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# GOVERNMENT CALLS ON FARMERS TO EMBRACE VALUE ADDITION

By Cecilia Chiluba



Ministry of Agriculture has called on farmers to embrace value addition for them to transition into emerging and large-scale growers.

Ministry's Director-Agribusiness and Marketing, Mwendalubi Msoka says small scale farmers are key players in the value addition chain, therefore more effort is needed for them to add value to their products for a higher return.

Ms. Msoka notes that Government has placed high premium on value addition through initiatives such as the Comprehensive Agriculture Transformation Programme (CATSP), which is amplified by the pillar on nutrition and food security, as well as processing. She was speaking in New Delhi, India, after attending the just ended World Food India 2024 Conference.

Ms. Msoka observes that India has done a lot on processing and that while small scale Zambian farmers have concentrated much on production, there is a need to pay particular attention to value addition if they are to grow.

And Ministry of Agriculture Chief Food and Nutrition Officer, Karen Mukuka is concerned that most of the food processed local may not be nutrition sensitive, stressing the need to have different crops blended to produce a particular product, to enhance the nutrition value of the crops.

Ms. Mukuka has also challenged farmers to grow drought resistant crops such as sorghum, millet, and cassava in the wake of unpredictable rainfall patterns.

Meanwhile, Zambia's High Commissioner to India, Percy Chanda notes that India has a lot to offer in the agriculture sector, hence the need for the Ministry to engage more with various stakeholders in that country through the Mission.

This is contained in a statement issued by First Secretary Press & Tourism, at the Zambian High Commission in New Delhi, India, Bennie Mundando.

Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA) has urged employers, institutions of higher learning and individuals to familiarize themselves with the new ZAQA Act No. 8 of 2024, which took effect on 18th August 2024.

Speaking at a media briefing in Lusaka, Authority Director General Mercy Ngoma revealed that section 29 of the new ZAQA Act prohibits employers in both public and private sectors from recruiting individuals whose qualifications have not been verified by the Authority.

Mrs. Ngoma explained that this provision also prevents higher education institutions, and institutions

and institutions registered under the TEVET Act No. 13 of 1998, from enrolling individuals in any programme of study without first verifying their qualifications through the Authority.

She said any employer, an institution of higher learning, or an institution registered under the TEVET Act that fails to comply with this law is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding K40,000, or imprisonment for a term not more than one year, or both.

Mrs. Ngoma stated that the new ZAQA Act repeals and replaces the Zambia Qualifications Authority Act No. 13 of 2011, under which the Authority was

established, emphasizing that qualification verification is one-time process, therefore, once a qualification is verified, there is no need for re-verification.

"Section 21 of the Act prohibits awarding bodies from awarding a qualification that has not been registered with the Authority. In the same Act, an awarding body has been defined as an institution issuing qualifications formally recognizing the achievement of an individual following a standard assessment procedure."

"An awarding body that contravenes this provision is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred

thousand penalty units, equivalent to K200,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or both," Mrs. Ngoma asserted.

She added that the new Act requires awarding bodies to submit learner achievement records to the Authority within 90 days of awarding a qualification, as failure to comply this provision constitutes an offence, and upon conviction, the institution is liable to a fine of up to 100 penalty units or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both.

Mrs. Ngoma has also emphasized that ZAQA will only register a qualification for a learning programme

that has been accredited by the relevant appropriate authority, as this allows appropriate authorities to perform their due diligence and quality assurance processes, thereby enhancing the recognition of qualifications internationally.

And ZAQA Director-Technical Services Fidelis Cheelo says the new Act is aimed at creating an opportunity for mobilization, authenticity and recognition of qualifications.



## SENIOR METALLURGIST AT FIRST QUANTUM MINERALS (FQM) TRIDENT LIMITED ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOR CORRUPTION INVOLVING OVER US\$10,000.

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has arrested and charged a Senior Metallurgist at First Quantum Minerals (FQM) Trident Limited, for corruption involving over US\$10,000.

Commission Head-Corporate Communication Timothy Moono has identified the suspect as Steven Muzipo 33, who was arrested and charged with one count of

Corrupt Transactions with Private Bodies contrary to the Anti-Corruption Act.

Mr. Moono explains that between 1st March 2024 and 14th September 2024, in Kalumbila District, North-Western Province, the suspect in his capacity as Senior Metallurgist Flotation at FQM Trident Limited, solicited for US\$10,100 and received US\$2,000 as a

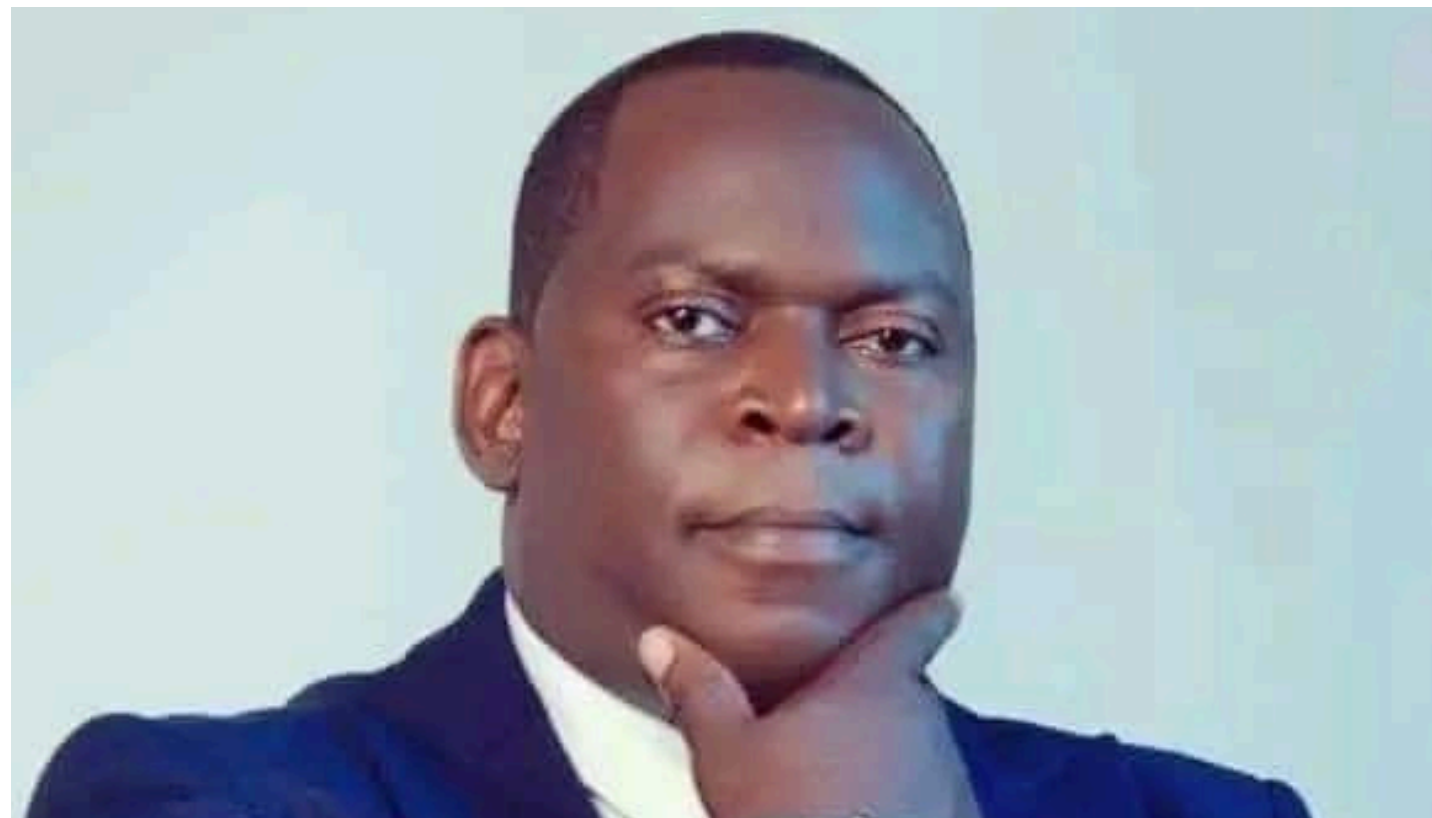
reward for facilitating the award of purchase orders to Tumelo Africa Zambia Limited, for the supply of A10 Flocculant to the mine, a private body.

He says Mr. Muzipo has since been released on bond and is expected to appear in court soon.



ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

## ZESCO'S DECISION TO CUT POWER SUPPLY TO MINING FIRMS BY 30% POSES SIGNIFICANT RISK TO COPPER PRODUCTION-ANDD By Cecilia Chiluba



Advocates for National Development and Democracy (ANDD) says ZESCO's decision to reduce power supply to the mining sector by 30% poses a significant risk to copper production, potentially hindering Zambia's goal of achieving the targeted 3 million metric tonnes per annum by 2031.

Organization Executive Director, Samuel Banda told Money FM News that government should explore limiting power exports and possibly consider importing electricity to ensure consistent and stable supply for both domestic and commercial users, instead of reducing supply to the mining sector.

Mr. Banda noted that the mining sector is the backbone of the country's economy, therefore it is crucial for the government to ensure a stable and sufficient electricity supply to enhance copper production.

"The mining sector is the backbone of our economy, and it is crucial for the government to ensure a stable and sufficient electricity supply to enhance copper production. Maintaining robust copper output is essential not only for meeting our production targets but also for increasing export volumes, which are vital for generating foreign exchange necessary for economic stability and growth."

"While we appreciate the statement from ZESCO's Managing Director regarding the need to stabilize electricity supply for residential consumers, we believe the government should reconsider its approach.

"Failure to address the ongoing energy crisis may jeopardize our 6% economic growth projection for 2025," Mr. Banda stated.

He added that in order for the country to achieve sustainable development and support the domestic economy, a continuous and reliable electricity supply is essential for all economic activities.

"We are pleased to see key mining assets, such as Konkola Copper Mine and Mopani Mines, resuming operations and contributing positively to our socio-economic development.

To attract further investment and ensure sustainable production in these critical areas, it is imperative to maintain a reliable electricity supply."

"We urge the government to prioritize the interests of the Zambian people and ensure that our energy needs are met before considering power exports," he added.

Recently, ZESCO disclosed that it will cut electricity supply to mining firms by 30 percent due to the current power deficit which threatens to bring the economy to its knees.



## NEW ZAQA ACT BARS EMPLOYERS FROM RECRUITING INDIVIDUALS WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN VERIFIED By Cecilia Chiluba

# GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZES NEED TO STRENGTHEN CLIMATE FINANCE AS ZAMBIA HOSTS 2024 RCOY SOUTHERN AFRICA

Ministry of Green Economy and Environment has emphasized the need to strengthen climate finance by leveraging on innovative ideas that the youth possess.

Principal Climate Change Officer-Adaptation and Information Education and Communication Officer, Kasanda Bunda, has stressed the need for policy makers to ensure that young people have access to information on climate finance as lack of accessibility and knowledge sharing is one of the challenges that many youths across Africa face.

Speaking during a panel discussion at the 2024 Regional Conference of Youth on Climate and Security (RCOY)

Southern Africa in Lusaka, organized by COMESA in collaboration with Civil Society Organizations, Mr. Bunda has also called for enhanced collaboration with the private sector so that they can support young people's innovative ideas on how to combat climate change.

And in a speech read for her by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) representative James Wakiaga, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Beatrice Muntali, says the conference presents an opportunity for young people to craft innovative climate solutions.

Ms. Muntali notes that Climate change has affected over 10 million

people and livelihoods in Zambia owing to the drought which was recently declared a national disaster and emergency, therefore the conference is a critical step towards addressing this challenge.

Meanwhile, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Head-Governance, Peace and Security, Dr. Oita Etyang has called on policy makers to provide a platform for young people to come up with solutions to climate change challenges.

Dr. Etyang says young people can come together and share ideas on how to tackle the climate crisis because they have the energy, influence, and power to make a

difference in society. In his welcoming remarks, RCOY Chairperson Nawa Silishebo notes that Southern Africa's future lies in the hands of young people because they too are affected by climate change.

Mr. Silishebo adds that the Conference provides a critical platform for young people to amplify their voices, by sharing ideas and experiences, as well as catalyzing action towards a more sustainable future.

The three-day conference is focusing on empowering young leaders in the Southern Africa region to enhance financial resilience in the face of climate change, fostering adaptation and mitigation strategies that are child and youth friendly.

# KASUMBALESA TIMING, CALENDAR ACCORDING TO PRODUCTS, AND SEASONS.

To succeed in your business in kasumbalesa market, you need to know which product can give you a good profit, and then at what time, here is the business calendar in kasumbalesa today.

## 1. FROM JANUARY TO APRIL

during this period the most requested products are green products (watermelon, impwa, okra, eggplant, cabbage, chilli, cucumber, groundnut, sweet potatoes, vegetables, in short all agricultural products), on the other hand the animal market slowed down a little during this period, because many sell their animals to buy fertilizer, and to prepare for the start of the school year for example here in Zambia,

so the animal market becomes flooded between January, until in April, during this time green products are on top, because many start to sow, and plant their products between November, and December taking advantage of the rain, for them to start the harvest in April, May .

## 2. FROM APRIL TO AUGUST.

As it is called in Bemba (shinde), April means the abundance of food, it is in this month that many farmers begin the harvest, and it begins in April, May, until the month of June for green products, and from June until August the harvest for dry products for example (maize, soybeans, popcorn, onion etc.) so we understand that many farmers are too

# TIMELY RELEASE OF FUNDS TO MATCH THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ACROSS THE NATION.



Kanchibiya Member of Parliament says the recent signing of a US\$427 million health infrastructure development and maintenance contract calls for timely release of funds to match the Presidential commitment to improving healthcare delivery across the nation.

Sunday Chanda says this major development is a crucial step in addressing the healthcare gaps, particularly in underserved and rural areas, as it is aligned with Zambia's long-term vision, especially Vision 2030, the 8th National Development Plan (8NDP), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Mr. Chanda notes that the project, which includes the

construction of five Level 1 hospitals and 120 health centers, is a key driver towards achieving SDG 3, that focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all, and SDG 9, which highlights the importance of building resilient infrastructure.

He adds that while the initiative is commendable, its success will largely depend on the timely release of resources, therefore the need for technocrats in the Ministries of Finance and Health, to ensure that fund disbursement matches the urgency of President Hakainde Hichilema's commitment to improving healthcare.



concentrated during this period with the harvest, so during this time the Animals become rare on the market, so between April and August animals are in high demand in Kasumbalesa, because many farmers concentrate on harvesting.

## 3. FROM AUGUST TO NOVEMBER.

During this period many farmers finish the harvest, their only income is their animals to meet their needs, and prepare money for fertilizers to prepare

or the next season, during this period the animal market becomes flooded again, because many farmers bring their animals to kasumbalesa, meanwhile the people who earn money in kasumbalesa are those who have gardens (green products), because the green market is almost empty in kasumbalesa between June and December.

## 4. DECEMBER.

All products are on demand, whether green

products or animals, because it is the end of year festivity, so everything works well in kasumbalesa during this period.

NOTE: To earn a lot of money in kasumbalesa, you must think about being producers, and not resellers, especially invest in gardens, and livestock, and try to have your own car (transport), you will not be disappointed.

Mr Ng'andu. Consultation, transportation, customs

clearance, agents in kasumbalesa market, purchase in Congo side contact us.

# PROTECTING CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Zambia's government, which once rode the wave of anti-corruption rhetoric, now seems blind to the very rot festering within its own ranks. The paradox of condemning corruption while sheltering the corrupt is both astonishing and disappointing.

As past wrongdoings are targeted, the corrupt activities of present government officials continue, shielded by layers of power and influence.

It is undeniable that fighting corruption from previous regimes is critical to accountability and justice. However, current corruption must be fought with equal, if not more, fervor. Yet, the reality tells a different story.

Senior government officials today are embroiled in corruption, and it is difficult to believe that the Head of State, with access to state intelligence, is unaware of their activities.

Perhaps one of the most profound disappointments is the failure to address the procurement scandal involving the Presidential Challenger aircraft. President Hichilema had boldly promised that all individuals involved would face the law.

Yet, nearly three years later, none have appeared in a Zambian court. The few whispers about this case have disappeared, swept away by a judiciary that has been "oiled" by corrupt money. In today's Zambia, justice can be bought for the right price.

Another striking case came to light when the president himself disclosed that a single individual was found with \$25 million in cash. Yet, no names have been made public, and no one has been arraigned before the courts.

Could this silence be the price for freedom? The government recovers a portion of the loot, and the thief enjoys the remainder in peace.

Such scenarios suggest that as long as one steals big enough, the consequences are minor, and the rewards immense.

The corruption in the fuel sector is yet another open secret. Ministers and senior officials have formed cartels, manipulating procurement processes to line their pockets.

These deals, worth millions of dollars, have gone unchecked. The president cannot claim ignorance. If ordinary citizens are aware, surely he is in possession of more damning evidence than we can imagine. Yet, action is absent.

The rot extends beyond fuel procurement. In the allocation of hunting concessions, we see the same story. Some individuals, well-

connected to government officials, have already begun harvesting Zambia's wildlife without hunting permits, knowing that when the time comes, their illicit activities will be "regularized" by the very officials meant to prevent such theft.

Equally shocking is the false narrative surrounding the Mukula trade. While the government insists the trade has been

halted, senior officials and ruling party members continue to benefit from the illegal sale of this precious resource.

It is not just Mukula—gold and Sugilite are also being traded through corrupt networks, yet the government turns a blind eye. The complicity is appalling.

Perhaps the most worrying trend is the erosion of justice. Today, in Zambia, befriending a judge can buy you a consent judgment. The judiciary, meant to be a bulwark of fairness, is now for sale, and justice is a commodity available to the highest bidder.

This is not the Zambia we envisioned after the 2021 elections. We had hoped for a nation where corruption would be tackled head-on, and justice would be blind to wealth and influence. Yet, it seems we have merely shifted the beneficiaries of corruption from one group to another.

President Hichilema's administration promised

Zambians a new dawn, a departure from the corruption that had plagued the nation. But what we are witnessing is a continuation of the same practices, cloaked in new rhetoric.

The president may continue to make anti-corruption pronouncements, but his actions—or lack thereof—betray the truth. Only past corruption is being scrutinized, while the corruption happening now is being conveniently ignored.

Zambia deserves better. The country is grappling with extreme poverty, and every kwacha stolen through corruption is one

less that could have been used to uplift the lives of ordinary citizens.

The battle against corruption must not be selective. It must be fought on all fronts, past and present. Zambians are watching, and we are losing patience.

Is this the legacy this government wants to leave? A nation where corruption thrives in plain sight, and justice is up for sale? Or will President Hichilema finally act against the corruption happening under his very nose?

Zambians deserve better. It's time for action, not more empty promises

## ALLOCATE 15 PERCENT OF THE 2025 NATIONAL BUDGET TOWARDS THE HEALTH SECTOR-MQHZ

Medical Quality Healthcare Zambia (MQHZ) is calling on government to allocate 15 percent of the 2025 National Budget towards the health sector, aligning with the Abuja Declaration's target.

MQHZ Executive Director Dr. Quince Mwabu has told Money News that Zambia's future depends on a healthy population, adding that to achieve this, government should prioritise key areas that will significantly impact healthcare outcomes. Dr. Mwabu adds that investing in primary healthcare is crucial, requiring strengthened facilities and community engagement to improve access to quality healthcare, especially in rural areas.

He therefore points out that the allocation of 15 percent of the budget to healthcare will strengthen infrastructure, enhance service delivery, and save lives. Dr. Mwabu further states that by investing in healthcare, Zambia can reduce mortality rates, particularly among mothers and children, through improved maternal and child healthcare services.

# MONEY EDITORIAL

# IDEAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS FOR GROWING OKRA.



dry conditions, consistent moisture is beneficial for optimal growth. Okra requires well distributed rainfall or irrigation during the dry seasons.

slightly acidic to neutral pH (6.0-7.5). Soils enriched with organic matter, promote optimal fertility and moisture retention. Good drainage is crucial to prevent waterlogging and root diseases.

### III. Humidity

Okra thrives well in high humid areas, but it can still be cultivated in areas with lower humidity levels.

### IV. Sunlight

For optimal growth and productivity, okra requires approximately 6 to 8 hours of direct sunlight. It is a sun loving plant. A well-lit environment helps prevent diseases by promoting good air circulation and drying the foliage.

In areas that receive limited sunlight, an okra farmer should consider planting the plant in spots that receive the maximum sunlight available.

Best soils for growing Okra. Okra thrives best in well-drained, loamy soils with a



Ideal climatic conditions for growing Okra.

Okra is a vegetable that thrives in warm climates and is ideally

suited for tropical and subtropical regions. The ideal conditions include:

### I. Temperature

Okra does best in warm temperatures that range between 25 to 35 degrees Celsius. Cooler temperatures can stunt growth and adversely affect the

okra plant. Choosing the right planting time when temperatures are consistently warm is a key factor to

successful cultivation of okra.

### II. Rainfall

While it can tolerate

# ZIMBABWEAN RETAILERS RAISES RED-FLAG AMID ZIG CURRENCY CHAOS



The Retailers Association of Zimbabwe (RAZ) has sounded the alarm over significant losses being incurred by formal retailers due to disparities in exchange rates used by suppliers and the official exchange rate mandated for retail transactions.

The association, which represents several major retailers operating in Zimbabwe, is calling for urgent intervention to stabilize the situation and prevent potential store closures.

A report released by RAZ highlights how manufacturers and distributorship suppliers are using variable exchange rates to price their goods, depending on their source of foreign currency.

Meanwhile, formal retailers are mandated to use the official Willing Buyer-Willing Seller (WBWS) exchange rate, currently pegged at ZIG 14.8 to the US dollar, leaving retailers exposed to substantial financial losses.

The association presented a table

illustrating the implied exchange rates used by suppliers as of September 16, 2024.

For instance, Schweppes is selling Mazoe Orange Crush 2L at a ZWL price that reflects an implied exchange rate of 21.45, significantly higher than the official WBWS rate.

Similarly, Colcom's Country Style Sausage 500g has an implied rate of 30.41, and Boom Washing Powder 2kg from Exclusive Brands shows an implied rate of 30.13.

The difference between supplier rates and the official WBWS rate is creating a widening gap, with retailers being forced to sell products at a loss to comply with official pricing regulations.

## TURKISH COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AGENCY (TIKA) HAS ESTABLISHED A SEWING WORKSHOP IN SOUTH AFRICA TO EMPOWER WOMEN THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING.



Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) has established a sewing workshop in South Africa to empower women through vocational training.

The workshop is located at the Women's Shelter within the King's Hope Foundation.

At the opening ceremony, Türkiye's Ambassador to South Africa, Ayşegül Kandaş emphasised the importance of women's economic empowerment and expressed her pride in the impact of TIKA's projects in South Africa.

And TIKA Program Coordinator Abdulkadir Abukan reiterated TIKA's commitment to

sustainable development and thanked King's Hope for their cooperation in making the project a success.

Mr. Abukan stated that TIKA aims to implement initiatives that provide long-term benefits to communities.

Meanwhile, King's Hope General Director Portia Tshibalo, emphasised the empowering impact of the project on women in the community and expressed her gratitude to TIKA and the Turkish people for their support.

Meanwhile, ten female trainees who successfully completed the first training program at the sewing workshop, established by TIKA to empower

women in a region struggling with high unemployment, poverty, rising crime rates and limited access to basic services, received their certificates at a ceremony. One of the graduates, Noziwe Banda, shared how the training not only equipped her with sewing skills but also helped her rebuild her life after surviving domestic violence.

Banda expressed her confidence in her ability to sew any kind of dress using the skills she acquired.



# EXCHANGE RATES

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## Indicative Foreign Exchange Rates

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		International Cross Currency Rates			Kwacha Local Currency Rates			
		Buying	Selling		Buying (Cash)	Buying (TT/TCS/BN)	Selling (Cash)	Selling (TT/TCS/BN)
United States Dollars	USD	1.0000	1.0000	USD	26.4271	26.4271	26.8394	26.8394
British Pounds Sterling	GBP*	1.3073	1.3548	GBP*	35.2643	35.2643	35.8145	35.8145
Euro	EUR*	1.0900	1.1291	EUR*	29.3949	29.3949	29.8535	29.8535
South African Rand	ZAR	16.9422	17.5529	ZAR	n/a	1.5284	n/a	1.5522
Swedish Kroner	SEK	9.9680	10.3257	SEK	n/	2.5980	n/	2.6385
Swiss Francs	CHF	0.8307	0.8609	CHF	a	31.1659	a	31.6521
Danish Kroner	DKK	6.5698	6.8048	DKK	n/	3.9420	n/	4.0035
Norwegian Kroner	NOK	10.2487	10.6188	NOK	n/	2.5265	n/	2.5659
Japanese Yen	JPY	141.5120	146.5762	JPY	a	0.18301	a	0.1859
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	CNY	6.8965	7.1430	CNY	n/	3.7553	n/	3.8139
Tanzanian shilling	TZS	2670.5000	2776.0250	TZS	0.00968	0.00968	0.00981	0.00981
Kenya Shilling	KES	125.9300	131.4425	KES	n/a	0.2049	n/a	0.2081
Botswana Pula	BWP*	0.0745	0.0774	BWP*	n/a	2.0124	n/a	2.0438

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# NAMIBIA HOSTS CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP | COSAFA QUALIFIER



The third staging of the CAF African Schools Football Championship | COSAFA Qualifier, Namibia 2024 will take place in Walvis Bay from October 11-13 as the nine Boys and Girls teams vie to represent the region on the continental stage.

Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, hosts Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe will all be represented, with teams this year again made up of the best players from their national qualifiers, rather than single schools.

It means the best of their young schools talent in the country and

this year's competition will no doubt add to what has been an exceptionally high standard in the last two years.

COSAFA currently has an African schools champion after South Africa won the Girls competition at the most recent continental finals held in Zanzibar in May. South Africa were runners up in the Boys competition in 2023 via their entrant Clapham High School.



# TITUS CHANSA CONTINUES TO SHINE IN ZSL



Mutondo Stars striker Titus Chansa has netted his second against Mufulira Wanderers Football Club in the three Super League meetings between the two sides since the 2023/24 season.

Last season, Chansa scored from the spotkick to seal three points for The Evergreen in a 2-1 win over Abena Milambo.

Last weekend, in a Week 5 Super League meeting between the two sides, Chansa scored the first

goal of the match in the 26th minute as the away side stunned 'Maite' at their backyard.

The goal contributed to Mutondo's first win of the season.

As a result, Titus has now scored three goals in five Super League matches, as he now trails leading top scorer Maxwell Mulutula by two goals.

TOP SCORERS CHART:

1. Maxwell Mulutula (Nchanga Rangers): 5 goals
2. Laurent Mwanza (Nchanga Rangers): 3 goals
3. Titus Chansa (Mutondo Stars): 3 goals
4. Benjamin Chisala (Atletico Lusaka): 3 goals
5. Amine Hiver (ZESCO Utd): 2 goals
6. Merlin Kapela (GBFC): 2 goals

# BOYD MULWANDA NAMES FINAL SQUAD IN SEARCH OF AN UNPRECEDENTED U20 COSAFA TITLE

*By Lucky Chama*

Zambia U20 Men National Team coach Boyd Mulwanda has unveiled his 20-member squad for the COSAFA Under-20 Championship to be held in Mozambique from September 26 - October 5.

The Young Chipolopolo will be aiming to clinch unprecedented 13th COSAFA title and secure a place at the Under-20 Africa Cup of Nations next year.

Mulwanda has named a well-balanced squad of 20 players comprising four players from the U20 AFCON 2023 in goalkeepers Levison Banda, Eric Musonda Makungu and defenders Happy Nsiku and Mathews Banda.

NAPSA Stars striker Emmanuel Mwanza, who scored three goals at the U17 AFCON 2023 in Algeria has also made the squad alongside his fellow U17 graduates Aaron Mbemba Phiri, Sekanji Siame, Perkins Mumba Mwale, Tryson Banda and Aaron Simpasa.

Zambia will open their title hunt against Angola on 27 September before a date against Namibia on 1 October. All Group B matches will be played at the ABB Stadium 1 in Maputo.

Group A has hosts Mozambique, Eswatini, Zimbabwe and Botswana while South Africa, Malawi, Comoros and Lesotho complete Group C.

Only the top team in each group and the best-placed runner-up across the three groups will qualify to the semifinals where a place in the finals will take the two teams to the continental tournament

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