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MISA ZAMBIA STRESSES JOURNALISM ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY, FIGHTING MISINFORMATION

By Money Daily Reporter



Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia has emphasized the critical role of journalism in safeguarding democracy and combating misinformation during the election period.

Speaking during the official launch of the 24th Platinum and Golden Media Awards in Lusaka, MISA Zambia Chairperson Lorraine Mwanza said the media's role has become increasingly important as Zambia approaches the polls, especially in an era where misinformation and disinformation spread rapidly on digital platforms.

“As Zambia prepares for the 13 August 2026 General Elections, the work of the media has never been more important. At a time when misinformation and disinformation spread

rapidly across digital platforms, professional journalism remains one of our strongest defenses in protecting the public's right to accurate, balanced and credible information,” she said.

Mrs. Mwanza noted that the awards are intended not only to recognize outstanding journalism but also to celebrate the contribution media practitioners make in informing citizens and promoting accountability.

“The media is a cornerstone of every democratic society. It helps citizens make informed decisions, promotes transparency, encourages public debate and strengthens accountability,” Mrs. Mwanza said.

She added that the Platinum and Golden Media Awards represent more than a competition

and should be viewed as a celebration of excellence and resilience among journalists.

Mrs. Mwanza also called for increased support towards media freedom and journalist safety, saying these principles are essential for a democratic society.

“As we celebrate journalism, let us also renew our commitment to promoting media freedom, access to information and the safety of journalists. These principles are fundamental to a free, independent and professional media. Without them, democracy cannot thrive,” she said.

MISA Zambia has sponsored six core categories under this year's awards, namely the Golden Award for Television, Commercial Radio, Community Radio, Print and Online,

alongside the Platinum Award for Media Freedom, which remains the institution's highest recognition for individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to journalism and media freedom in Zambia.

The Chairperson also encouraged organizations and institutions to support additional award categories that align with their mandates to promote specialized reporting and national development.

She thanked various partners and sponsors supporting the awards, including Hivos, the Energy Regulation Board (ERB), Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Totum Solution Limited, Ideaholic, Habitat for Humanity Zambia and other cooperating partners.

LUAPULA EXPO 2026 DRAWS STRONG LOCAL, INTERNATIONAL INVESTOR INTEREST

By Money Daily Reporter



Luapula Provincial Administration says the recently held Luapula Investment Expo 2026 has attracted significant local and international investor interest in the energy, mining, agriculture, aquaculture, banking and manufacturing sectors.

Permanent Secretary, Prudence Chinama-Kangwa noted that the Expo has positioned the province as one of Zambia's fastest-growing investment destinations, with major projects expected to create thousands of jobs and accelerate economic transformation.

Speaking at a media briefing in Mansa, Mrs. Chinama-Kangwa said among the key investment commitments is a 244-megawatt power generation project by Kanona expected to create about 2,000 direct and 4,000 indirect jobs, while Meladen Energy plans to invest K18 million in fuel service stations across Mansa, Mwense, Nchelenge and Chiengi districts.

“CAMCO has pledged a US\$180 million

investment in wheat and soya bean production, manganese processing and a skills training centre, while Luongo/Musamu Mine intends to invest US\$100 million in manganese mining, another US\$100 million in a tomato processing plant and support the development of the Chipili Multi-Facility Economic Zone,” she revealed.

She added that other investors, including Indo Zambia, ZCCM-IH, Mansa Sugar, Sunbird Bio Energy, Keitt Exporters Limited and Buya Bamba, are expected to undertake projects that will expand business opportunities, improve energy security, strengthen agriculture and create sustainable employment across the province.

And Mrs. Chinama-Kangwa described the recently commissioned 50-megawatt Mabumba Solar Power Plant as a milestone in Luapula's development.

“The facility has not only met the Province's electricity demand but is also contributing

surplus power to the national grid, supporting Government's industrialization agenda,” Mrs. Chinama-Kangwa said.

She stressed that Government has already established a 90-day implementation road-map to facilitate project execution through technical working groups, site verification, due diligence and the signing of investment agreements, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring that the pledged investments translate into tangible benefits for the people of Luapula Province.

The Permanent Secretary urged stakeholders to continue partnering with Government in sustaining the region's development momentum.

“The investment commitments secured through the Luapula Expo reflect growing confidence in Zambia's stable investment climate and the New Dawn Administration's economic transformation agenda,” she added.

ENERGY EXPERT WARNS EXTENDED FUEL TAX RELIEF COULD TRIGGER LONG-TERM FISCAL STRAIN

By Cecilia Chiluba



An Energy Expert has cautioned that while Government's decision to extend fuel tax relief measures offers immediate relief to households and businesses, the move could create long-term fiscal pressures if not accompanied by structural reforms in the energy sector.

Government has extended the temporary suspension of excise duty on petrol and diesel, alongside the zero-rating of Value Added Tax (VAT) on the two fuel products, for an additional 90 days until September 30, 2026, in a move aimed at cushioning citizens and businesses against rising fuel costs.

Engineer Bornface Zulu told Money News in an interview that maintaining the tax measures over a

prolonged period could have significant implications for Government revenue.

"Revenue loss is estimated at about K1.3 billion per month, totaling K11.97 billion annually if extended," he stated.

Eng. Zulu further noted that reduced revenue could limit Government spending on key sectors such as health, education and infrastructure development.

He said the current measures were only temporary and did not address Zambia's underlying exposure to international oil market volatility. "Relief is short-term; Zambia remains vulnerable to global oil volatility," he said.

Eng. Zulu also raised concerns that transport

operators may not fully pass on fuel cost reductions to commuters, limiting the intended impact on consumers.

He however observed that the move would help shield citizens from the effects of global oil price fluctuations, by lowering fuel costs and easing pressure on transport expenses and household budgets.

Eng. Zulu added that the intervention would help reduce costs across key sectors of the economy. "It directly lowers pump prices, easing transport fares, stabilizing food costs, and supporting industries," Eng. Zulu stressed.

He said the latest fuel prices stand at K26.15 per litre for petrol, K28.11 for diesel, K28.32 for kerosene and K30.27 for Jet A-1 fuel, adding that lower fuel costs could improve business

competitiveness and provide an inflation cushion.

The Energy Expert stressed that small and medium enterprises, agriculture and the mining sector were among industries likely to benefit from reduced operational expenses.

To address longer-term challenges, he called for targeted subsidies focused on sectors such as public transport and agriculture rather than broad tax waivers.

Eng. Zulu also urged accelerated investment in alternative energy sources and electric mobility solutions. "Zambia must use this window to pivot boldly toward renewable energy and electric mobility, ensuring that future relief does not drain public finances," he emphasized.

GOVT RELEASES K1.4 BILLION FOR MAY-JUNE SOCIAL CASH TRANSFER PAYMENT CYCLE

By Cecilia Chiluba



Government has released K1.4 billion for the May-June 2026 Social Cash Transfer (SCT) payment cycle, bringing the total amount disbursed under the programme since January 2026 to K4.3 billion.

Ministry of Community Development and Social Services Permanent Secretary Angela Kawandami said this is against the K8.5 billion provided for in the 2026 National Budget and Supplementary Budget.

Ms. Kawandami stated that payments commenced on 29th June 2026 and will benefit over 1.5 million poor and vulnerable households across the country.

She noted that Government has continued to advance

the digitalization of the programme through electronic payments, with 92% of beneficiary households now receiving their transfers electronically.

Ms. Kawandami encouraged beneficiaries to check their mobile money or bank wallets with their respective payment service providers.

"The digitization of Social Cash Transfer payments has improved efficiency, transparency and accountability, while ensuring faster and more secure delivery of funds to beneficiaries," Ms. Kawandami said.

She reaffirmed Government's dedication to strengthening social protection programmes to ensure that vulnerable citizens receive the support

they need. The Permanent Secretary, said the Social Cash Transfer Programme remains one of Government's key social protection interventions, helping vulnerable households meet their basic needs, improve food security and build sustainable livelihoods.

"The programme also continues to stimulate local economies by injecting over K1.4 billion into communities every two months," she added.

This is according to a statement issued by Ministry of Community Development and Social Services Principal Public Relations Officer, Glenda Nachinga.

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ZDA CALLS FOR COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT DUE DILIGENCE FRAMEWORK

By Cecilia Chiluba



Albert Halwampa

Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) has called for the establishment of a comprehensive investment due diligence framework to strengthen responsible investment and improve coordination among government institutions.

ZDA Director General, Albert Halwampa, made the call during a panel discussion on Sustainability Initiatives and Due Diligence at the 50th Anniversary of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct in Paris.

Mr. Halwampa said Zambia already has robust due diligence measures, including investor screening, verification of funding sources, Environmental, Social and Governance compliance, and post-investment monitoring, particularly in the mining sector, to ensure investors comply with environmental requirements and business practices.

He, however, noted that these requirements are fragmented across different institutions.

“Zambia needs a unified due diligence framework aligned with international

best practices to enhance transparency and support responsible investment,” he said.

Mr. Halwampa also outlined Zambia’s investment safeguards, including measures to combat corruption, monitoring of investment incentives, and implementation of the local content policy requiring at least 20 percent local participation to ensure investments benefit local communities.

The discussion explored how businesses and regulators can apply a risk-based approach to due diligence, alongside

challenges in compliance, enforcement and policy coordination.

Meanwhile, OECD will undertake a Responsible Business Conduct initiative across Sub-Saharan Africa and agreed with ZDA to position Zambia as a key focus.

According to a statement issued by First Secretary Press at the Zambia Embassy in Paris, Naomi Mweemba, the initiative aims to promote responsible investment, strengthen due diligence across global supply chains, and support inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

NGO SHIFTS FROM HAND PUMPS TO FULL WATER SCHEMES

By Money Daily Reporter



Mubiana Muyangwa

Empowered Communities Helping Others (ECHO), a member of the Zambia NGO WASH Forum, says it is shifting its strategy from hand pumps into full water schemes.

ECHO Executive Director, Mubiana Muyangwa said in a statement that this change is part of a broader strategy shaped by lessons learnt on the ground.

Mr. Muyangwa stated that while access to clean drinking water is vital, poverty and vulnerability remain pressing challenges.

He observed that the effects of El Niño and climate change have

worsened conditions for rural communities.

“Water provision must be combined with livelihood initiatives and environmental sustainability,” Mr. Muyangwa said.

He added that upgrading water systems is linked to farming activities and the promotion of fruit trees.

Mr. Muyangwa noted that fruit trees provide nutrition, income, and environmental benefits, while also supporting inter-cropping.

He affirmed that such initiatives uplift rural communities, where poverty levels are highest, and ensure

sustainability of infrastructure.

“Village Water UK has been a strong partner, not just a donor but a co-creator of solutions,” he stated.

Mr. Muyangwa explained that government support has been crucial, with traditional and local leaders also backing ECHO’s work on the ground.

“These combined efforts promote resilience, sustainability, and improved livelihoods alongside access to safe water,” Mr. Muyangwa stressed.



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PACRA COMPANY REGISTRATIONS RISE 7% AS BUSINESS ACTIVITY INCREASE

By Cecilia Chiluba



Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) says it recorded a 7 percent increase in company registrations between January and May 2026, reflecting growing business activity, investor confidence and increased formalization of enterprises in Zambia.

PACRA registered 9,163 companies during the period under review, surpassing its target of 8,972 by 2 percent and improving from the 8,551 companies incorporated during the same period in 2025.

In a statement, Agency Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Benson Mpalo attributed growth in company registrations to strong performance in key sectors of the economy.

Mr. Mpalo said Transportation and Storage recorded the

highest growth at 17 percent, supported by expansion in logistics, freight, courier, warehousing and transport services.

He revealed that Information and Communication followed with 16 percent growth, driven by increased investment in information technology, telecommunications, software development, digital marketing and media services.

“Other sectors that recorded notable growth include Real Estate at 13.9 percent, driven by sustained investment in property development and management; Construction 13.7 percent, reflecting increased infrastructure development; and Finance and Insurance Activities 6.7 percent, demonstrating continued expansion in financial services. PACRA also recorded significant improvements in statutory

compliance,” Mr. Mpalo stated.

He noted that business name registrations reached 10,104 against a target of 11,667, representing 86.6 percent of the target.

Mr. Mpalo said despite not meeting the target, PACRA remains optimistic about continued uptake of business registration services, adding that the Agency is implementing measures to promote business formalization, particularly among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

He stressed that the Agency also recorded improvements in statutory compliance, with Company Annual Return filings reaching 121.6 percent of target, while Business Name Annual Return filings stood at 121 percent of target.

Mr. Mpalo attributed the increased compliance to the publication of lists of non-

compliant entities that were earmarked for possible deregistration under the Companies Act and the Registration of Business Names Act.

The Registrar and Chief Executive Officer said the improved performance had strengthened the integrity of the national business register and enhanced Government revenue collection.

He added that the Agency had also recorded strong growth in intellectual property registrations. “Trademark applications increased by 59 percent, while trademark renewals rose by 46 percent compared to the corresponding period in 2025,” he said.

Mr. Mpalo further stated that copyright registrations exceeded performance targets by 154 percent, reflecting growing appreciation among innovators and businesses of the value of intellectual property protection.

“This positive performance demonstrates growing confidence in Zambia’s business environment and the increasing recognition that formalization and intellectual property protection are essential for business growth and national competitiveness,” Mr. Mpalo noted.

He encouraged entrepreneurs and innovators operating informally to utilize PACRA registration services and intellectual property systems to protect and grow their businesses.

MEDEF INTERNATIONAL IDENTIFIES 30 FRENCH COMPANIES FOR ZAMBIA INVESTMENT MISSION

By Money Daily Reporter



France’s largest economic cooperation reforms. representative business through a organization, MEDEF Memorandum of He underscored International, has Understanding (MoU) Zambia’s investor-friendly incentives, aimed at identifying friendly incentives, including opportunities of potential interest in engagement and in Multi-Facility Economic Zones (MFEZs), competitive tax incentives and the unrestricted 100% repatriation of after-tax profits.

The mission will explore investment opportunities in mining, renewable energy, logistics, agriculture, manufacturing, water infrastructure and value addition. Further, discussions highlighted the strategic importance of the Lobito Corridor as a driver of regional economic growth, with opportunities extending beyond 800 million consumers, positioning the country as a competitive hub for regional trade and manufacturing.

During a meeting in Paris on Thursday, Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) Director General Albert Halwampa and MEDEF International Project Officer for Africa, Maxime Koutchenkov, reaffirmed their commitment to working together to mobilize French investors for the planned mission to Zambia. MEDEF hailed Zambia’s ongoing economic reforms and predictable investment climate, describing them as key factors attracting growing interest from European businesses.

The two parties also agreed to deepen fundamentals and ongoing policy reforms. He also invited French companies to participate in the Invest Zambia International Conference, scheduled for 9–11 December, 2026, to explore investment opportunities and forge strategic partnerships.

And Mr. Halwampa attributed the growing investor confidence in Zambia to stable macroeconomic fundamentals and ongoing policy



BUSINESS FORMALIZATION IS THE FOUNDATION OF A STRONGER ZAMBIAN ECONOMY

The latest figures from the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) provide more than just encouraging statistics. They tell the story of an economy where more entrepreneurs are choosing to operate within the formal system, a trend that holds significant promise for Zambia's long-term economic transformation.

A seven percent increase in company registrations during the first five months of 2026 reflects growing business activity, investor confidence and expanding opportunities across sectors such as transport, construction, real estate, information technology and financial services. Equally important is the improvement in statutory compliance, with more businesses filing annual returns and protecting their intellectual property.

These developments should be celebrated because business formalization is not merely about paperwork or legal compliance. It is one of the most powerful tools for creating sustainable economic growth, improving public service delivery and expanding opportunities for entrepreneurs.

For many years, Zambia's informal sector has been the backbone of the economy. Thousands of traders, transport operators, artisans, farmers and service providers earn a living without formally registering their businesses. While these enterprises contribute significantly to

employment and household incomes, operating outside the formal system often limits their potential.

Informal businesses frequently struggle to access affordable financing because banks and financial institutions require proof of legal registration before extending credit. Without access to capital, businesses find it difficult to purchase new equipment, expand operations or employ additional workers. Formalization changes this picture.

A registered business can open corporate bank accounts, apply for loans, bid for government contracts, enter into legally enforceable agreements and build credibility with suppliers and customers. Registration transforms a small enterprise from an informal livelihood into a recognised economic entity capable of long-term growth.

This is particularly important for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which account for a substantial share of employment in Zambia. If more MSMEs formalize their operations, they become better positioned to grow into medium-sized and eventually large businesses capable of creating even more jobs.

Formalization also benefits Government.

When businesses are properly registered, authorities can develop more accurate

economic data that informs policy decisions. Better information enables government to identify sectors requiring support, monitor investment trends and allocate public resources more effectively.

Moreover, registered businesses contribute to public revenue through taxes, licensing fees and statutory

filings. These revenues finance essential public services such as education, healthcare, roads, water infrastructure and security. Importantly, increased revenue collection does not necessarily require higher tax rates. Instead, expanding the number of compliant businesses broadens the tax base, allowing Government to generate more resources while spreading the responsibility more fairly across the economy.

PACRA's improved compliance figures are therefore particularly encouraging. Businesses that regularly file annual returns demonstrate accountability and transparency. A credible national business register also provides confidence to investors, financial institutions and international partners seeking reliable information about Zambia's

corporate landscape. Another encouraging development is the remarkable increase in trademark and copyright registrations.

In today's knowledge-driven economy, ideas are valuable assets. Entrepreneurs who develop new products, software, creative works or innovative technologies need

legal protection for their intellectual property. Without such protection, innovators may lose the financial rewards of their creativity, discouraging future innovation. Protecting intellectual property therefore supports entrepreneurship while encouraging research, technological advancement and creative industries.

However, despite these positive developments, significant challenges remain. Many informal businesses still perceive registration as costly, complicated or unnecessary. Others fear that formalization will simply expose them to taxation without offering meaningful benefits.

This perception highlights the need for continued public education. Government agencies must demonstrate that formalization is not designed

to punish entrepreneurs but to support them. Registration processes should remain affordable, accessible and efficient, particularly for rural entrepreneurs and small businesses operating outside major urban centres.

Digital registration platforms, simplified procedures and mobile registration services can help reduce barriers to entry while encouraging wider participation.

Financial institutions also have an important role to play by developing products specifically designed for newly formalized businesses. Access to affordable credit can encourage more entrepreneurs to register once they see tangible economic benefits.

The private sector should equally promote formalization through supplier development programmes that encourage small businesses to become registered in order to participate in corporate value chains.

Ultimately, formalization should not be viewed as an administrative exercise. It is an investment in national development.

Every registered business represents greater transparency, improved investor confidence, stronger legal protection, better access to finance and increased opportunities for employment creation.

The steady rise in PACRA registrations suggests that more Zambians are beginning to recognise these advantages.

Maintaining this momentum will require continued reforms, efficient public services and policies that reward compliance rather than merely enforce it.

A vibrant formal business sector creates stronger institutions, attracts investment and generates sustainable economic growth. If Zambia is to achieve its ambitions of becoming a diversified, competitive and inclusive economy, expanding business formalization must remain one of its highest priorities.

The numbers released by PACRA are encouraging. The next challenge is ensuring that even more entrepreneurs make the transition from the informal economy into a formal business environment where they, and the nation, can fully realise their potential.



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ZIM ENTERS AN UNCHARTED ERA OF STABILITY – ECONOMISTS

By The Herald



Zimbabwe has achieved unprecedented economic stability and predictability, providing a firm foundation for sustainable growth and transformation, key stakeholders noted during the Mid-Term Economic Review and High-Level Policy Dialogue in Harare yesterday.

Hosted by a local think tank, the Africa Economic Development Studies (AEDS), the forum brought together business executives, policymakers, monetary authorities and Government officials, who emphasised that maintaining discipline was now vital to accelerating

investment across all value chains and driving industrialisation.

The high-level gathering served as a stock-taking platform for the first six months of the fiscal year, to analyse domestic trends, evaluate independent economic modelling and directly inform Zimbabwe's forthcoming Mid-Term Fiscal Policy and Monetary Policy review.

Zimbabwe has maintained macroeconomic stability since September 2024, anchored primarily by the Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG) currency. The stabilised currency has

successfully tamed inflation, bringing it down to single digits, while stabilising the exchange rate and establishing a predictable environment for businesses.

Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) deputy governor Dr Innocent Matshe assured delegates at the forum that the central bank remained committed to protecting economic stability gains, ensuring the market retains its newfound predictability.

Dr Matshe said foreign currency reserves reached US\$1,6 billion last week, providing roughly 1,5 months of import cover.

TANZANIA EARNS 17BN US DOLLARS FROM EXPORTS OF MINERALS, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

By Daily News

TANZANIA'S exports of goods and services reached nearly 17bn US dollars last year, driven by strong growth in minerals, agriculture and manufacturing, as the country continues to expand its footprint in regional and global markets, Minister for Industry and Trade, Judith Kapinga said today, July 3, 2026.

Speaking at the opening of the 50th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (Sabasaba), Ms Kapinga said Tanzania's economic diplomacy under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has opened new export markets, strengthened economic cooperation with other

countries, attracted more investors and improved the country's position in regional and global trade value chains.

She said exports of goods alone surpassed 10bn US dollars, representing growth of more than 20 per cent, while gold exports rose by over 35 per cent to more than 4.4bn US dollars. Agricultural exports also continued to grow, supported by increased production and expanding markets.

Additionally, the minister said that the 50th anniversary of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair marks an important milestone in

Tanzania's economic journey, noting that for five decades the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) has connected Tanzania with global markets by promoting the country's products, services and investment opportunities.

"TanTrade is now shifting its focus from simply marketing existing products to identifying market demand before production, enabling Tanzanian producers to manufacture goods that meet international market needs," she said.



EXCHANGE RATES

ZMW/USD Commercial Bank Rates for 03/07/2026

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	Interbank Rates		Retail Rates		Interbank Rates		Retail Rates		Interbank Rates		Retail
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ACCESS BANK ZAMBIA LIMITED	18.2400	18.2900	18.2400	18.5000	18.2600	18.3100	18.2600	18.5000	18.3400	18.3900	18.2600
BANK OF CHINA (ZAMBIA) LIMITED	18.2000	18.2500	18.1500	18.4000	18.2000	18.2500	18.2000	18.4500	18.2500	18.3000	18.2000
CITIBANK ZAMBIA LIMITED	18.2500	18.3000	18.1500	18.4500	18.3500	18.4000	18.1500	18.4500	18.3500	18.4000	18.2500
ECOBANK ZAMBIA LIMITED	18.2250	18.2750	18.1500	18.4750	18.3000	18.3500	18.1500	18.5130	18.3500	18.4000	18.1800
FIRST ALLIANCE BANK ZAMBIA LIMITED	18.2500	18.3000	18.2500	18.4500	18.3000	18.3500	18.3000	18.5000	18.3000	18.3500	18.3

Source: Bank of Zambia (BOZ)



KCM SIGNS HISTORIC K10.8 MILLION FAZ SPONSORSHIP DEAL TO BOOST WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

By Lucky Chama

Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) has signed a landmark K10.8 million annual sponsorship agreement with the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ), in a major boost for women's football and the Copper Queens ahead of the 2026 Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON).

rights. Speaking during the signing ceremony, Ministry of Sport Permanent Secretary Kangwa Chileshe described the partnership as a transformative investment that would inspire more companies to support women's football.

Under the agreement, K7.2 million will be invested annually into a new national women's knockout competition, the Zambia Football Association (ZFA) Cup, while K3.6 million will go towards the Copper Queens' brand and image

"Today KCM, once again, steps into a pioneering role. They have seen the immense opportunity and undeniable excellence within our women's game... Their sponsorship of the Copper Queens and the creation of a historic cup

competition for the women's league is a game changer," Chileshe said.

FAZ president Keith Mweemba hailed the sponsorship as a milestone that would unlock new opportunities for the women's game, noting that Zambia's female national teams have consistently excelled on the continental and global stage.

"For many years now, our women's game has been growing but the level of support has not been commensurate to the joy the ladies have brought to

us," Mweemba said.

He noted that the Copper Queens have qualified for the FIFA Women's World Cup, back-to-back Olympic Games and won bronze at the 2022 WAFCON, while the Under-17 women's team has qualified for the FIFA World Cup three times.

Mweemba said the newly introduced ZFA Cup would be the first nationwide knockout competition for women's football, featuring teams from both amateur and professional leagues across all 10 provinces.

KCM Acting Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Mewett said the mining company was committing US\$600,000 annually to support the Copper Queens, including their WAFCON 2026 campaign and the inaugural KCM-FAZ Cup.

"This aligns with our broader commitment to women's empowerment... We are creating opportunities for women in technical roles, entrepreneurship and community development," Mewett said.

TANZANIA GOLFERS SHINE AT ZAMBIA LADIES AMATEUR OPEN



By Lucky Chama - MTN "Kabwe Warriors Football Super League side Kabwe Club wishes to officially announce the departure of the following players from the team," the club said in the statement.

The club paid tribute to the quartet for their commitment and contribution during their time at Kabwe Warriors.

"The Club extends its sincere gratitude to these players for their contributions during their time with Kabwe Warriors. Kabwe Warriors Football Club wishes them every success in their future endeavors," the statement added.

The departures come as clubs across the MTN Super League continue strengthening their squads during the transfer window ahead of the new season, with Kabwe Warriors expected to announce new signings in the coming weeks.

The club also announced that Clement Munda, Simon Tonga and Munda Phiri have all left after the expiry of their contracts, having opted not to renew their deals with the seven-time Zambian champions.

The departures mark the latest changes at Godfrey Ucar Chitalu Stadium as Kabwe Warriors continue preparations for the new campaign.

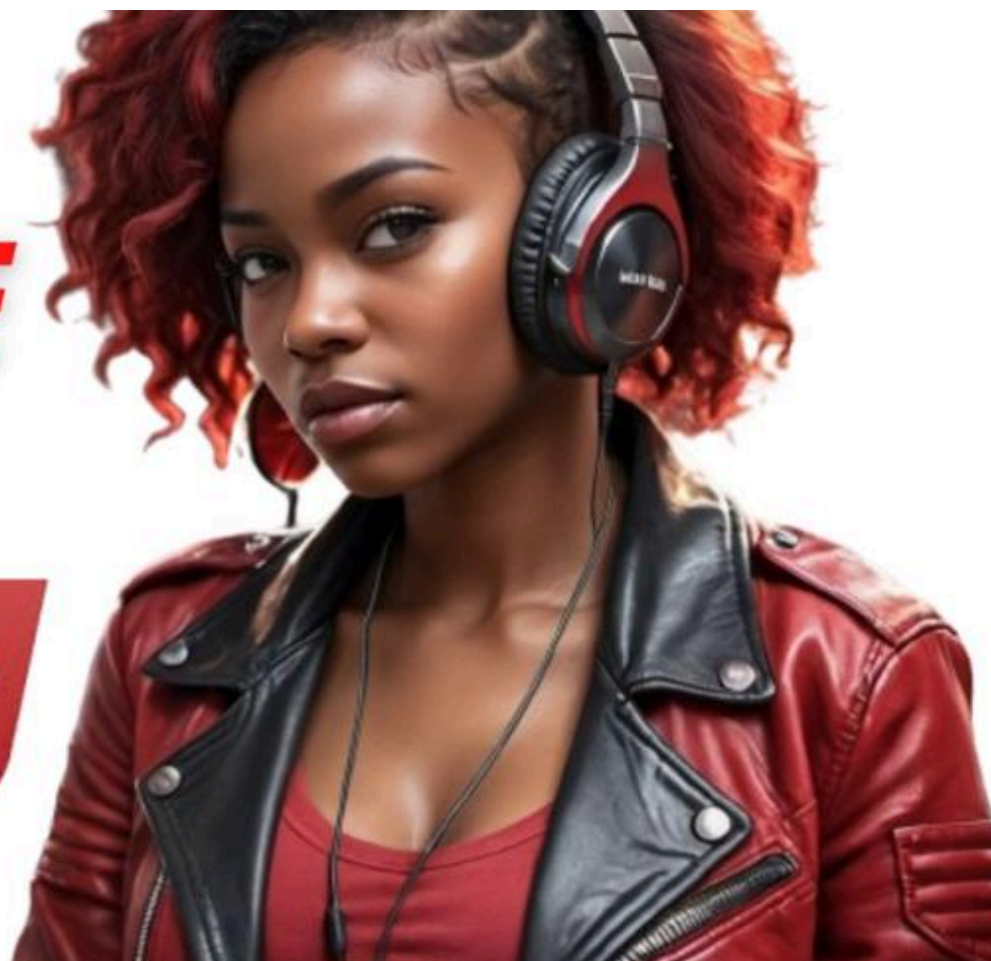


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KARIA UNVEILS VIDEO SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PREMIER LEAGUE

By Daily News

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) President Wallace Karia has outlined plans to introduce Football Video Support (VS) technology in the Mainland Premier League ahead of the 2026-2027 season, in a move aimed at improving officiating while reducing operational costs.

Karia (pictured) said the system would serve as a cost-effective alternative to Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology, which requires significant financial and technical resources. He made the remarks during an exclusive interview with 'Daily News' in Dar es Salaam. He said the initiative is part of wider efforts to modernise refereeing in the top flight without placing excessive strain on football finances.

"At the moment, my focus is on Video Support," Karia said. "It provides a similar safety net to VAR but does not require heavy investment, while still allowing referees to retain control of decisions on the pitch." He said discussions were already underway with the world football governing body FIFA and the Confederation of African Football (CAF) to secure approval for the system's introduction.

"I have written to FIFA, held discussions with CAF, and followed closely how the system is being developed," he said.

Unlike traditional VAR, which relies on a team of video officials continuously monitoring match footage, the proposed VS system will operate on a challengebased format led



by team coaches. Under the proposed rules, each coach will be allowed four challenges per match.

When a challenge is issued, the referee will stop play and review the incident on a pitchside monitor. If the decision is overturned, the team retains its four challenges. However, if the referee's original decision stands, the team loses one of its allocated challenges. Once all four are used, no further reviews will be permitted.



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