



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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Industry Update for week ending 8th December 2017

OVERVIEW

The new Agriculture ministry, combining the agriculture, lands and rural resettlement portfolios, will be 'pivoted on agricultural performance' according to Air Marshall Cde Perence Shiri who has been appointed to head the new Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement.

At other levels too, streamlining for greater efficiency and performance is underway. The hundred-day extension to the Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) has been welcomed by the two working groups to this vital process, agriculture and manufacturing. The final phase of this initiative will see the two groups working together to streamline business processes, remove unnecessary regulatory and other duplication and impediments to efficiency and competitiveness. As well as being a key part of the agricultural working group, LMAC is represented on the industry side through the Meat Processors' Association of Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe Abattoir Association. Among other things, RRI aims to establish a One-Stop-Shop for permit application.

Council Meeting of the Meat Processors' Association of Zimbabwe

The meeting noted that the current duty of 40% on imported mechanically deboned meat is not in alignment with 'the ease of doing business' initiative and the competitiveness of the meat processing industry. It also significantly drives up the cost of production and end price to the consumer of a variety of meat products intended to be more affordable for the mass market.

It was noted that the meat processing industry has an important role to play in backward integration in agriculture. As well as sourcing raw materials such as soya beans and meat trimmings from farmers for processed meat production, the industry can stimulate agricultural diversity through local production of specific ingredients such as herbs and spices which are currently imported.

MPAZ is drawing up a meat processing industry development plan, with a two-pronged objective: to reduce dependence on raw material imports for meat processing, whilst generating new smallholder agricultural projects for integrated value chain development.

Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

ZFPA proudly announce their workshop and Annual General Meeting.

- Date:** Tuesday 12th December
- Venue:** Andy Millar Hall, Exhibition Park
- Time:** 08.30am – 15.00pm
- Cost:** \$10 per person, inclusive of teas and a hot lunch.

Zimbabwe Poultry Association

ZPA proudly announce their workshop and Annual General Meeting.

- Date:** Wednesday 13th December
- Venue:** Richmond Hall, Exhibition Park
- Time:** 08.30am – 13.00pm
- Cost:** \$10 per person, inclusive of teas and lunch.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: December

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| Tuesday 12th | Workshop and Annual General Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers' Association |
| Wednesday 13th | Workshop and Annual General Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association |

Enclosures

- Programme, Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association
- Programme, Zimbabwe Poultry Association
- 2018 Budget Statement and Budget Highlights

News Articles

- <http://www.herald.co.zw/chinamasas-fine-balancing-act/>
- <http://www.herald.co.zw/fish-health-vital-for-profitable-farming/>