



Government of Zimbabwe

Invitation to Submit Applications: Compensation for Acquired Farms Protected Under Ratified Bilateral Investment Protection and Promotion Agreements (BIPPAs)

Background:

The Government of Zimbabwe developed and adopted in 2021, the Arrears Clearance, Debt Relief, and Restructuring Strategy to facilitate the process for the clearance of the country's external payment arrears and resolution of debt. Pursuant to this, the Government of Zimbabwe established in December 2022, a Structured Dialogue Platform to institutionalise engagement with all its creditors and development partners towards arrears clearance and debt resolution, premised on reforms in three major areas viz. (a) Economic (b) Governance, and (c) Land Tenure, Compensation of Former Farm Owners, and Compensation of farmers protected under Bilateral Investment Protection and Promotion Agreements (BIPPAs).

The Government of Zimbabwe made a provision of US\$20 million in its 2024 National Fiscal Budget towards the financial compensation of farmers protected under BIPPAs. This National Budget allocation is targeted towards compensating farmers whose farms were acquired, and who are nationals of countries that signed BIPPAs with Zimbabwe which were ratified before the commencement of the Fast Track Land Reform programme, that is, BIPPAs that were ratified before the year 2000.

The Government of Zimbabwe programmes this as the first instalment towards full compensation.

Invitation:

In furtherance of the above, the Government of Zimbabwe is inviting qualifying BIPPA-protected farmers, who choose the financial compensation option, to submit applications for compensation.

The qualifying BIPPA-protected farmers relate to:

- Applicants who can establish through evidential documentation, their national identity to be of a country with a BIPPA with Zimbabwe that was ratified before the commencement of the Fast Track Land Reform Programme, i.e. before the year 2000.
- Applicants that do not have an existing Arbitral Award or Court Order against the Government of Zimbabwe and/or those that have instituted legal proceedings for compensation against the Government of Zimbabwe. This category is being addressed under separate arrangements.

The qualifying BIPPA-protected farmers will be required to submit the following documentation:

- Copy of Title Deed of the Acquired Farm;
- Proof of Nationality;
- If farm owner is a company;
 - o CR 14 Form and CR 2 Form; and
 - o Shareholder Proof, or Board Resolution granting authority of representation.
- If farm owner is an individual, a copy of national identification document;
- Bank Statement/Bank Confirmation Letter; and
- Signed Consent Form, which will be made available by the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Rural Development.

Applications will be submitted through an online application portal that will be established by mid-June 2024, and will be announced through the following website: www.zim.gov.zw

In the meantime, applications can be submitted as follows:

- Email through the following email address: svondofungai4@gmail.com
- All email submissions should also be copied to Mrs Anna Tinarwo: tinarwoa@gmail.com; or
- Physical submission, addressed to:

The Director

Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Rural Development
Department of Land Development & Administration
Makombe Complex, Block 2
Herbert Chitepo/Harare Street, Harare

Attention: Mr. N. Dendere

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