



WELCOME REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF HARARE CLR H GOMBA AT THE
CONNECTIVE CITIES WORKSHOP

SABRE BUSINESS WORLD, 146 ENTERPRISE ROAD

HARARE

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Salutations

1. Fellow Mayors from across the country
our UCAZ president. The Great country of
2. Connective Cities delegates from Germany
3. Participants from fellow Sub-Saharan countries (RSA and Zambia) and from East Africa (Kenya)
4. City of Harare Town Clerk Eng. H A Chisango
5. Town Clerks from sister Local Authorities in Zimbabwe
6. GIZ Programs Manager, Stefan Lisba, *and your team*
7. Partners from UCAZ and DST
8. Officials from all Local Authorities
9. Ladies and gentlemen

I warmly welcome you all to this ^{very} important 3 day Connective Cities Workshop whose theme is **"Improving public service delivery at local level – solutions for participatory and accountable management"**.

I find in the theme the **"participatory and accountable management"** phrase to be very much in tandem with the

thrust that our city has deliberately taken in trying to close the gap between what the residents of our city demand as service and what we as a Local Authority can offer, with the limited resources at our disposal in such trying times that we find ourselves in.

The focus of this workshop, **"developing approaches to improve public service delivery through public participation in order to achieve social accountability in the sectors of water, sanitation, waste management and transport"** cannot be overemphasized. These are the real issues with which we need to be seized as Local Authorities.

The City of Harare does not under-estimate the value created for service delivery through collaboration with willing partners as well as beneficiaries. The City of Harare has taken advantage of such partnerships and leveraged their efforts to such an extent

that the communities are realising value in such efforts and volunteering their time and energies for their individual and communal benefits as you will observe for yourselves during the tour of one of our site tomorrow.

We at the City are deeply indebted to such organisations as the GIZ for their tireless efforts in creating working partnerships with and amongst ourselves.

The Connective Cities initiative can only be a welcome development for the City.

It is a great honour for the City of Harare to be hosting dignitaries from the sub-region as well as from beyond.

As a participant at this workshop, City of Harare can only gain from the interactions that will go on for the duration of the workshop.

Finally, I wish to implore all of you ladies and gentlemen to feel free in our beautiful city.

With these few remarks, I warmly welcome you to Harare, the Capital City of Zimbabwe and wish you a productive 3 day workshop.

I THANK YOU.