

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR OF MATABELELAND NORTH PROVINCE HON. T MATHUTHU ON THE OCCASION MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND BIOMETRICS SEMINAR on 28 November 2012 at the Elephant Hills and Resort in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

- **THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT HON. NICHOLAS T GOCHE**
- **HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR OF VICTORIA FALLS COUNCILOR JIYANE**
- **ICAO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA MR. MESHESHA BELAYNEH**
- **ICAO COUNCIL MEMBER, MR KABBS TWIJUKE, HERE PRESENT**
- **THE REGISTRAR GENERAL MR. TOBAIWA MUDEDE**
- **THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF ZIMBABWE BOARD CHAIRMAN-ADVOCATE J.F. MUDENDA AND CAAZ BOARD MEMBERS (HERE PRESENT)**
- **GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF ZIMBABWE MR. DAVID CHAWOTA**
- **THE PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION MR. C. MASANGO**
- **REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL BODIES, HERE PRESENT**
- **SEMINAR DELEGATES,**
- **ALL PROTOCOLS OBSERVED**

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS MAGNIFICENT TOWN OF VICTORIA FALLS, HOME TO ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD, MOSI-OA-TUNYA “THE SMOKE THAT THUNDERS’ POPULARLY KNOWN AS VICTORIA FALLS.

IT ALSO GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION WHERE ZIMBABWE IS HOSTING THE MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND BIOMETRICS SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY ICAO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF ZIMBABWE, THE AFRICAN UNION, THE UNITED NATIONS COUNTER TERRORISM COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE AND INTERPOL.

WHILE DOCUMENT INTEGRITY IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE SECURITY OF THE GLOBAL TRAVEL SYSTEM, THE AFRICAN CONTINENT REMAINS VULNERABLE TO TRANS-NATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME THROUGH THE USE OF FALSE IDENTITIES AND FRAUDULENT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

ZIMBABWE IS COMMITTED TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AS PER THE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF ICAO.

FOR THOSE WITH AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT, YOU MAY WAN TO PARTICIPATE IN BUNGEE BY THE VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE, GO WILD WATER ON THE MIGHTY ZAMBEZI RIVER, TAKE A WALK WITH THE LIONS, GET A RIDE ON AN ELEPHANT, VISIT OUR CROCODILE FARM AND HOLD A BABY CROCODILE ON YOUR PALM OR TAKE A STROLL TO VISIT OUR SAMPLE OUR FALLS CRAFT VILLAGE SAMPLE OUR ECHO TOURISM AMONGST OTHERS. SUNSET CRUISE FOR THE FAINT HEARTED, A SUNSET CRUISE ON THE MIGHTY ZAMBEZI WILL SOOTHE YOUR NERVES AND REMEMBER TO VISIT ONE OF THE 7 NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD – THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORIA FALLS.

I HAVE BEEN TO THE FALLS ALMOST 50 TIMES SINCE MY CHILDHOOD AND EACH TIME I GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO THERE, I NEVER STOP SINGING “HOW GREAT THOU ART”.

DEAR DELEGATES, PLEASE ENJOY YOUR STAY IN OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND FEEL THE WARMTH OF OUR CITIZENS.

IT NOW REMAINS MY SINGULAR PRIVILEGE AND HONOUR TO INVITE A MAN OF GOOD REPUTE, WHO WAS PART OF THE GLOBAL POLITICAL AGREEMENT WHICH BROUGHT

MERCI BEA COUISE

NDATENDA

NDABOKA KASA KASA

ZIKOMO KWAMBIRA

NYIYABONGA

I THANK YOU

ALLOW ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU FRUITFUL DELIBERATIONS AS YOU SHARE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION.

I THANK YOU.