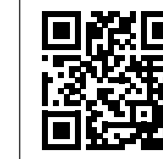


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THEME "MOVING TOWARDS A PROSPEROUS SMART ZAMBIA IN PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY WITHOUT LEAVING ANYONE BEHIND"



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MACRO ECONOMIC SITUATION

- The **kwacha has maintained stability**.
- Inflation has continued to remain at **single digit**.
- Government will continue to dismantle the **stock of public expenditure arrears** and improve commitment controls.
- Government will rollout the **treasury single account** to all administrative units under the Central Government.

DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

- The President launched the Seventh National Development Plan in June this year under the theme; "Accelerating Development Efforts towards Vision 2030 without Leaving Anyone Behind".
- The development agenda for the country for the next five years will focus on **five strategic areas**, namely;
 - Economic diversification and job creation;
 - Poverty and vulnerability reduction;
 - Reducing developmental inequalities;
 - Enhancing human development;
 - Creating a conducive governance environment for a diversified and inclusive economy.

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND JOB CREATION

- The Government is facilitating the construction of a tractor assembly plant to create **700 direct jobs**.
- During the 2016/2017 farming season, Government and the private sector managed to bring on board an additional **8,000 hectares of land under irrigation**.
- 80 public service workers have accessed agro-equipment** through the public service micro-finance company at an estimated value of **8.9 million kwacha**.
- Mango processing facility** in Eastern Province;
- Investment in a **palm oil plantation and palm oil processing plant** in Luapula Province;
- Investment in a **cashew nut project** in western province and **re-establishment of a pineapple processing facility** in North-Western Province.
- The **diversification** agenda in agriculture is also being promoted using the e-voucher system by way of supporting various inputs for **crops, livestock and fisheries**.
- To **improve fish production**, Government will continue to promote aquaculture.
- Government is implementing the **National Film policy**.

- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT ON-LINE SYSTEM LINKAGES**
- EXPLORATION + PRODUCTION**
- FACILITATION ESTABLISHING RESOURCE BOARDS**
- TOURISM DEV.**
- ADDING 300 MEGAWATTS CREATING 1,800 DIRECT JOBS**
- PROMOTING DOMESTIC + INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

MINING

- To **build the capacity of small scale miners**, Government will continue with the implementation of the development mineral capacity building programme.
- An **on-line system that links the Ministry of Mines with the Zambia Revenue Authority** is now operational. Through the system, most large copper mines now report their production levels.
- Government will hasten the review of the petroleum (**exploration and production**) Act Cap 440 of the laws of Zambia.

TOURISM

- Facilitation of the **establishment of community resource boards**. To promote safari and photographic tourism, Government will restock national parks.
- A **tourism levy** was introduced this year.
- The **Tourism Development Fund** has since been established and so far 3.4 million kwacha has been collected.
- Further, phase one of the Maamba coal power plant became operational in December, 2016 and is adding **300 megawatts to the national grid** while creating **1,800 direct jobs**.
- A **National Trade Policy** is being developed that will seek to **promote both domestic and international trade** with a view to transforming Zambia from being an exporter of primary products to a net exporter of value added products.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- To ensure **sustainable financing for road maintenance**, Government embarked on the road tolling programme which covers **toll gates, weigh bridges and ports of entry**. **Approx. K1.6 billion** has been collected between November 2013, when the programme was launched, and July 2017.
- Completion of feasibility study for the extension of the Chipata-Muchinjji railway line** to connect to the Tazara Railway line at Serenje.
- Construction a new terminal at **Kenneth Kaunda International Airport is at 52 percent completion**.
- Construction of the Copperbelt International Airport at a total cost of US 397 million** was also launched earlier this year.
- 204 communications towers** have been constructed across the country under phase one.
- 10 digital broadcasting transmitters** have been installed along the line of rail,
- Expedition of the implementation of the **Moveable Property (security interest) Act no. 3** of 2016 to increase access to finance, especially for small and medium enterprises.
- Submission of both the **Companies and Insolvency Bills** to the national assembly for consideration. Once enacted, the Bills will create an enabling environment for private sector growth and competitiveness.
- Establishment of a **Strategic Research Fund** to support research in improved, drought resistant and hybrid seed varieties.

POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION

- Increased budgetary allocations to Social Protection Programmes**. The allocation increased from 2.7 percent of the national budget in 2015 to 4.2 percent in 2017.
- Scale up of the **Social Cash Transfer Programme** from 78 districts in 2016 to all the districts in 2017 and increase the number of household beneficiaries has from 242,000 to **590,000**.
- In 2018, beneficiary households will increase from the current 590,000 to **700,000 translating into 4.2 million individual beneficiaries**.
- Government is implementing the **Food Security Pack Programme** which will target an estimated that 45,000 households across the country in 2018.
- Expedition of the finalization of the Social Protection Bill** and ensure that it is tabled before this house during this session.

REDUCING DEVELOPMENTAL INEQUALITIES

- Continued rehabilitation and maintenance of district and feeder roads which provide access to markets for rural farmers. The target is to rehabilitate approximately 4,000 kilometres of the feeder road network in all the provinces, commencing in 2018.**

ENHANCING HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- To achieve universal access to health services, Government has continued to construct, expand and modernise health infrastructure. Currently, **35 district hospitals** are at various levels of construction, out of which 12 are operational.
- Further, nine provincial hospitals have been expanded and **upgraded to tertiary level hospitals**.
- Child immunisation coverage is over 91%**.
- There has been a **reduction of the HIV prevalence** in the adult population from 13.3 percent in 2014 to 11.6 percent in 2016.
- In one year, a total of **7,400 health workers** have been recruited.
- Four major pharmaceutical manufacturing companies are locally manufacturing some of the essential medicines we use in the country.
- Mother-to-child transmission rates have **reduced** from 3.7% in 2014 to **2.5 % in 2016**. In addition, prevalence of acute malnutrition in children has reduced from 2.2 % in 2014 to 1.6% in 2016
- To ensure sustained local financing for universal health access, the minister responsible for health will table the **National Health Insurance Bill** during this session.
- Government is implementing a bursary scheme running under the title "**Keeping Girls In School**" project. Through this project, over 14,000 girls from extremely poor households are being supported to access secondary school education.
- Government introduced the **Skills Development Levy Act no. 46** of 2016. The act provides for collection of a levy from the private sector into a fund, which is providing financing for infrastructure development, equipment upgrading and staff development.

CREATING A CONDUCIVE GOVERNANCE

- Government has created a smart platform for consultation through **cluster advisory groups** at national and sub-national levels.
- Government is finalising the **Occupational Safety and Health Policy and the Social Protection Bill** to provide a conducive environment for workers to fully exploit their potential in work places.
- The **Social Protection Bill** is aimed at enhancing coordination among players in social protection with a view to lift majority of the people in poverty.
- A total of **19 E-Government Systems** have been developed, deployed and are functional. These include the electronic tax system, electronic patents and business registration and electronic entry visa system.
- Government will table the **National Planning and Budgeting Bill**, to give effect to the policy and enhance the integration of national planning and the budget,
- Government will table a bill to amend the **Public Procurement Act no. 12** of 2008 with aim to increase public procurement efficiency, transparency and accountability.