



# SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY

2023 | REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

## PROGRAMME



### 2023 SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY (S4D2) 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Lusaka, Zambia

The United States is co-hosting the second Summit for Democracy with the governments of Costa Rica, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea, and Republic of Zambia





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## Wednesday March 29, 2023

High Level Virtual Summit

Arrival of Delegates, Registration, and Accreditation

Welcome/Networking Cocktail

## Thursday March 30, 2023

07:30 - 08:30 Arrival of Delegates and Dance Troupe Performances

08:30 - 08:40 Welcome Remarks by the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

08:40 - 08:55 Remarks by the USG Head of Delegation (TBA)

08:55 - 09:00 *INTERLUDE*

09:00 - 09:20 Keynote Address by Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia

09:20 - 09:40 Group Photo

09:40 - 10:00 *HEALTH BREAK*

10:00 - 11:15 **Panel 1: Ensuring Electoral Integrity on the African Continent**

Moderator: Rueben Lifuka, Vice President, Transparency International, Zambia

Panelists:

- Professor Attahiru Muhammadu Jega, former Chair of the Independent National Election Commission (INEC), Nigeria
- Kojo Asante, Director of Advocacy and Planning, Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO), Ghana
- TBA



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11:15 - 11:20 *INTERLUDE TO ARRANGE THE STAGE*

11:20 - 13:00 Country Presentations on Electoral Processes, Institutional and Legal Framework, and Reforms

13:00 - 14:00 *LUNCH*

14:00 - 15:15 **Panel A1: Inclusive Participation of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities in Electoral Processes**

Moderator: Grace Jerry, Executive Director, Inclusive Friends Association, Nigeria

Panelists:

- Samson Itodo, Executive Director, Yiaga Africa, Nigeria
- Anne Ileri, Executive Director, FIDA Kenya
- Daintown Domah Pay-bayee, Executive Director, National Commission on Disabilities, Liberia
- Lourenço Cange, Project Manager, Projecto Agir, Angola

14:00 - 15:15 **Panel A2: Freedom of Expression: The Role of the Media and Civil Society in Promoting Transparent and Credible Elections**

Moderator: Marcella Samba-Sesay, Chair, Campaign for Good Governance (CGG), Sierra Leone

Panelists:

- David Omwoyo, CEO, Media Council of Kenya, Kenya
- Pansy Tlakula, Chair, South Africa Information Regulator, South Africa
- Laura Miti, Executive Director, Alliance for Community Action (ACA), Zambia
- Gbenga Sesan, Executive Director, Paradigm Shift, Nigeria

15:15 - 15:35 *INTERLUDE*

15:35 - 16:50 **Panel B1: Transparency in Political Party Financing**

Moderator: Dr. O'Brien Kaaba, Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission of Zambia, Zambia



Panelists:

- Henry Muguzi, Founder, Alliance for Campaign Finance Monitoring (ACFM), Uganda
- Sheila Masinde, Executive Director, Transparency International, Kenya
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**15:35 - 16:50 Panel B2: The Independence of Electoral Management Bodies and Their Importance in Free, Fair and Credible Elections**

Moderator: Khabele Matlosa, Former Director of Political Affairs, African Union Commission, Lesotho

Panelists:

- Mohammad Irfan Abdool Rahman, Electoral Commissioner, Office of the Electoral Commissioner, Mauritius
- Elsie T. Nghikembua, Chairperson, Election Commission of Namibia, Namibia
- Ahmed Issack Hassan, former Chairperson, Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), Kenya

16:50 - 17:00 *INTERLUDE*

17:00 - 17:15 Wrap-up Session TBA

17:15 - 17:30 Closing Remarks by Her Honour Mrs. W.K. Mutale Nalumango, Vice President of the Republic of Zambia



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