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VICE PRESIDENT ASSURES NATION OF ZAMBIA'S EBOLA PREPAREDNESS

By Cecilia Chiluba



Vice President Mutale Nalumango has assured Zambians that Government is fully prepared to prevent, detect and respond to any possible outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), despite the country recording no confirmed cases linked to the current regional outbreak.

The Ebola outbreak caused by the Bundibugyo virus was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on May 16, 2026.

In a national address delivered on Sunday, Mrs. Nalumango said Zambia had heightened surveillance and strengthened response systems following the Ebola outbreak affecting parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda.

The Vice President noted that as of June 2, 2026, the DRC had reported 344 confirmed cases and 60 deaths, while Uganda had recorded 15

confirmed cases and one death.

“Although Zambia has not recorded any confirmed cases linked to this outbreak, our geographical proximity to affected countries, our trade and travel links, and the high level of cross-border movement require us to remain vigilant, coordinated, and fully prepared,” she said.

Mrs. Nalumango added that Government had undertaken a national assessment of the country's readiness through the Ministry of Health, the Zambia National Public Health Institute, provincial and district health offices, among other institutions.

According to the Vice President, the assessment covered surveillance, laboratory testing, infection prevention and control, case management, border health measures, emergency coordination, risk communication, community engagement and logistics.

“Surveillance has been heightened across the country. Health workers

have been placed on alert to promptly identify and report any suspected cases,” Mrs. Nalumango added.

She stressed that laboratories had been prepared to safely process samples, while referral systems had been strengthened to ensure suspected cases are isolated, transported and managed appropriately.

The Vice President further disclosed that screening and health checks had been reinforced at international airports, major border posts and other strategic crossings.

“Port health officers, immigration officials, security services and other frontline personnel are working together to identify travellers who may require further assessment, while ensuring that public health measures are implemented in an orderly, respectful and evidence-based manner,” she stated.

Mrs. Nalumango further said Government was also mobilising protective equipment, medical supplies and other

essential commodities, while extending training to frontline health workers, border officials, emergency responders and community volunteers.

She emphasised the importance of public participation in preventing the spread of Ebola. “The fight against Ebola cannot be won by the government alone. We are working with traditional leaders, religious leaders, civil society, the media and community structures to ensure that accurate information reaches every household,” Mrs. Nalumango emphasised.

The Vice President urged citizens to rely on official information from the Ministry of Health and the Zambia National Public Health Institute, warning that misinformation and rumours could undermine public health efforts.

She also revealed that recent suspected viral haemorrhagic fever alerts had been investigated and tested negative for Ebola.

ENERGY COSTS, BUY-ZAMBIA POLICY KEY TO ECONOMIC GROWTH - PSDA

By Cecilia Chiluba



Yusuf Dodia

Private Sector Development Association (PSDA) has identified high electricity costs, rising fuel prices and the need for stronger support of local businesses through government procurement as critical issues that Zambia must address to achieve sustainable economic growth.

Association Chairperson Yusuf Dodia told Money News in an interview that the escalating cost of electricity and fuel continues to undermine the competitiveness of Zambian businesses.

“The cost of electricity and the cost of fuel is continuing to escalate in Zambia, making our economy uncompetitive with other economies,” Mr. Dodia stated.

Mr. Dodia noted that high utility and transport costs have significantly increased production expenses for local manufacturers, making it difficult for them to compete with firms in neighbouring countries.

“So when you are manufacturing something, you are

paying such high electricity tariffs, you are paying such high fuel prices that at the end of the day, the cost of production shoots up and you cannot compete with established companies that are in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, in South Africa, who are our main competitors, including Kenya,” he said.

He stressed the need for deliberate interventions to improve both the affordability and availability of energy for the private sector.

“So we have to do something about energy prices and energy availability for our private sector,” Mr. Dodia said.

The PSDA Chairperson further called on government to take a leading role in supporting local enterprises by prioritizing Zambian-made goods and services in public procurement.

“The final thing that I think is extremely important is that governments need to invest in building Zambia by buying Zambian. Government must be the biggest

buyer of Zambian services,” Mr. Dodia stressed.

He said locally manufactured products such as desks, chairs and office furniture should receive preference in government purchasing decisions.

“In other words, businesses that come from Zambian companies should be the ones to be prioritized for government projects,” he emphasized.

Mr. Dodia added that such a policy would empower local entrepreneurs to expand and improve the quality of their products and services.

“That way, the government is supporting the people of Zambia and that the people of Zambia begin to increase the quality of their business. They grow their businesses based on Zambians buying Zambian products and Zambian services,” Mr. Dodia added.

He further urged policymakers to focus on these critical areas if Zambia is to realise its economic development aspirations.

ICT, MOBILE MONEY GROWTH DRIVE ZAMBIA'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

By Cecilia Chiluba



Zambia's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector has emerged as a major driver of economic growth, recording significant expansion in connectivity, digital financial services and infrastructure development between 2021 and 2026.

According to the Ministry of Technology and Science, mobile subscriptions increased from 20.2 million in 2021 to more than 26 million in 2025, while internet subscriptions rose from 10.4 million during the same period. Internet penetration also grew from 56.7 percent to 72.1 percent, reflecting increased digital access among citizens.

The Ministry further revealed that the ICT sector has become the largest contributor to Zambia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), accounting for 17.4 percent of the country's economic output.

In a statement, Ministry's Principal

Public Relations Officer, Ilitongo Maboshe said digital financial services also registered remarkable growth, with mobile money transactions surging from K169 billion in 2021 to K486 billion in 2024, while the number of registered mobile money agents increased from 133,687 to more than 556,000 nationwide.

"These developments have enabled more citizens to access secure, convenient, and affordable digital financial services," she said.

Ms. Maboshe attributed the progress to reforms and investments implemented by government aimed at building an inclusive and digitally-driven economy.

She stated that to support expanding digital demand, communication towers increased from 3,413 to 3,769 across the country, while fibre optic infrastructure expanded from 15,000 kilometres to more than 42,224.5 kilometres.

Ms. Maboshe said

nearly 600 sites have also been upgraded to 5G technology to improve connectivity and digital service delivery, noting that the growing sector has translated into increased revenue generation, with ICT sector tax contributions rising from K1.6 billion in 2021 to over K5.4 billion.

She further observed that in strengthening the country's digital ecosystem, Government launched the National ICT Policy 2023, developed Zambia's Artificial Intelligence Strategy 2024-2026 and implemented the National Digital Transformation Strategy to improve service delivery and expand internet access.

Ms. Maboshe stated that the country also enacted the Cyber Security Act No. 3 of 2025 and the Cyber Crimes Act No. 4 of 2025 to enhance national cyber resilience and protect citizens online. "As a result of the highly developed National Commitment to Cyber Security, Zambia scored 92 percent on the International Telecommunications Union's Global Cyber Security Index," she stated.

She said the Ministry has continued promoting digital inclusion through partnerships with mobile network operators, cooperating partners and the private sector, noting that through these

initiatives, 500 schools have been connected to internet services, benefiting more than 450,000 learners.

Ms. Maboshe added that 10,000 mobile devices have been distributed to women and youth entrepreneurs, while 5,000 teachers have received digital literacy training, and 150 Digital Ambassadors have been trained to promote digital literacy within communities.

According to her, the Ministry also facilitated the onboarding of one million Social Cash Transfer beneficiaries onto mobile money platforms, helping bridge the digital divide and promote inclusive participation in the digital economy.

Meanwhile, Government has expanded access to technical and vocational education through increased bursary support and infrastructure development, with TEVET bursary beneficiaries rising from 4,522 in 2021 to 13,686 in 2026, while more than 47,000 learners have benefited from bursary support since 2021.

"The Ministry of Technology and Science remains committed to accelerating Zambia's digital transformation and strengthening science, technology, and innovation as key drivers of economic growth and national development," Ms. Maboshe said.

MINISTRY LAUDS ZMCA FOR LAUNCHING WOMEN'S LIVELIHOOD PROJECT

By Money Daily Reporter



Ministry of Community Development and Social Services has lauded the Zambia Malayalee Cultural Association (ZMCA) for launching a women's livelihood project.

The project is aimed at promoting economic empowerment and sustainable income generation among women traders at Soweto Market in Lusaka.

During the launch, ZMCA donated restaurant equipment to a women's cooperative comprising five and ten members to support the establishment and growth of a restaurant business.

The donation included stoves, gas cylinders, cooking pots, deep fryers, serving trays, and other essential equipment.

Speaking at the event, Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Angela

of Kawandami, described the initiative as a demonstration of solidarity, empowerment, and a shared commitment to improving livelihoods and promoting economic inclusion for women in Zambia.

The Permanent Secretary reaffirmed the Ministry's

commitment to supporting initiatives that uplift vulnerable and marginalized groups, particularly women. She emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in advancing inclusive national development.

Speaking earlier, Association General Secretary, Maya Nair, said ZMCA's activities this year are focused on women's empowerment and sustainable community development. "The association's all-women executive committee spearheaded the project as part of efforts to enhance economic opportunities for women and promote self-reliance," she noted.

She noted that the equipment provided will enable the cooperative to expand its operations, improve

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MINISTRY CALLS FOR GREATER SUPPORT TOWARDS CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION

By Lucky Chama



The Ministry of Tourism has called on the corporate sector, cooperating partners, financial institutions and members of the public to support initiatives aimed at preserving Zambia's cultural heritage while unlocking economic opportunities through traditional ceremonies.

Speaking during the Lwanza Traditional Ceremony Fundraising Event in Choma, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism Evans Muhanga said traditional ceremonies remain vital platforms for promoting national unity, cultural identity, tourism development and economic growth.

Mr. Muhanga commended the Hamusonde Royal Establishment and the Lwanza Organising Committee for their efforts in preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the people of Bweengwa through the annual Lwanza Traditional Ceremony, scheduled to take place

from July 10 to 12, 2026, at Hamwala Arena in Monze District.

He said traditional ceremonies are more than cultural gatherings, describing them as important institutions that pass on values, history and identity from one generation to another while strengthening social cohesion.

"Traditional ceremonies attract visitors from across the country and beyond, creating business opportunities for local traders, transport operators, hospitality providers, artists and farmers. Through cultural tourism, communities are able to generate income and improve livelihoods," Mr. Muhanga said.

He emphasized that culture should be viewed as a strategic driver of economic development, noting that traditional ceremonies have the potential to stimulate tourism growth, create jobs, support local businesses and attract investment.

Mr. Muhanga encouraged

citizens to actively participate in and support traditional ceremonies across the country as a way of promoting national integration and appreciating Zambia's rich cultural diversity.

He also reaffirmed Government's commitment to supporting initiatives that harness the economic potential of cultural heritage and contribute to sustainable community development.

The Permanent Secretary further acknowledged the positive agricultural outlook following favourable rainfall in many parts of the country and encouraged farmers to take advantage of Government support programmes aimed at increasing productivity and improving household incomes.

Mr. Muhanga also praised traditional leaders for their continued role in promoting peace, unity and development within their chiefdoms, describing them as key partners in national development.

With the country preparing for the August elections, he urged citizens to uphold Zambia's long-standing tradition of peace and reject violence, hate speech and division.

"Elections must never divide our communities. Before and after elections, we remain one people and one nation. Let us continue working together to preserve peace and strengthen our democracy," he said.

He concluded by appealing to stakeholders to contribute generously towards the successful hosting of the 2026 Lwanza Traditional Ceremony, describing such support as an investment in cultural preservation, tourism promotion and national unity.

The Lwanza Traditional Ceremony is one of Southern Province's key cultural events and is expected to attract thousands of participants from across Zambia and beyond.

PR PROFESSIONALS MUST GUARD TRUTH AHEAD OF ELECTIONS - GOVT

By Cecilia Chiluba



Thabo Kawana

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Media, has emphasized the critical role of public relations and communication professionals in safeguarding truth and strengthening public trust as Zambia heads towards the next general election.

Speaking during the official opening of the Zambia Institute of Public Relations and Communication (ZIPRC) Annual General Meeting and Conference in Livingstone, Thabo Kawana, said communication practitioners must rise above merely disseminating information and instead serve as defenders of credibility and informed public discourse.

Mr. Kawana said the gathering had provided an important platform for discussions centred on building trust and shaping public understanding in an era marked by the rapid spread of misinformation.

"With the general election fast

approaching, the role of PR and communication professionals is more critical than ever. They are not merely conveyors of messages, they are custodians of truth and guardians of public trust," Mr. Kawana said.

He noted that citizens depend on accurate and credible information to participate meaningfully in democratic processes and make informed decisions.

Mr. Kawana further said the Government, recognises communication as a strategic tool for national development.

"We rely on PR and Communication practitioners to bridge the gap between institutions and the citizens, ensuring that the public is aware of opportunities provided by initiatives like the enhanced Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and the Free Education Policy," Mr. Kawana added.

He also highlighted government's recent approval of the ZIPRC Regulations, describing the move as a major

milestone for the communications sector.

"To support this sector's growth, Government recently approved the ZIPRC Regulations. This milestone establishes a much-needed framework for ethics, competence, and professionalism in Zambia," he said.

He urged communication professionals to remain committed to ethical practice and national development by countering falsehoods and promoting purposeful communication.

"Let us continue to communicate with purpose, combat misinformation, and drive our nation forward," he said, while wishing delegates fruitful deliberations during the conference.

The ZIPRC Annual General Meeting and Conference is being held under the theme, "Beyond the Buzzwords: Leading with Purpose and Impact."



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NHCC REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION OF ZAMBIA'S HERITAGE

By Money Daily Reporter



National Heritage Conservation Commission (NHCC) has reaffirmed commitment to forging strategic partnerships that promote Zambia's natural and cultural heritage while ensuring sustainable conservation for future generations.

Speaking during separate courtesy calls from representatives of the Chasing Waterfalls Africa initiative and the Miss Heritage Global pageant, NHCC Executive Director, Kagosi Mwamulowe said the Commission remains open to collaborations that help unlock the tourism and heritage potential of Zambia's vast heritage resources.

Mr. Mwamulowe stated that heritage promotion must go hand in hand with conservation, community participation and economic empowerment.

"Zambia is endowed with exceptional natural and cultural heritage resources that deserve greater visibility both locally and internationally. We welcome partnerships

that help tell Zambia's story, increase visitor appreciation of our heritage, and create tangible benefits for communities while safeguarding these resources for future generations," he said.

He noted that Zambia boasts some of Africa's most remarkable natural attractions, including the iconic Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls, the only Natural Wonder of the World on the African continent, and Kalambo Falls, the continent's second-highest waterfall.

The Executive Director also highlighted the importance of Pan-African partnerships in advancing tourism and heritage preservation.

"Such collaborations reflect the vision of African unity championed by Zambia's founding President Dr. Kenneth Kaunda and Ghana's Dr. Kwame Nkrumah," Mr. Mwamulowe noted.

And Gina Arthur, Ghanaian Project Lead for Chasing Waterfalls Africa, expressed the initiative's desire to work closely with the Commission in documenting, preserving and promoting Zambia's

waterfalls to international audiences.

Ms. Arthur explained that the project is an interregional African initiative dedicated to discovering and showcasing lesser-known waterfalls across the continent while promoting conservation and community participation.

"The project has already documented 33 waterfalls in Ghana through a dedicated guidebook and has contributed to increased tourism visibility in destinations such as São Tomé," she noted.

She said the organisation hopes to collaborate with NHCC in identifying, documenting and marketing Zambia's waterfalls, while capturing the stories, traditions and cultural connections that communities have with these natural resources.

"The initiative seeks to advance Pan-African tourism by encouraging Africans and international travellers alike to explore the continent's unique natural attractions," Ms. Arthur emphasized. In a separate engagement, Miss Heritage Global Co-Director, Mudzithe Phiri, expressed interest in

partnering with the Commission to host the prestigious international pageant in Zambia.

"The pageant seeks to celebrate cultural identity and heritage appreciation among young people while creating international platforms that showcase a country's unique traditions and cultural assets," Ms. Phiri said.

She explained that hosting the event in Zambia would provide an opportunity to spotlight the country's rich heritage resources and cultural ceremonies, particularly the internationally acclaimed Kuomboka Ceremony, before a global audience. "The proposed partnership would strengthen heritage-based tourism promotion, enhance Zambia's international visibility and position the country as a destination where culture, heritage and tourism intersect," she added.

Welcoming the proposal, Mr. Mwamulowe described the Miss Heritage Global pageant as an innovative platform capable of fostering a deeper appreciation of heritage among young people and international audiences.

GOVT COMMISSIONS ERB'S 197KWP ROOFTOP SOLAR POWER PLANT

By Cecilia Chiluba



Government has commissioned a 197kWp rooftop solar power plant at the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) headquarters in Lusaka.

The project forms a key component of the Presidential Initiative, a national programme designed to accelerate the transition to renewable energy within the public sector,

Officiating at the launch, Ministry of Energy Permanent Secretary for Electricity, Arnold Simwaba described the project as a significant step towards increasing the adoption of clean energy solutions and enhancing energy sustainability in public institutions.

Eng. Simwaba stated that the rooftop solar installation demonstrates Government's commitment to promoting renewable energy and reducing dependence on conventional power sources.

The Permanent Secretary added that the project seeks to harness Zambia's abundant solar resources to power public institutions, reduce dependence on electricity sources and promote long-term sustainability in service delivery.

"The project aligns with Zambia's energy transition agenda and serves as a model for other institutions seeking to improve energy efficiency,

and contribute to environmental sustainability through the use of solar energy," he added.

And ERB Board Chairperson James Banda said the project marks another step in the institution's commitment to renewable energy development and environmental sustainability.

Mr. Banda described the solar power system as a milestone achievement for the institution and a significant contribution to a sustainable energy future.

"The commissioning demonstrates ERB's commitment to energy efficiency and environmental stewardship," he said.



POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY, MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT COULD REVERSE KWACHA GAINS - ECONOMIST

By Cecilia Chiluba



Trevor Hambayi

An Economist has cautioned that political uncertainty ahead of Zambia's elections and the continued conflict in the Middle East remain major risks that could reverse the recent gains recorded by the Kwacha.

Speaking in an interview with Money News, Trevor Hambayi said the biggest threat to the country's economic progress is political risk, particularly if the electoral process is not perceived to be free and fair.

"The number one risk that could reverse the gains is political risk. If we do not have free and fair elections, this could reverse the political gains and this could create a degree of instability," he said.

Mr. Hambayi noted that instability arising from disputed elections could undermine investor confidence and negatively affect the country's economic trajectory.

He further cautioned that the ongoing conflict in the Middle East could have adverse effects on Zambia's economy through its impact on global commodity markets.

"Also, it would push inflation up because of the continued rise in prices of fuel," he said.

Mr. Hambayi's remarks come amid recent appreciation of the Kwacha, with policymakers and market players closely monitoring both domestic and international developments that could influence the currency's performance in the months ahead.

According to Trading Economics, the USD/Kwacha exchange rate rose to K17.59 today June 8, 2026, up 0.03% from the previous session.

Over the past month, the Zambian Kwacha has strengthened 6.81%, and is up by 29.78% over the last 12 months.

Mr. Hambayi's remarks come amid recent

BUYZED CAMPAIGN URGES OMCs TO ADDRESS FUEL SERVICE STATION GAP ON GREAT NORTH ROAD

By Cecilia Chiluba



BuyZed Campaign has rapidly growing He called on all OMCs implored Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to consider addressing a critical service gap on the Great North Road between Six Miles Roundabout and Novare Shopping Mall by investing in new filling stations.

Mr. Ng'oma said the service gap is not just a challenge for motorists, clear investment opportunity.

"As our economy expands, conveniences must expand too. Every new service station means jobs, convenience, and tax revenue that builds Zambia. This is how we practice buying local thousands of motorists, and businesses in Lusaka's

to consider available land along this stretch for new service stations, partner with local land owners to serve the community, and join the national mission of building Zambia through strategic investment.

"BuyZed Campaign stands ready to mobilize public support and celebrate any Oil Marketing Company that steps forward to serve this community," he added.



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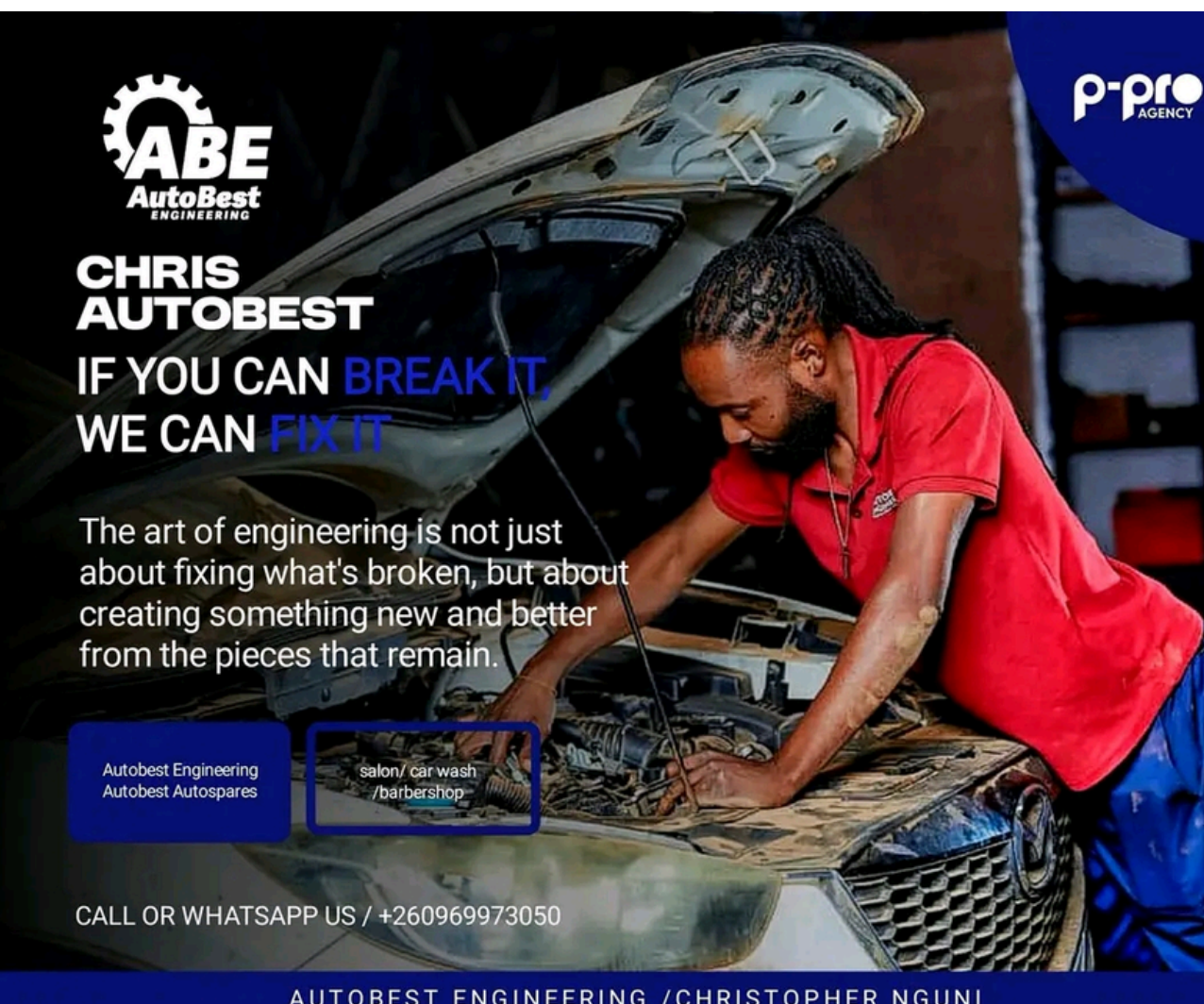
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DIGITAL ZAMBIA: WHY ICT AND MOBILE MONEY HAVE BECOME THE NEW ENGINES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

For decades, discussions about Zambia's economy have largely revolved around mining, agriculture and energy. Copper exports, maize harvests and electricity generation have traditionally dominated national economic conversations. However, a quieter but equally transformative revolution has been taking place in the background. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and mobile money have emerged as some of the most powerful drivers of economic activity, financial inclusion and national development.

The latest figures released by the Ministry of Technology and Science tell a remarkable story. Mobile subscriptions have grown from 20.2 million in 2021 to more than 26 million in 2025. Internet subscriptions have increased from 10.4 million to 14.68 million, while internet penetration has reached 72.1 percent. Most significantly, the ICT sector now contributes 17.4 percent to Zambia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), making it the largest contributor to the economy.

These are not just statistics. They represent a fundamental shift in how Zambians communicate, do business, access services and participate in economic activities.

Perhaps the most striking development has been the explosive growth of mobile

money. Transactions have surged from K169 billion in 2021 to K486 billion in 2024. This is more than a growth story; it is evidence of a changing financial landscape. For many years, access to formal banking services remained limited, particularly in rural areas. Opening a bank account often required travelling long distances, maintaining minimum balances and navigating cumbersome processes.

Mobile money has changed that reality.

Today, a farmer in Shang'ombo, a market trader in Kasama or a small business owner in Chipata can send and receive money instantly using a mobile phone.

This accessibility has brought millions of people into the formal financial system. It has reduced the risks associated with carrying cash, improved business efficiency and enabled countless small enterprises to transact more easily. The expansion of registered mobile money agents from about 133,000 to more than 556,000 demonstrates how digital finance has created thousands of jobs while extending financial services to previously underserved communities.

The impact on small and medium-sized enterprises cannot be overstated. SMEs form the backbone of Zambia's economy, yet many

struggle with access to banking services and payment systems. Mobile money has given these businesses an affordable platform to receive payments, pay suppliers and manage cash flow. In an economy where entrepreneurship is increasingly becoming a source of employment, this matters enormously.

ICT's contribution extends far beyond financial transactions. The expansion of fibre optic infrastructure from 15,000 kilometres to over 42,000 kilometres and the upgrading of nearly 600 sites to 5G technology are investments in productivity and competitiveness. Businesses today depend on reliable internet connectivity. Retailers use digital platforms to market products. Farmers access weather information and market prices online. Students participate in digital learning. Government services are increasingly moving online. In every sector, connectivity translates into efficiency.

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated how essential digital infrastructure has become. Companies that could operate remotely survived disruptions more

effectively. Schools with access to online learning tools maintained educational continuity. The lesson was clear: countries with stronger digital ecosystems are more resilient.

Government's decision to connect 500 schools to internet services and train thousands of teachers in digital literacy is therefore a

strategic investment in future productivity. Zambia's economy will increasingly depend on workers who can operate in a digital environment. Digital skills are no longer optional; they are becoming essential.

However, important challenges remain. While internet penetration has improved significantly, many rural communities still face connectivity gaps. Data costs remain a concern for many households and small businesses. Network disruptions continue to affect economic activities, particularly mobile money transactions and online commerce. The benefits of digital transformation cannot be fully realised unless reliability improves.

Cybersecurity is another growing concern. As more citizens and businesses move

online, the risks associated with cybercrime also increase. The enactment of the Cyber Security Act and Cyber Crimes Act is therefore a welcome step, but enforcement, public awareness and capacity building will be equally important.

The next phase of Zambia's digital transformation must focus on inclusion. Connectivity should not be a privilege available only to urban residents. Rural communities, women, youth and vulnerable groups must be active participants in the digital economy. The onboarding of one million Social Cash Transfer beneficiaries onto mobile money platforms demonstrates how digital tools can promote inclusion when properly implemented.

The reality is that ICT and mobile money are no longer supporting sectors of the economy; they are becoming central pillars of economic growth. They facilitate trade, improve productivity, expand financial access, create jobs and generate government revenue.

As Zambia pursues economic diversification and sustainable growth, investing in digital infrastructure may prove just as important as investing in roads, power stations and mines. The future economy will not only be built on what Zambia extracts from the ground, but increasingly on how effectively it connects, communicates and innovates through technology.



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ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA DRAW PHYSICAL BORDERLINE ON LAKE KARIBA

By News Day



In a historic first for the Southern African region, the waters of Lake Kariba will soon feature a physical border line.

Over the weekend, the governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe wrapped up a series of major community workshops aimed at preparing locals for the imminent installation of floating buoys along the lake's international boundary.

The pilot project will see giant floating beacons placed along the first 10 kilometers of the lake, starting from the Kariba Dam wall and heading

upstream. For years, the invisible line splitting the world's largest artificial lake has been a source of conflict mostly among fishermen and boat operators.

Kelvin Chibangula, Zambia's assistant surveyor-general, told stakeholders during a recent sensitisation workshop unmarked boundary lines had led to endless clashes, arrests and vessel seizures.

"These markers will make the boundary visible and allow fishing activities to continue without fear of conflict," said Chibangula

His Zimbabwean counterpart Edwin Guvaza assured stakeholders that the floating markers would not change the map, restrict traditional fishing grounds, or alter territorial rights.

"We want to firmly assure you that as the two surveyor-generals, we are not putting up barriers between the two countries on the lake, rather, we are enhancing the visibility of the boundary to facilitate bilateral cooperation and peaceful coexistence," said Guvaza.

ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY, PPPs AND TANZANIA'S ROAD TO \$1 TRILLION ECONOMY

By Tanzania Insight

Tanzania is charting an ambitious course toward economic transformation, with three interconnected pillars shaping its development strategy: economic diplomacy, public-private partnerships, and the goal of building a \$1 trillion economy by 2050. These elements represent different facets of a unified vision that will determine whether the East African nation can achieve its long-term prosperity goals.

As Tanzania advances its Vision 2050 agenda, policymakers and economists are increasingly recognizing that these three themes are not isolated policy areas but rather complementary dimensions of the same

development challenge. The country faces a complex task of mobilizing substantial capital, boosting productivity across sectors, and constructing institutions capable of sustaining transformation over the next quarter century.

Economic diplomacy has emerged as a cornerstone of Tanzania's strategy to position itself within the rapidly evolving global economy. The country's 2024 Foreign Policy explicitly places economic diplomacy at the center of external engagement, acknowledging that modern foreign policy is most effective when it directly advances domestic prosperity. This approach reflects a

fundamental understanding that no nation achieves large-scale economic transformation in isolation.

Countries that have successfully accelerated their development have consistently leveraged international relationships to attract capital, access advanced technology, expand export markets, and strengthen overall competitiveness. For Tanzania, this means looking beyond traditional diplomatic objectives to create tangible economic benefits from international partnerships.

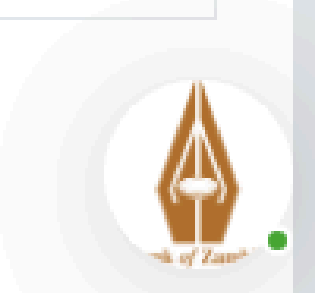


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MMA STAR BOYKA EYES REDEMPTION AFTER NAIROBI SETBACK

By Lucky Chama

Gouglas Jai "Boyka" Chilufya has broken his silence following his recent defeat in Nairobi, Kenya, thanking supporters for standing by him while admitting that several challenges behind the scenes affected his preparations for the fight.

Tanzanian mixed martial arts fighter Rashid Mlegelo delivered an impressive first-round victory over Chilufya at the ANZA MMA Pro 002 event held in

Kenya last Saturday, reinforcing Tanzania's growing presence in the regional combat sports scene.

The Zambian mixed martial athlete said although he was disappointed not to secure victory, the result would not define his career as he remains determined to bounce back stronger.

In a statement shared after the bout, Chilufya first expressed gratitude to God,

his fans, family, friends, and supporters who backed him throughout his journey to Kenya.

"To everyone who was disappointed by the result, I understand your feelings, and I am sorry that I could not bring home the victory. However, there are many things that happened behind the scenes that only I truly know and understand. Fighting is never just about what people see inside the

cage," he said.

Chilufya also congratulated his opponent, Tanzania's Rashid Mlegelo, describing him as a respectful athlete and worthy competitor.

The fighter used the opportunity to clarify his association with Kopala Warriors, revealing that he has not been part of UFA since September 8, 2025.

"My deepest appreciation goes to Kopala Warriors

and Coach Malachy McAllister for standing by me during one of the most difficult periods of my career. For many months, I have largely walked this journey on my own," he said.

Chilufya explained that Kopala Warriors offered him support and guidance when he needed it most, adding that representation is about the people who stand by an athlete through both victories and defeats.

SUCCESS WITHOUT SUCCESSION IS TEMPORARY, SAYS FOOTBALL ANALYST MALAMBO



By Lucky Chama - some people may view Football coach, coach instructor and analyst Franklyn Malambo has called for deliberate succession planning in Zambian institutions, warning that the absence of future leadership preparation continues to undermine long-term success in football and other sectors.

Malambo said one of Zambia's biggest leadership gaps is the failure to identify, mentor and prepare individuals to take over key positions when leaders leave office.

In a Facebook post, the football analyst noted that many organizations are forced to start afresh whenever a chief executive officer, technical director, operations manager or coach exits because no successor has been groomed to continue the work.

"More often than not, when a CEO, Technical Director, Operations Manager or coach leaves, the institution starts from scratch because no successor has been prepared," Malambo said.

He acknowledged that

while an office holder is still serving as inappropriate, but stressed that failing to do so often has damaging consequences.

Malambo argued that strong organizations are distinguished not only by their ability to develop skilled personnel but also by their commitment to nurturing future leaders.

"Strong organizations do not just develop operatives. They develop future leaders. Every key role should have one or two individuals being mentored, exposed and prepared through structured shadowing," he explained.

He cited football clubs as an example, saying assistant technical directors, recruitment leads or scouts should already have a deep understanding of a club's philosophy, systems and objectives before a technical director departs.

According to Malambo, succession planning helps preserve institutional knowledge, maintain continuity and prevent disruptions that often occur when leadership transitions are poorly managed.

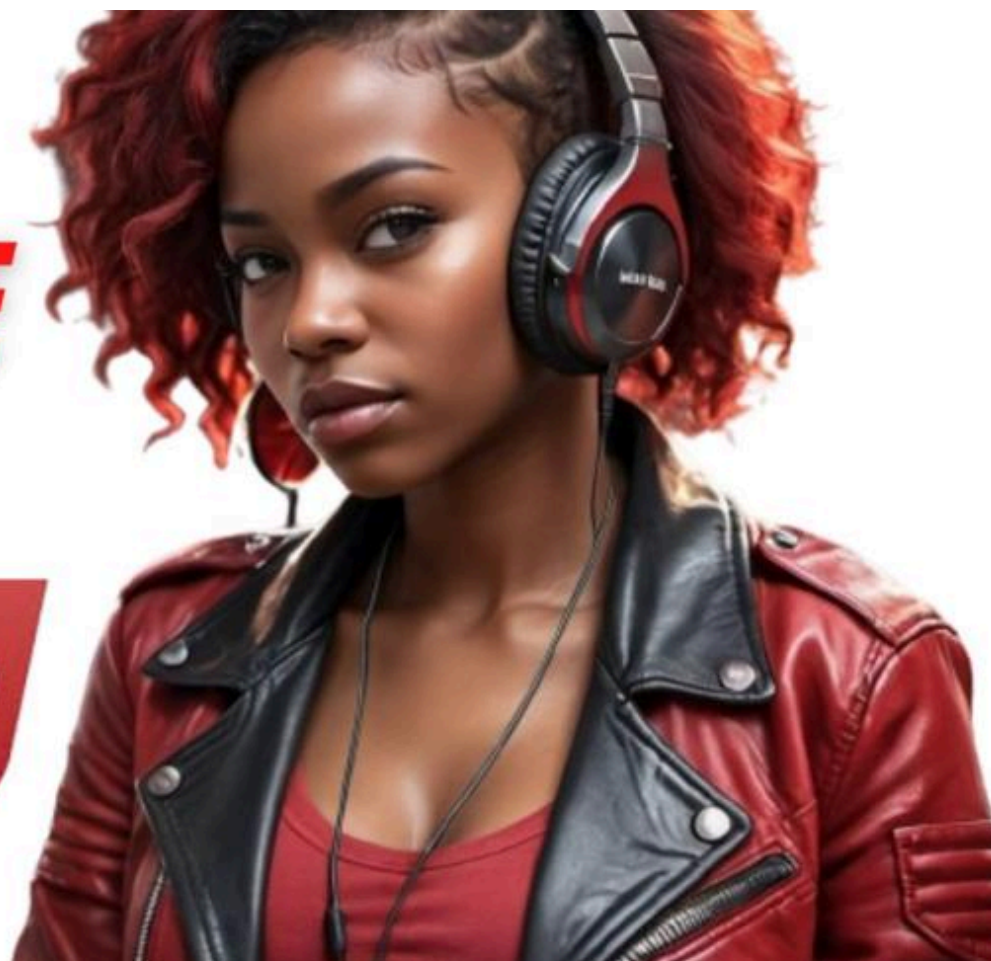


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ERIKSEN COLLAPSES AND LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS ON FIELD AGAIN

By Tanzania Insight

Danish midfielder Christian Eriksen has once again collapsed on the football pitch and lost consciousness, raising immediate concerns about the player's health and reviving memories of his cardiac arrest during Euro 2020.

The incident occurred during a match, prompting urgent medical attention and sparking widespread worry among fans, teammates, and the broader football community.

Eriksen, who plays as an attacking midfielder, has become a figure of both inspiration and concern since his near-fatal collapse three years ago.

This latest episode marks another frightening moment for the 32-year-old footballer, whose

career has been closely monitored since his dramatic on-field cardiac arrest during Denmark's opening match against Finland at the European Championship in June 2021. During that match in Copenhagen, Eriksen collapsed without any contact from another player, leading to emergency medical intervention that included CPR and the use of a defibrillator to restart his heart.

Following the 2021 incident, Eriksen underwent surgery to have an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) fitted, a device designed to monitor and regulate heart rhythm. The medical device was considered essential for his survival but initially cast doubt on whether he could continue his professional football career.

Despite the setback, Eriksen made a remarkable return to professional football. After his contract with Inter Milan was terminated due to Italian regulations prohibiting players with ICDs from competing in Serie A, he signed with Brentford in the English Premier League in January 2022. His successful rehabilitation and return to top-level football was hailed as one of sport's most inspiring comeback stories.

The Danish international later moved to Manchester United in July 2022, continuing to demonstrate his technical ability and vision on the pitch. His performances earned him continued selection for the Danish national team, where he remains a key player and experienced leader.



News of this recent collapse has sent shockwaves through the football world, with many questioning whether adequate precautions have been taken to protect the player's long-term health. Medical experts have long debated the risks associated with athletes returning to elite competition after serious cardiac events, even with protective devices implanted.

