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ZCSA OBSERVES IMPROVED PRODUCT COMPLIANCE IN MUCHINGA PROVINCE

By Cecilia Chiluba



Zambia Compulsory Standards Agency (ZCSA) has observed a general improvement in compliance levels for regulated food products and beverages in Muchinga Province.

At the national level, the Agency recorded a slight increase in compliance, from 93 percent in 2023 to 94 percent in 2024, indicating a positive trend.

The improvement has been attributed to intensified market interventions such as public education campaigns, factory inspections, market surveillance, and quarterly joint food safety inspections conducted in collaboration with other Government institutions.

In March 2025, a combined team of ZCSA officers and other state

institutions conducted a joint market surveillance inspection covering 25 trading outlets in Muchinga Province. The operation resulted in the seizure of non-compliant products valued at K6,695.

The inspected locations included Nambuluma Area-turn off into Chinsali, Kabuta Market, the Old Market, and the New Market in Chinsali's Central Business District (CBD).

Agency Manager-Communications and Public Relations, Brian Hatyoka, explained that the non-compliant products seized were found to be expired, counterfeit, banned, poorly labeled or packaged, or labeled solely in foreign languages.

"ZCSA, working with different Government agencies, is planning to conduct market surveillance inspections on

Fertilizer in Chinsali, Nakonde, Isoka, Mpika, Shiwangandu, Lavushimanda and Kanchibiya in October 2025. Other market surveillance inspections as well as factory inspections will be undertaken in Mpika, Chinsali, Isoka, Mafinga and Nakonde," Mr. Hatyoka stated.

He also revealed that the number of factories registered with ZCSA in Muchinga Province has risen significantly, from just one in 2017 to approximately 15 in 2025.

"These includes six number plate companies, four milling plants, one for edible crude oil, one for refined edible oil, one for laundry soap, one for packaged bottled water and one for potable spirits," he noted.

He stated the Agency expects more companies to register with the institution

for their products to be authorized before being supplied on the market, in a bid protect the health and safety of consumers as required by the Compulsory Standards Act No.3 of 2017. Mr. Hatyoka pledged the Agency's commitment to supporting producers in Muchinga and other provinces in complying with the required standards for them to not only access local markets but also penetrate the markets beyond the borders. "ZCSA is currently participating at the ongoing Muchinga Province Investment Forum and Exposition (EXPO) in Chinsali from September 15 – 19, 2025 under the theme "Promoting Investment for a Green and Healthy Environment through Sustainable Development. The EXPO is showcasing the Province's investment opportunities in sectors such as Agriculture, Tourism, Energy, Manufacturing, and Mining," he added.

ZESCO LOSES PROPERTY WORTH K1.81 MILLION TO VANDALISM, AS COURTS DELIVER STIFF PRISON SENTENCES

By Cecilia Chiluba



ZESCO Limited has reported the loss of energy infrastructure valued at K1.81 million due to 57 cases of vandalism recorded last week.

The power utility, however, noted that this figure represents a 29% week-on-week reduction in property losses.

Out of the total cases, 43 were confirmed incidents of vandalism, marking an 8% decrease from the 47 cases reported the previous week.

ZESCO Senior Manager – Special Duties and Investigations, Ben Mwanamakwa, said that security teams made four arrests and secured 10 convictions during the period under review.

During the period under review, the company also managed to recover K648,000 worth of previously vandalized and stolen property.

"ZESCO's relentless fight against the vandalism of its critical national electricity infrastructure continues to record progress and

community buy-in."

"In the past week, the national utility secured multiple convictions with stiff prison sentences and recovered K648,000 worth of previously vandalized and stolen property, through the combined efforts of vigilant community members and ZESCO security personnel," he stated.

Mr. Mwanamakwa disclosed that on 10th September 2025, the Lusaka Subordinate Court sentenced Peter Phiri and six other accused persons to five years imprisonment with hard labour, following their conviction for malicious damage to transformers.

"The sentences for those convicted on multiple counts will run concurrently. In a separate case, the Mansa High Court on 29 August, convicted Gregory Kaoma and James Mwape for vandalism in Lupende, Mansa District," he said.

He further explained that Kaoma, who was caught in April 2023 digging up and stealing earth wires from a

transformer at Lupende Primary School, pleaded guilty to five counts of vandalism and one other charge, and was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Mr. Mwanamakwa emphasized that the sentences handed down in Lusaka and Mansa send a clear message that those who sabotage the national grid for personal gain will face the full force of the law.

"While we are encouraged by the 29% reduction in net losses week-on-week, the battle is far from over. Our recovery of nearly K648,000 and the 10 convictions are a direct result of the strengthened collaboration between our security teams and the communities we serve"

"We urge the public to remain vigilant and continue reporting suspicious activity around ZESCO infrastructure. Together, we can protect our national assets and ensure reliable power for all Zambian," Mr. Mwanamakwa stressed.

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ZANEC EMBARKS ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COMMUNICATION STRATEGY TO ENHANCE EDUCATION ADVOCACY

By Cecilia Chiluba



Zambia National Education Coalition (ZANEC) says it is developing a comprehensive communication strategy through a consultative process to enhance its visibility and credibility in the education sector.

Through this Strategy, ZANEC aims to ensure more consistent and impactful messaging in advocacy, strengthen stakeholder confidence, and provide a structured road-map for both internal and external communication.

ZANEC Executive Director George Hamusunga described the development of the Strategy as a crucial initiative to bolster the organization’s communication and advocacy efforts.

Mr. Hamusunga stated that the consultative process is designed to be participatory, ensuring

the strategy reflects the voices, needs and aspirations of its stakeholders, including the Ministry of Education.

He was speaking during the official opening of a one-day stakeholder engagement meeting on the Development of ZANEC’s Communication Strategy

“Over the year ZANEC has made significant strides in improving its communication with members and stakeholders. We have engaged stakeholders through press statement, policy briefs, media engagement, community outreach and participation in public debates on education. These efforts have allowed us to remain visible and relevant in key policy discussion,” Mr. Hamusunga stated.

He however noted that despite having made

significant strides in engaging stakeholders, past efforts have sometimes suffered from inconsistency due to the absence of a formal communication strategy.

“What we seek to do now is to build on this foundation to develop the strategy that gives coherence, clarity and strength to our communication efforts both internally and externally.”

“This consultative process is therefore a critical step in the sense that, by developing a comprehensive communication strategy, we aim to enhance visibility and credibility in the education sector, ensure more consistent and impactful messaging in our advocacy,” Mr. Hamusunga stated.

He added that the collaborative approach aims to enable ZANEC to speak with one clear,

strong and united voice to better serve children and influence policy and practice in Zambia.

Mr. Hamusunga expressed gratitude to the Education Out Loud (GPE) for their investment in strengthening civil society’s voice in education.

“The investment in strengthening civil society voice in education demonstrates a deep belief in participatory and inclusive governance,” he added.

ZANEC is an umbrella body representing 95 member organizations including NGOs, teachers, trade unions, and student groups. It exists to promote equitable, inclusive, and quality education for all Zambians, with a vision for a sustainable education system that leaves no learner behind.

COUNCIL DEMOLISHES STRUCTURE ILLEGALLY ERECTED AT WOODLANDS SHOPPING MALL

By Money Daily Reporter



Lusaka City Council (LCC) has demolished an illegal structure that was being erected in the car park of Woodlands Shopping Mall without approval.

Chola Mwamba said this contravenes the Urban and Regional Planning Act No. 3 of 2015 and compromises public space orderliness as well as safety.

Ms. Mwamba said. She also urged the public to exhibit cooperation in building a safe, organized and sustainable city for all.

The Local Authority observed with concern that some developments are carried out without following required procedures.

“Residents and developers are committed to ensuring therefore, urged to seek Council clearance before starting construction projects to avoid investment losses and contribute to orderly development,”

“The Council remains committed to ensuring all city construction projects are properly approved and will continue removing non-compliant structures,” she added.

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GOVT HAILS EU'S SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY IN ZAMBIA

By Money Daily Reporter



Luapula Province Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary has hailed the European Union (EU) for the significant investment and support to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Zambia.

Evans Sikabbubba said Government was elated with the support being rendered to CSOs like People In Need Network (PIN), Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR), SNV and the Zambia NGO WASH Forum.

Mr. Sikabbubba was speaking when the European Union Delegation to Zambia and COMESA paid a courtesy call on him in Mansa District.

"The support to strengthen the capacities of these organization is important, recognizing

that the government is open to partnerships," Mr. Sikabbuba said.

He further commended the EU for their support in the implementation of the Equal Chances for Human Development (EC4HD) programme which is being implemented in Luapula and North Western Provinces.

"The EC4HD programme is benefiting five districts in rolling out early childhood education, youth engagement, and skills development. Working together is essential to strengthen and improve service delivery, and only through shared insights can they determine if they are on the right path," he noted.

Meanwhile, Programme Manager for Governance and Social Sectors at the Delegation of the EU to Zambia and COMESA,

Njira Mtonga, stated that the European Union is working in partnership with the Government as well as other stakeholders such as CSOs and the private sector.

Ms. Mtonga also mentioned that besides the support to CSOs, the European Union has resumed Budget Support to the government.

"The Budget Support programme will, among other priorities, support completion of boarding secondary schools in various districts of the country. Among the districts to benefit in Luapula Province is Pambashe Boarding Secondary School in Kawambwa district," she said.

She explained that as part of their 360-degree approach to partnership, the EU conducts field missions to interact and learn from what their partners are doing on the ground.

And People In Need (PIN) Head of Programmes, Rajesh Rai, said the organization had been implementing a project focused on civil society and inclusive governance since June 2024.

Meanwhile, Evelyn Chilufya from PIN, explained that EU funding to PIN is aimed at capacitating local CSOs.

She stated that PIN was working in partnership with 40 CSOs operating across various thematic areas, in Lusaka, Luapula, Western, North-western, and Southern Provinces.

"The project is a three-year initiative running from June 2024 to May 2027, beginning with strengthening internal systems to enable more effective service delivery," she said.

IMF EXTENDS ZAMBIA'S ECF ARRANGEMENT TO JANUARY 2026

By Cecilia Chiluba



International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Executive Board has approved Zambia's request for a three-month technical extension of the country's Extended Credit Facility (ECF) Arrangement.

The extension moves the programme's conclusion date from 31st October 2025, to 30th January, 2026.

This provides additional time to finalize the Sixth Review of the ECF Arrangement, and sets a solid foundation for Zambia's future Programme engagement with the IMF.

Recently, Cabinet approved a request for an extension of Zambia's ECF programme with the International

Monetary Fund for an additional 12 months, to consolidate the gains achieved during the programme period into 2026 and help support the ongoing home-grown reform agenda.

Commenting on the development, Minister of Finance and National Planning Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, welcomed the IMF Executive Board's decision to extend the ECF by three months.

"This development demonstrates their confidence in working with Zambia in completing the Sixth Review of the ECF Arrangement, and laying the groundwork for future Programme engagement," Dr. Musokotwane stated.

Dr. Musokotwane noted that the 38-month ECF arrangement, which ends in October, 2025, has been instrumental in stabilizing the economy—reducing inflation, strengthening fiscal discipline, and anchoring debt restructuring.

"It has also been key in sending a strong signal to both domestic and international investors that Zambia is a secure and promising destination for investment," he noted.

Zambia's 38-month ECF Arrangement, which began in August 2022, was initially worth about US\$1.3 billion and was augmented by approximately US\$385.7 million in June 2024 to support economic reforms.





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ZAMBIA APPRECIATES US ROLE IN LOBITO CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT

By Money Daily Reporter



Ministry of Information and Media has acknowledged the support of the United States of America (USA) and other international partners in the development of the Lobito Corridor.

The US strongly supports the Lobito Corridor, a major infrastructure initiative connecting Angola's port of Lobito to the interior of Zambia and the DRC.

The US has committed billions of dollars to the project to enhance regional trade, unlock critical mineral supply chains, and foster economic growth in Central Africa

Permanent Secretary Thabo Kawana, highlighted the potential of the Lobito Corridor in

serving as an alternative trade route, as well as a driver for economic integration, energy, agriculture, and mineral exports.

Mr. Kawana said this when new USA Public Affairs Officer, Naomi Mattos paid a courtesy on him today.

“The Relationship between Zambia and the United States of America is one that Government values particularly in the areas of media development, public diplomacy, cultural exchange and capacity building in the field of communication,” Mr. Kawana said.

Mr. Kawana also acknowledged past instances of tension between the Government and the U.S. Embassy in the media space, expressing hope that with Ms. Mattos’ arrival,

the two countries would foster more constructive and meaningful dialogue.

“In this regard, Government is hopeful that with the coming of the new Public Affairs Officer, there will be more meaningful dialogue between the two countries instead of media debates,” he added.

He further expressed hope that the issue of visa restrictions would be resolved amicably, noting that the regulations were introduced despite Zambia’s commitment to sensitizing its citizens to comply with U.S. visa conditions.

In response, Ms. Mattos expressed appreciation for the warm welcome extended by the Zambian Government through the Ministry of Information and Media.

“I’m delighted to be here and to work with you. I have worked with the U.S. Government for 17 years and have had the opportunity to serve in several African countries, including Ghana and Angola,” she said.

Ms. Mattos reaffirmed commitment to strengthening the partnership between Zambia and the United States, adding that she looked forward to expanding collaboration with the Ministry, particularly in the area of Journalist capacity building —a field in which the U.S. Embassy has already made notable contributions.

Both parties expressed optimism about enhanced cooperation and sustained engagement in key areas of mutual interest.

CABINET APPROVES 2026 NATIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES, OTHER KEY REFORMS

By Cecilia Chiluba

Cabinet has approved a number of key decisions aimed at strengthening Zambia’s fiscal planning, public service support systems, and regulatory framework across multiple sectors.

At its meeting held on 15th September 2025, Cabinet approved the 2026 Estimates of revenue and expenditure, paving the way for the formulation of the 2026 National Budget.

This development follows earlier endorsement of the Government's policy objectives and strategies for the 2026–2028 Medium-Term Budget Plan.

Chief Government Spokesperson Cornelius Mweetwa said the 2026 national budget has been prepared through a broad consultative process in line with the National Planning and Budgeting Act No. 1 of 2020.

The full budget details will be presented to the National Assembly by Minister of Finance Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, on Friday, 26th September 2025.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mweetwa disclosed that Cabinet also approved a major reform of the Public Service Funeral Assistance Scheme, transitioning from the current Hybrid Model to a full Insurance Model.

He explained that the proposed reform aims to enhance benefits for both employees and employers, including improved coverage in areas such as separation entitlements, disability benefits, and living allowances.

“The Public Service Group Funeral Assistance Scheme plays a critical role in providing financial support for funeral expenses to employees and their families.

However, over time, the scheme has grown significantly beyond its original scope, to cover a wide range of institutions and personnel,” Mr. Mweetwa noted.

He added that Cabinet, therefore, supports the need to reform the Scheme, to ensure that the principal members have improved benefits going forward.

Cabinet further approved several legislative measures, including issuance of the Animal Health Registration of Laboratories Regulations, 2025.

This is in a bid to establish a comprehensive legal framework that enables private laboratories to participate in key veterinary and public health services.

According to Mr. Mweetwa, the regulations will provide a legal framework for the registration and regulation of private veterinary laboratories, in accordance with Section 30 of the Animal Health Act No. 27 of 2010, which empowers the Minister responsible for animal health to approve laboratories meant for the purposes of testing of animal feed, vaccine, veterinary products; animal products and animal by-products, among others.

“The Regulations will ensure that private veterinary laboratories comply with the standards set under the Animal Health Act, and thereby promote high-quality, reliable diagnostic services, and safeguarding the integrity of veterinary results,” he said.

He added that by upholding rigorous standards, Zambia positions itself to gain international credibility, fostering global partnerships and unlocking opportunities in trade and technical cooperation.



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POLICE UNCOVER OVER 130 CATTLE HEADS SLAUGHTERED ILLEGALLY IN NAMWALA

By Cecilia Chiluba



Police in Namwala District, Southern Province have uncovered a serious case of stock theft, involving the illegal slaughter and deboning of stolen cattle.

This follows a raid on two farms that revealed large-scale illegal slaughter and concealment of stolen cattle.

The case came to light after police received reliable information that two farms, one in Kawilizhi area, Chief Mukobela, and another at Namisamu Fishing Camp, were being used to process stolen animals,

with remains buried to conceal evidence.

Acting on a tip-off from members of the public, Police officers conducted searches and recovered a significant number of cattle remains buried in over 15 pits across the two farms. The operation led to the discovery of over 130 heads of slaughtered cattle.

According to a statement issued by Southern Province Commanding Officer Auxensio Daka, revealed that another 65 heads were recovered from different pits at a farm owned by Madilu Kalapula of Namisamu Fishing Camp.

Mr. Daka said both farms are owned by individuals linked to the same extended family.

“Ear tags found in some of the pits helped identify 26 of the recovered animals as belonging to Benford Mwiya of Namwala District. The owners of the remaining animals are yet to be identified.”

“A total of sixteen suspects, who are all related, are currently in police custody in connection with the case,” Mr. Daka said.

He added that the suspects face charges of stock theft and possession of property reasonably suspected to be

stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Mr. Daka urged cattle owners who may be missing animals, as well as members of the public with information related to the case, to report to their nearest police station.

“We remain grateful to vigilant members of the public who continue to provide credible information in the fight against crime.”

“The Police treats cases of stock theft with utmost seriousness and will ensure that perpetrators of such crimes are brought to justice,” he stated.

ZAMBIA EXPLORES TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITH SWEDEN'S NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE

By Money Daily Reporter



Zambia’s Ambassador to Sweden, Gladys Neven Lundwe, has held a meeting with representatives of the National Board of Trade Sweden at the Mission in Solna, Sweden.

The delegation, represented by Jenny Ikelberg and Oscar Tollin, outlined the roles and functions of the institution.

The National Board of Trade Sweden (Kommerskollegium) is the Swedish government agency responsible for issues related to foreign trade, the internal market, and trade policy.

It is an authority on international trade and provides policy analysis

and advice, as well as guidance to promote open and sustainable trade.

As Sweden’s hub for trade-related knowledge and coordination, the Board works closely with ministries, businesses, European Union institutions, and international organizations to ensure that Swedish trade policies contribute to an open, fair, and sustainable global economy.

The delegation indicated that they were planning visit Zambia during the last quarter of 2025 to explore possibilities of a new programme on investment in the Lobito Corridor with the Ministry of

Commerce Trade and Industry, as the previous programme on technical regulations draws to a close of 2025.

During the meeting held on 12th September, 2025, Ambassador Lundwe expressed gratitude to the delegation for the visit.

She further expressed hope for continued collaboration with the Swedish authorities.

This is according to a statement issued by First Secretary Political and Administration at the Zambian in Stockholm, Vernon Mwaanga.



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ZAMBIA IS ON ARVS, CAN'T BE WEANED OFF YET

The International Monetary Fund's three-month extension of Zambia's Extended Credit Facility is not a sign of progress, but a loud alarm bell that this country is still shackled, still addicted, still unable to stand on its own two feet. The polite language of "extension" masks a harsh reality: Zambia has become a permanent patient on economic life support, and the IMF is the clinic that keeps prescribing bitter pills we cannot swallow but dare not refuse.

For years, Zambia has worn the badge of "reform" like a medal, yet beneath the surface the country remains trapped in a cycle of dependency. The IMF has extended the programme to allow for a sixth review, but let's not pretend this is some technical accounting process. It is an assessment of whether Zambia has the discipline to manage its own finances, collect its own taxes fairly, stop wasteful subsidies, and rein in its chronic addiction to borrowing. The uncomfortable truth is that the extension is not about opportunity; it is about mistrust. The IMF wants proof that Zambia can walk without crutches, and right

now, it seems we cannot.

The metaphor of ARVs is not accidental. Just as a patient on antiretroviral therapy cannot afford to miss a dose, Zambia cannot afford to miss the IMF's conditionalities. The risk of "default relapse" is too high. Without the Fund, concessional financing would dry up, investor confidence would collapse, and the very fiscal oxygen the state needs to breathe would be cut off. This is not sovereignty; it is survival. Zambia is not charting its destiny—it is negotiating its treatment plan.

Worse still, our leaders celebrate these extensions as if they were victories,

when in reality they are reminders of our incapacity. An economy that once prided itself on agriculture, copper, and resilience is now reduced to waiting on "reviews" from Washington to determine whether it is credible enough to attract investment. Is this the Zambia Kenneth Kaunda imagined when he fought for political independence? Is this the Zambia that boasts about being Africa's new investment destination? Or is this a

patient country, smiling at its nurse while hiding the shame of dependency?

The IMF claims the extension safeguards "reform continuity." Let's interrogate that. Reform continuity means subsidy cuts that make life unbearable for ordinary citizens. It means aggressive tax measures while loopholes for multinationals remain wide open. It means belt-tightening for the poor, while elites continue to live comfortably. It means every kwacha

Zambia's saviour; it is Zambia's mirror. And the reflection is ugly: poor fiscal discipline, reckless borrowing, corruption swept under the rug, and a leadership more concerned with political optics than structural transformation.

Yes, the extension preserves access to donor support. But this is precisely the problem. Zambia has not built an economy that can finance itself without the IMF's blessing. Investors and donors

industrialising beyond copper, reforming its tax system fairly, cutting corruption ruthlessly, and investing in production rather than consumption, we will remain a patient hooked to IMF drip-feeding.

This three-month extension is not a triumph; it is a warning. A warning that Zambia is still incapable of standing alone. A warning that we cannot be weaned off IMF support without collapsing. A warning that our sovereignty is paper-thin if our economic heartbeat depends on Washington.

The task ahead is not to pass another review; it is to cure the addiction. Because until Zambia learns to live without IMF prescriptions, we will remain exactly where we are: a proud nation pretending to be free, while quietly waiting for our next dose.

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collected is first scrutinised by Washington, not Lusaka. Reform, in this context, is not about the people—it is about appeasing creditors.

The tragic irony is that Zambia's begging bowl is not empty because it cannot be filled locally, but because it is constantly mismanaged. How is it that a nation so rich in copper, cobalt, water, land, and human talent finds itself unable to fund its own development? The IMF is not

are not reassured by Zambia's reforms; they are reassured by IMF supervision. In other words, Zambia's credibility is outsourced.

We must stop romanticising these extensions as lifelines and start calling them what they are: chains. The IMF is not here because we are strong; it is here because we are weak. Until Zambia commits—not on paper, not in speeches, but in real, measurable action—to diversifying its economy,

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DEAL IS DONE TO KEEP TIKTOK IN THE USA SAYS TRUMP

By BBC Business



A deal has been made between the US and China to keep TikTok running in the US, according to the US President Donald Trump.

However, Trump has repeatedly delayed the ban since it was first announced in January.

The US president said a buyer will be announced soon.

CNBC reported the deal would include a mix of current and new investors, and would be completed in the next 30 to 45 days.

It also said US tech company Oracle would keep its existing agreement to host TikTok servers inside the US.

That had been one of the main concerns of American lawmakers, who cited concerns over data being shared with China on national security grounds.

On Monday, a US trade delegation said it had reached a "framework" deal with China amid wider trade negotiations in Madrid.

China confirmed a framework agreement but said no deal would be made at the expense of their firms' interests.

The social media platform, which is run by Chinese company ByteDance, was told it had to sell its US operations or risk being shut down.

NGURARE UNVEILS N\$2.5 BILLION PLAN TO TRANSFORM NAMIBIA'S PUBLIC SERVICE

By Namibian Sun

Prime Minister Elijah Ngurare has unveiled a N\$2.5 billion five-year strategic plan to overhaul Namibia's public service, pledging disciplined implementation, innovation, and measurable outcomes to improve service delivery across all 121 constituencies.

The Office of the Prime Minister's Strategic Plan (2025–2030), launched last week, outlines ambitious financial allocations for digital transformation, governance reforms, disaster resilience, and institutional restructuring.

The plan comes amid growing citizen concerns over inefficiency, poor accountability, and outdated systems in the public sector.

The bulk of the development budget, N\$1.3 billion, is earmarked for automation and the digitisation of public services, with cybersecurity featuring prominently through annual implementation plans designed to make government systems resilient against threats.

Another N\$1 billion has been allocated to special projects under the Prime Minister's direct supervision.

Smaller but significant allocations include N\$80 million for implementing the government's innovation policy, N\$10 million for legislative reforms, and N\$10 million for establishing a National Emergency Operations Centre.

Capacity building for public servants is also included, with N\$2.5 million set aside for training interventions under the Human Resource Development Plan.

In his foreword to the plan, Ngurare struck a reflective yet urgent tone, acknowledging past shortcomings while emphasising the need for change.

"Public service is a noble undertaking, but it comes with responsibilities that demand discipline, dedication, and innovation," he wrote.



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ABSA BANK ZAMBIA	23.5000	23.5500	23.4982	23.9284	23.4000	23.4500	23.3988	23.8272	23.4000	23.4500	23.3988	23.8272
CITIBANK ZAMBIA	23.6000	23.6500	23.6000	23.9500	23.4500	23.5000	23.3760	23.7230	23.4500	23.5000	23.4480	23.7980
ECOBANK ZAMBIA	23.6000	23.6500	23.5001	23.8350	23.4500	23.5000	23.3500	23.6500	23.3500	23.4000	23.3500	23.6500
FIRST ALLIANCE BANK ZAMBIA	23.5500	23.6000	23.5000	23.7300	23.4500	23.5000	23.4500	23.5800	23.4500	23.5000	23.4500	23.5800
FIRST CAPITAL BANK ZAMBIA	23.6000	23.6500	23.5010	23.8000	23.4500	23.5000	23.3000	23.6000	23.4500	23.5000	23.4500	23.7470
FIRST NATIONAL BANK ZAMBIA	23.5000	23.5500	23.4000	23.6530	23.3500	23.4000	23.3500	23.6030	23.3500	23.4000	23.3500	23.6030
INDO-ZAMBIA BANK	23.6000	23.6500	23.6000	23.8700	23.5000	23.5500	23.5000	23.7500	23.5000	23.5500	23.5000	23.7500
STANBIC BANK ZAMBIA	23.5000	23.5500	23.1900	23.6500	23.4500	23.5000	23.2800	23.6500	23.4500	23.5000	23.3800	23.7500
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	23.6500	23.7000	23.4250	23.8750	23.5500	23.6000	23.3600	23.8250	23.5500	23.6000	23.3600	23.8250
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA ZAMBIA	23.6500	23.7000	23.3569	23.8200	23.4000	23.4500	23.3569	23.8200	23.4000	23.4500	23.3569	23.8200
ZAMBIA INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL BANK	23.6000	23.6500	23.5069	23.8494	23.4500	23.5000	23.3576	23.7098	23.4000	23.4500	23.3576	23.7098
ZAMBIA NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK	23.5500	23.6000	23.5000	23.8056	23.5000	23.5500	23.5000	23.8056	23.5000	23.5500	23.5000	23.8056
Market Average	23.5643	23.6143	23.4634	23.8116	23.4393	23.4893	23.3778	23.7178	23.4286	23.4786	23.4008	23.7408



SAMUKONGA SHINES IN 400M SEMIS, MISSES FINAL AT WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Lucky Chama

Zambia's star sprinter Muzala Samukonga delivered an impressive performance in the men's 400m semi-finals at the ongoing World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan, clocking 44.60 seconds.

Despite the strong showing, Samukonga narrowly missed out on qualification for the finals after finishing third in his heat—only the top two athletes from each race advanced to the medal round.

Samukonga, returning from an injury that had sidelined him earlier in the season, showcased resilience and determination on the track. His time of 44.60s remains among the fastest of his career, underlining his potential to remain a key contender on the global stage.

With his individual campaign concluded, the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medalist will now turn his focus to Zambia's 4x400m relay team, hoping to help secure a strong finish for the nation in the relays.

Following the race, Samukonga took to social media to thank fans and reflect on the experience.

"It was a great experience coming from an injury and reaching the semifinals," he posted.

"Results not as expected but the performance was great and the experience. Will forever be grateful to every achievement. We shift focus to the 4x400m relay. Thank you Zambia for your support and love—it's always an honor wearing national colors."

FAZ FINALISES APPOINTMENTS TO FIVE MORE STANDING COMMITTEES

By Lucky Chama



The semifinal line-up at the TotalEnergies CAF Under-17 Africa Cup of Nations 2026 | COSAFA Qualifiers in Harare, Zimbabwe is complete after the final round of group fixtures were played in sweltering hot conditions on Tuesday. South Africa were the final side to book their last-4 place after a handsome win over Malawi.

South Africa, who had a full haul of nine points in Group B, will present a huge challenge though as they seek a record-equalling fourth regional title.

Mozambique and Angola clash in the second semi-final at 15h00 CAT (13h00 GMT). Angola are two-time winners in the past, but Mozambique are seeking their first title at this level.

Thursday's semifinals at the Ngoni Mwos Stadium will both be epic contests between four very well-matched sides, including a Lusophone derby. Entrance to the stadium for the fixtures, and Saturday's final, will be FREE for fans.

South Africa take on Comoros (12h00 CAT; 10h00 GMT), who were the best runner-up across the three pools from Group A. They took seven points from their three matches and showed excellent technical ability.

South Africa sealed their semifinal place with a 4-1 win over Malawi in a winner-takes-all clash in Group B.

Defending champions Zambia had already been eliminated when they defeated Madagascar 5-1 in the other game in the pool.

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FAZ EASTERN TO HOST MALAWI U-20 REGIONAL TEAM IN TALENT-SPOTTING CLASH

By Lucky Chama



The Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) Eastern Province has announced it will host Malawi's Under-20 regional team on 25th October 2025 in a high-profile friendly aimed at showcasing local talent and strengthening regional football ties.

The match, to be played between Malawi's U-20s and the Eastern Province U-20 select side, is expected to attract scouts looking for emerging talent.

FAZ Eastern Province Chairperson Patrick Nyirenda confirmed the development in his weekly column, describing it as a significant step in positioning Eastern Province as a hub for football growth.

"We are excited to announce that on 25th October 2025, we will host a delegation from Malawi featuring their Under-20 regional team, who will compete with our provincial Under-20 side.

This event will include scouts evaluating our boys for future opportunities. A similar event for our girls is in the pipeline and will be announced in due course," Nyirenda stated.

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