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ZESA Holdings has introduced an ambitious roadmap aimed at eliminating load-shedding across Zimbabwe by 2025, with the broader goal of providing universal access to electricity by 2030.

Alongside captive power plants, ZESA is starting nine new power station projects this month, a move that Dr. Gata believes will be transformative for the country's energy sector.

Dr Gata highlighted the factors exacerbating Zimbabwe's power shortages. He stated that economic sanctions are among the reasons that have restricted ZESA's access to essential infrastructure funding.

2026: Clear the backlog of new power connections. 2027: End power imports. 2028: Become a net exporter of power. 2029: Achieve world-class power infrastructure. 2030: Achieve universal access to electricity.

Challenges: 1. Impact of sanctions limiting concessionary loans. 2. Kariba Hydropower struggles (loss of capacity, producing just 150MW from a 1,050MW rated station). 3. Hwange Thermal Power Plant reliability issues due to age (over 45 years old).

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