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**DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONTINENTAL  
CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICA PUBLIC SERVICE DAY**

**VICTORIA FALLS, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2021**

**Hon. Senzo Mchunu, *Minister for Public Service and Administration of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the Conference of State Parties to the African Charter on Values and Principles of Public Service and Administration;***

**Hon. Prof. Paul Mavima, *Minister for Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chair of the Special Ministerial Session;***

**Hon. Richard Moyo, *Minister of State for Provincial Affairs, Matabeleland North***

**H.E. Mr. Bankole Adeoye, *Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (AUC);***

**Dr. Tsitsi Rosemary Choruma, *Commissioner: Public Service Commission;***

**Participants and Experts;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

**Excellences, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

It is a pleasure and honor to participate to this 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Continental Celebration of the African Service Day. I wish to bring to you, the fraternal greetings from Hon. Mohamed O. Mchengerwa, Minister of State, Public Service Management and Good Governance of the United Republic of Tanzania, and Chairperson of the AU – STC8 Sub Committee on Public Service and Administration, who wished to personally attend this very important gathering, but could not make it due to other exigencies at home. He, therefore, asked me to represent him and preside in these celebrations on his behalf.

Allow me first, to thank the Government of Zimbabwe for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality accorded to Tanzania delegation. It is our great pleasure to

visit this beautiful place where is the home of one of the largest waterfalls, the Victoria Falls. I believe we will get some time to tour the place.

Furthermore, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the African Union Commission and the Zimbabwean team for their excellent preparatory work of these Celebrations.

**Excellences, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen;**

Over the next three days, we will be celebrating the 8<sup>th</sup> Continental Africa Public Service Day. This Celebration is very important in the African Public Service and it is a strategic event on the African Union Calendar. The celebrations recognize the values and virtues of service to the community.

This year's celebration is very significant as it creates a platform for us to exchange and share experiences through showcasing innovative approaches to service delivery under the theme '*Building the Africa we want through embracing an ethical culture that underpins purpose driven leadership in the context of a crisis*'.

And perhaps, the 2021 theme is particularly unique as it is premised on AU's aspirations as stipulated in Agenda 2063 with its two pillars envisions an Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics, and an Africa whose development is people driven.

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The 8<sup>th</sup> Continental celebration of Public Service day is done in the middle of the Covid19 pandemic which has touched every person in this planet. We have all witnessed how the pandemic has complicated the terrain for service delivery. Many public servants have paid the price for daring to sustain service delivery

levels in spite of the imminent dangers the Covid- 19 pandemic presented. That is why, I was pleased to note that two sub-themes will specifically be on Covid19 pandemic. The first sub theme will be on celebrating the contribution of a public servant, where each one of us will have a story of courage to share on how we managed the Covid19 pandemic in our countries. Moreover, we will deliberate on how technology could be deployed to sustain and enhance service delivery in the face of this challenging Covid-19 pandemic climate. I am confident that, at the end of these three days discussions we will have important lessons learnt from each one of us in this endeavor.

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We have a very loaded program ahead, so I would like to stop here. I am sure these celebrations will avail us a platform to dialogues and discourse on successes and challenges of service delivery in African and exchange best practices on how to transform Africa's public service administration to ultimately attain "An Integrated, Prosperous and Peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena".

**ASANTENI SANA!!**