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All Heads of Mission

**RE: INVITATION TO THE SECOND ANNUAL DIASPORA
INVESTMENT CONFERENCE AND HOMECOMING EVENT: 11 TO
13 APRIL, 2024: MASVINGO PROVINCE**

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ambassador F.M. Shava will host the **Second Annual Diaspora Investment Conference and Homecoming Event** from **11 to 13 April, 2024** in Masvingo Province, at a venue to be confirmed. The event will be a follow-up to the Inaugural Diaspora Investment Conference "Spotlight Zimbabwe" which was held on 26 April, 2023 on the margins of the 63rd Edition of the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF).

The main objective of the event is to provide an interactive platform for the Government, local stakeholders and the Diaspora, to discuss practical ways in which the Diaspora can actively participate in the national development agenda, as the country advances towards the attainment of Vision 2030, of becoming an Upper-Middle Income Society by the year 2030. The Homecoming event, in particular, will be an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate our Diasporans for their continued contribution to the development of their motherland.

The event will be held in a hybrid format to ensure that no one is left behind. The login details for virtual participation will be shared in due course.

In this regard, all Missions are requested to mobilise as many Diasporans as possible to physically participate at the Second Diaspora Investment Conference and Homecoming Event. All Missions are further requested to propose names of Diasporans and Diaspora organisations that have exhibited undisputed patriotism toward Zimbabwe's national development agenda. The nominations will be considered for awards during the Homecoming event.

Attached hereto, is the Concept Note for the Second Annual Diaspora Investment Conference and Homecoming Event.


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