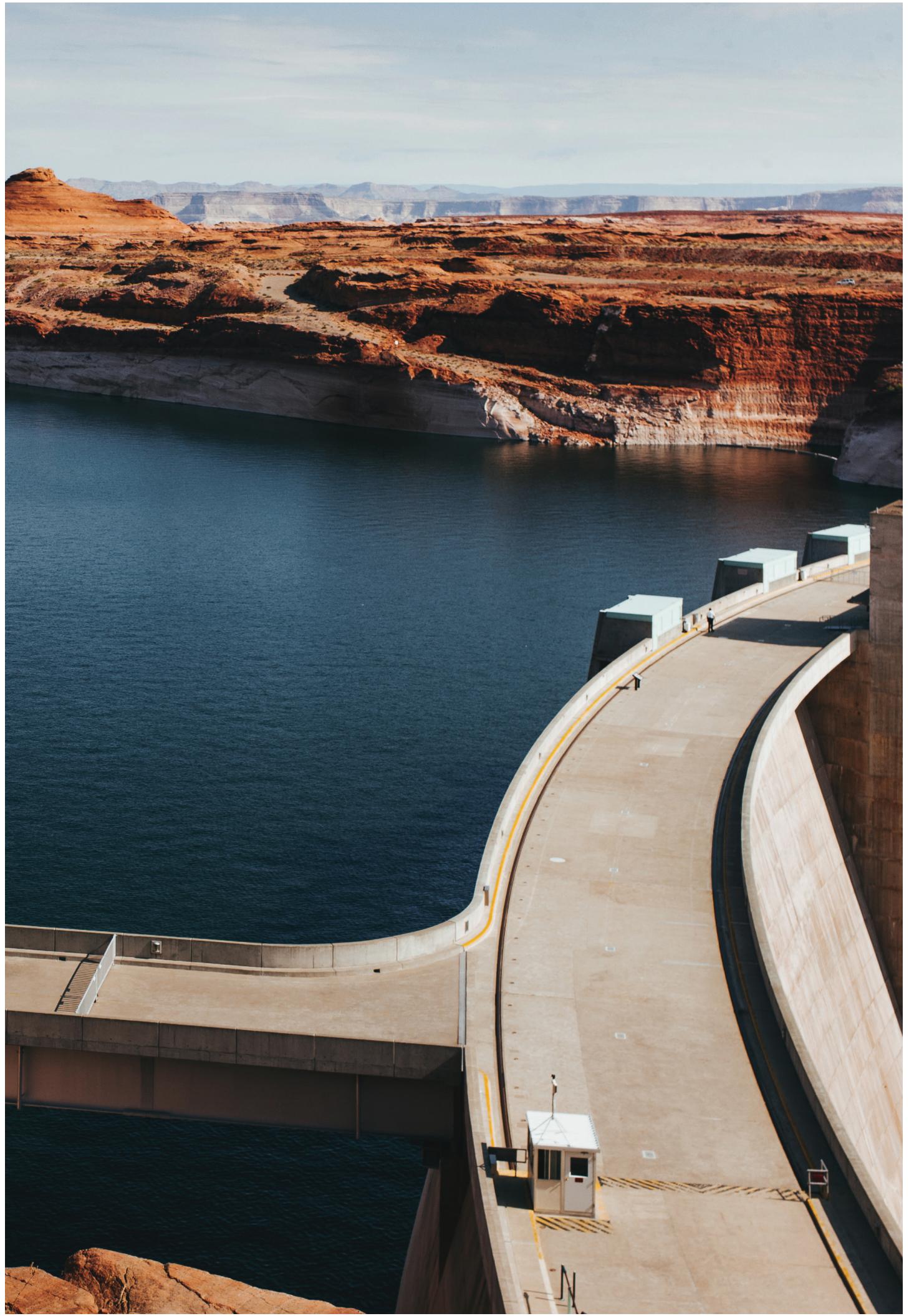


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Naming of a specific area or zone at ZARECON 2026	X			
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Logo on accreditation, lanyards, and tickets	X			
Inclusion of promotional material in Welcome Bag	X	X		
Logo on event backdrop at the Conference venue and special event venues of ZARECON 2026 (Logos may not be present on all backdrops, according to sponsorship)	X	X	X	X
Logo in the event handbook and all official materials	X	X	X	X
Logo on fence around the Conference venue	X	X	X	X
Logo in the Accomodation sites				
Highlighted logo on Conference Digital Screens at ZARECON 2026	X	X		
Logo in VIP Parking	X	X		
Logo on Conference shuttles				
Logo on VVIP cars	X			

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<b>Public Relations &amp; Communications</b>				
Access to media plans	X	X	X	X
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Sponsor logo presentation in the venue of Opening and Closing Ceremonies	X			
Use of all event film and photo materials for public relations and marketing purposes	X	X	X	X
Opportunity to present and give an award on stage during the Closing Ceremony	X	X	X	X
<b>Online &amp; Social Media</b>				
Logo appearance on the header of official ZARECON 2026 website	X			
Logo and mention in the official newsletter	X	X	X	X
Right to use ZARECON 2026 logo on sponsor official page	X	X	X	X
Right to display sponsor logo on social media of ZARENA	X	X		

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<b>Traditional Media</b>				
Logo in newspaper press release	X	X	X	X
<b>Hospitality</b>				
VIP invitation to official events: Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, ZARECON 2026				
Business services on site	X	X	X	X
Access to VIP parking, (number will be defined)	X			
Access to meals	X	X	X	X
<b>Exclusive Rights &amp; Benefits</b>				
Possibility to have own signing ceremony for being a sponsor of ZARECON 2026	X	X	X	X
Slot allocation for a presentation at ZARECON 2026	X	X		



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# CALL TO ACTION

"Partner with us to power Zambia's future and advancement in **renewable energy**."



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