

## **Dr. COSMAS ZAVAZAVA**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

A Zimbabwean national who is highly experienced in telecommunications/information and communication (ICT) issues, Dr. Cosmas Zavazava possess training and experience spanning over 34 years in the telecommunication/ICT sector. He has worked in a multi-cultural environment for over 20 years, widely travelled across all the regions of the world, and has a track record of implementing impactful,

innovative, and transformative ICT related projects/activities in Member States across the world.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### International Telecommunication Union

- 2019 – Present                      **Chief of Department, Partnerships for Digital Development:**(responsible for ITU Development Projects, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, and Engagement with Industry and Private Sector)
- 2010 – 2019 (July)                      **Chief of Department, Projects, and Knowledge Management:** (responsible for ITU Development Projects, Capacity Building, Statistics, Emergency Telecommunications, Climate Change, E-Waste Management, Assistance to least developed countries, landlocked developing states, small island developing states, and economies in transition)
- 2006 -2011                              **Head of the Division, Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, Emergency Telecommunications, E-waste management, and Climate change adaptation and mitigation**
- 2003-2006                              **Head of Division Business Development:** Responsible for Partnerships, Procurement, and Contracts
- 2002-2004                              **Head of Division, Least Developed Countries and Emergency Telecommunications:** Responsible for concentrated assistance to the least developed countries, disaster early warning systems, preparedness, and response.
- 2001-2002                              **Consultant/Expert** on ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau at ITU headquarters

## GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE

<b>1997-2000</b>	<b>Minister Counselor</b> , Zimbabwe Permanent Mission (Switzerland)
<b>1994-1997</b>	<b>Head</b> , Government Telecommunications Agency
<b>1989-1997</b>	<b>Head</b> , Projects Division
<b>1985-1989:</b>	<b>Second Secretary</b> , Zimbabwe Embassy to Japan
<b>1983-1985</b>	<b>Communications Officer</b> , Communications Division
<b>1982</b>	<b>Technical Officer</b> , Department of Civil Aviation
<b>*1993- 1996</b>	Lecturer, Master's in Business Administration

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## EDUCATION

- PhD. Multilateral Trade, Switzerland
  - LL.M Master of Laws in Telecommunications and Information Technology United Kingdom (Scotland)
  - MA Master's in International Relations, United States of America (Missouri) - (*Suma cum laude* and awarded an Academic Leadership Award)
  - MBA Master's in Business Administration, Zimbabwe
  - BBA Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, USA-Japan Campus
  - Dip Telecommunications and Systems Engineering, Romania and Japan
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## Languages

English, French, Romanian, Japanese, and Shona