



# Activities and Future Plans

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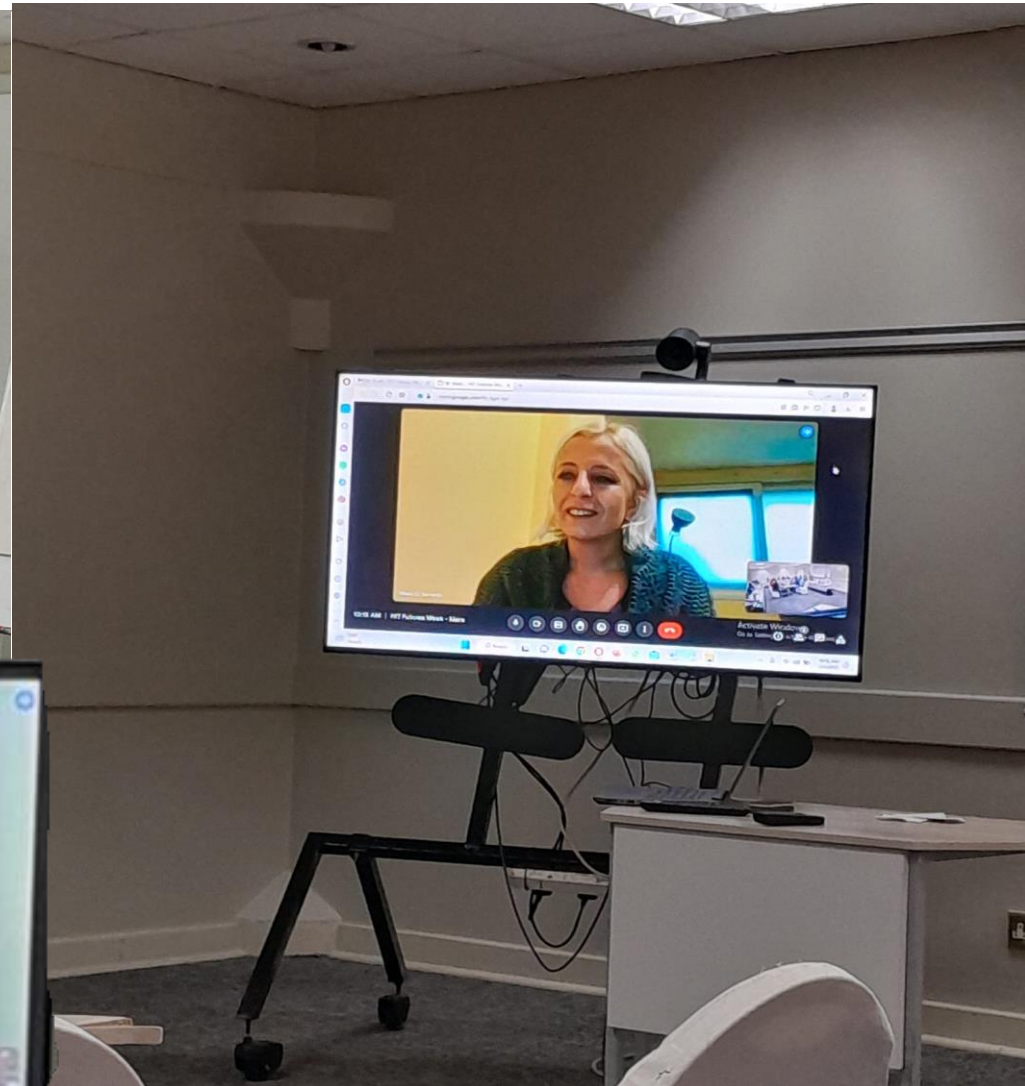
*Reported by Simbarashe Nhokovedzo*



## Zimbabwe Futures Week, 30.1-03.2.2023

- Basic methodology training conducted by the 4CF and MP friends Mara Di Berardo and Elizabeth Florescu
- 25 youthful members of our team were trained [www.millennium-project.org/zimbabwe-futures-week-jan-30-feb-3-2023](http://www.millennium-project.org/zimbabwe-futures-week-jan-30-feb-3-2023)

# MP friends connecting virtually





# Zim Futures' week participants







Basking in the  
sunset of Mukuvisi  
Woodlands



## FUTURES PROGRAMMES STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

 POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA  
IN STRATEGIC FORESIGHT  
(PGDSF)

 POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA  
IN FUTURES RESEARCH  
METHODOLOGY  
(PGDFRM)

 **CRESTA Lodge, Sango Conference Centre,  
Huswa Training Room  
5482+G98, A5, Msasa, Harare**



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D.Sc (Econ & Bus Adm) FUTU (UZ) Finland (studying)  
Mtech SI (HIT), M.Sc AE (CUJ), PGDHIE (GZU),  
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**Tangai Tazvishaya**  
Msc Big Data (CUJ), Macc (UZ), HACC (UZ),  
CTA Level 1, BLS (UZ) studying

 **Google Meet  
LINK**

**03/02/2023** Time 0800 – 1300hrs

<https://meet.google.com/nqp-szzp-pej>

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# Stakeholder consultation





# Academic Programs

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1. Post Graduate Diploma in Strategic Foresight
  2. Post Graduate diploma in Futures Research Methodology
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# Research

Responded to one call on Government funded research

Leadership, Innovation and Development

creating a level playing field

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (2024)

1.0 Background

The Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ), in collaboration with the Research Council of Zimbabwe (RCZ), invites research proposals to support the development of the digital economy in Zimbabwe. This Call for research proposals seeks to drive the development of reliable solutions that can facilitate the establishment of universally acceptable Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure and systems for an inclusive digital economy, as outlined in the National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1). It also presents an excellent chance for researchers to contribute to the advancement of ICT in Zimbabwe.

2.0 Objectives of the Call

Proposals submitted for this Call should seek:

- To foster the development of a legislative framework to support the progression of postal, courier and telecommunication services as well as the protection of personal data in Zimbabwe.
- To contribute towards the adoption of Emerging Technologies such as block chain, the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, Expert Systems, Robotics, Augmented Reality among other ICT technologies in Zimbabwe.
- To support the generation of content for the postal and telecommunications sectors of Zimbabwe.
- To foster the progressive development of various community networks.
- To identify sectoral barriers and pathways to broadband development in Zimbabwe.
- To identify solutions for enhancing broadband affordability.

3.0 Areas of Research

Issues central to the ICT industry of Zimbabwe should be tackled by proposals. Proposals may cover, but are not restricted to the following areas:

- Cybersecurity and Data Protection.
- Emerging Frontier Technologies such as AI, IoT, Big data, Blockchain, Automation, Robotics, Embedded systems, Augmented Reality amongst others
- Advancing Universal Access to Information Communication Technologies in Zimbabwe, with particular focus on improving rural connectivity as well as access and use by people living with disabilities.
- Digital Services & Smart Communities: Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), e-Agriculture, e-Health, e-Learning.
- End-of-Life Management of Communications Equipment (E-Waste Management).
- Big Data in Information Communication Technologies: Governance, Architecture, Use Cases etc.
- Telecommunications Law Reform.
- Improving Affordability of ICT services in Zimbabwe.
- Licensing and Spectrum Pricing, focusing on the impact on investment and competition in the ICT sector.

4.0 Eligibility

Funding is offered to local and foreign researchers, or consortia on an open and competitive basis. Consortia to respond to this Call may be academic, private/public, and non-profit making research institutions. Consortia of more than one research institution can apply, subject to one of them assuming responsibility and accountability as lead applicant.

5.0 Budget Limitation

Funding is provided as per research budget proposals, subject to verification of the transparency, rationality and justifiability of costing of the research processes and deliverables.

6.0 Processing of Proposals

- The evaluation and selection of proposals will comprise verification of the proposal eligibility as stated in 4.0.
- Confidential peer review of the proposals by experts.
- Short listing of reviewed research proposals.
- Communication of results and funding decisions to applicants within 3 months of lapse of proposal submission deadline;
- Engagement of selected researchers by RCZ and POTRAZ; and
- Project fund disbursement beginning 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024.

7.0 Submission

- The application process will be undertaken through the RCZ Online Grants Management System **ONLY**. Applications **WILL NOT** be received via email.
- To apply respondents may visit the online application process available on the RCZ website. <https://www.rczgrants.org/>. The application process is extensive and applicants are advised to begin the process well before the submission deadline.
- Applicants are advised that the application process will require that applicants upload pdf documents of the project budget, support letter from institution of affiliation, and support letter from institution of affiliation.
- Approval from the host institution of affiliation is a prerequisite. Applications without institutional approval will not be considered.

8.0 Submission Deadline

The deadline for submission of applications is **31 October 2023**. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

9.0 Contact Information

- For additional information on the Call visit [www.rcz.ac.zw](http://www.rcz.ac.zw).
- For any queries or additional information contact RCZ:  
Tel: 263-242-30 4733, 304787  
Cell: 0712 954 330/2  
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# Botswana NAP26 Expo

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- Participated in the Botswana NAP26 Program organised by the 4cf for the UNFCCC



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## The 8 Pathways

1. Transformed relationship of humanity with nature
  2. Lifelong learning for environmental stewardship
  3. Universal and equitable access to and stewardship of [big] data and frontier technologies
  4. Equitable and inclusive management of water and other natural resources
  5. Equitable management of transboundary concerns
  6. Applying a holistic, ecosystem-centred approach to optimise future health and wellbeing
  7. Regenerative food production
  8. A rebuilt financial and economic system for natural and human prosperity
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# The Southern Africa Node and SAllA project

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## Team: Research Advisory Committee (RAC)



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Rasigan Maharajh



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Joel Ongoto

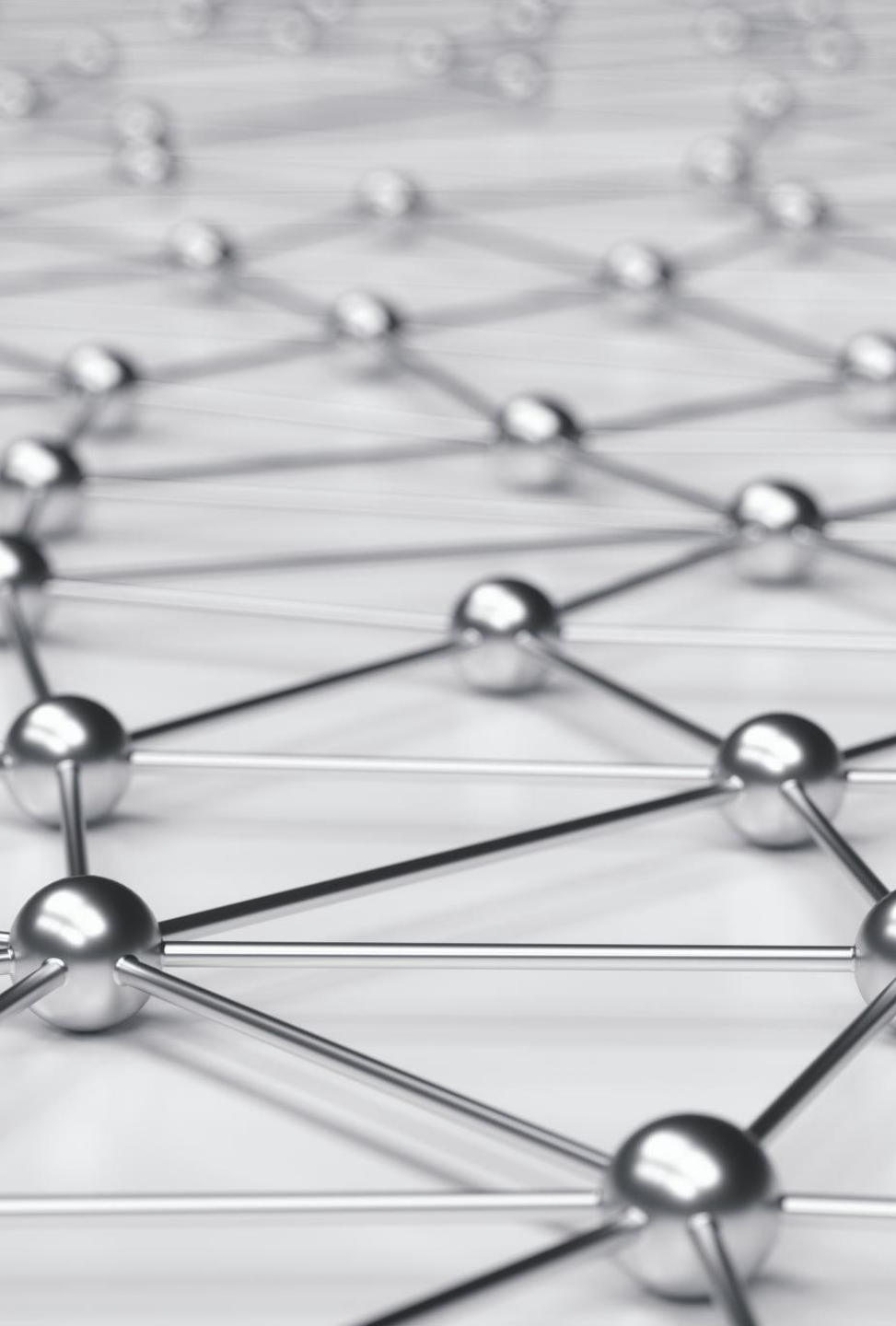


Martin Oosthuizen



Yanick Kemayou

- *Our advisory committee consisted of respected foresight and futures practitioners;*
- *The co-PIs met with them for guidance and feedback at critical points in the project.*



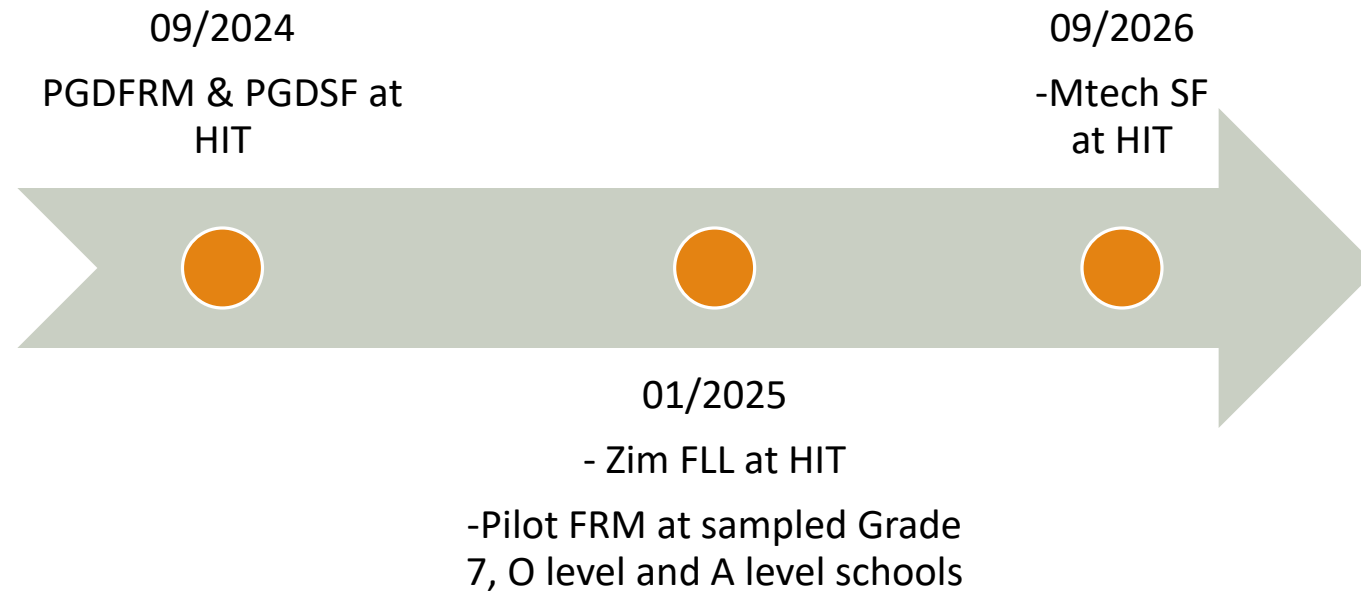
## Engagements

- Engaging the government on SOFI
- Encouraged the Parliament to participate at World Summit of Committees of the Future in Uruguay
- Reached a MoU with 4cf (The Futures Literacy Company) on futures literacy and research collaboration



# The Future Plans

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A learning node

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