

Digitizing Trade and Finance for Women and Youth Cross Borders Traders: Zimbabwe - Zambia stakeholders co-creation workshop

Wednesday 4th August 2021 - 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY	INTERVENORS
09:00 – 09:05 5 mins	Introductory Remarks	Shamiso
09:05 – 09:15 10 mins	Background and Objectives of the African Borderlands Challenge: <i>Digitizing Trade and Financing for Women and Youth Cross Borders Traders</i>	Sharleen
09:15 – 09:25 10 mins (5 mins each)	Innovator's presentation	Innovators Thumeza Zimbabwe Village Savers Technology Zambia
09:25 – 09:35 10 mins (5 mins each)	Experiences of Women Traders in Zimbabwe and Zambia	Representative from Zambia Representative from Zimbabwe
09:35 – 09:45 10 mins (5 mins each)	Status of Women in Cross Border Trading in Zimbabwe and Zambia	Representative from Zimbabwe Women in Trade and Development (Zimbabwe) Representative from Cross Border Trader Association (Zambia)
09:45 – 10:05 20 mins	Group Work <i>on areas for consultations on women in Cross border trading and formulation of proposed recommendations</i>	Groups
10:05 – 10:25 20 mins	Report Back in Plenary & Discussion	Rapporteurs
10:25 – 10:30	Closure and Way Forward	Salome

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Guidelines

1. Group Guidelines

- Participants shall be grouped into 3 groups each with a facilitator and rapporteur as follows:

GROUP	FACILITATOR	RAPPORTEUR
Operating environment	Salome	Shamiso
Policy	Sharleen	Nampaka
Innovations & enabling financial environment	Gift	Moses

Troubleshooting: Chengetai Nyagweta

2. Group Work: Questions

- Each group will explore specific thematic areas and their challenges within the two countries. The discussion will be guided by the following;

Thematic areas and questions:

Operating environment

Question:

- Due to COVID-19 please share lessons learnt in trading
- Provide recommendations on how a more enabling environment can be created to trade across borders during shocks such as COVID-19
- Provide recommendations on safety for women at borders especially during shocks such as COVID-19

Policy

Question:

- What can be done to ensure decentralisation of border certificates, standardisation and customs/duties for CBTS in light of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Provide recommendations on how women can access information on their rights at borders

Innovations & enabling financial environment

Question:

- Share experiences and perceptions of using innovative/digital tools (for example, have they had any impact on improving your business)
- Share any positive impact innovation & digital tools have been having on CBTS



3. Share experience on saving groups (challenges, recommendations/lessons learnt)

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Dear Stakeholder,

On behalf of the Resident Representative UNDP Zambia, and the Deputy Resident Representative (O.I.C) UNDP Zimbabwe

UNDP Zambia and Zimbabwe Country Offices collaborated to submit a proposal to the [Africa Borderlands Centre](#), which launched an Innovation Challenge in May 2021. The innovation challenge had an objective to improve the quality of life of borderlands' communities and to ensure that they maximize their benefits from the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Following a competitive selection process, the jointly written proposal emerged as one of the approved proposals for the 2021 borderlands innovation challenge.

With the above, we are pleased to extend an invitation to you, to attend the **Zambia and Zimbabwe co-creation workshop** to be held on **Wednesday 04th August 2021**. The workshop will focus on dialogue between stakeholders to review the recommendations made in the proposal, which primarily focus on digitizing trade and financing for women and youth cross borders traders. Furthermore, the co-creation workshop will be an opportunity for us to engage further on the gaps, challenges and opportunities of cross border trading in Livingstone town and Victoria Falls city.

Participation in the co-creation workshop

In view of the above, we kindly extend the virtual invitation to you, to be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 04th August 2021 09:00am -10:30am**. To join in virtually please register with the following link;

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://undp.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpfu2rpzgrHtKIGeY3H9NfrW-ESE2BOWm2>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We look forward to engaging with you and having a rich discussion.