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US\$8 MILLION MUNYAULE MARKET WORKS 30 PERCENT DONE

By Cecilia Chiluba



Chola Mwamba

Lusaka City Council says the works construction of the US\$8 2024, is expected to million Market, located along months. Lumumba Road in the Central Business District, She said the Council is are 30 percent done.

Council Public Relations as it will create an easy Manager, Market, is expected to where some of them had accommodate over 2, 000 no fixed trading space. traders once completed.

Ms. Mwamba stated that

project which the commenced in April Munyaule completed within 16

elated to note that the project is progressing well Chola way of collecting market Mwamba revealed that levies once completed, the ultra-modern market, because traders will be which has now been operating from dedicated renamed as Big Mama's spaces unlike in the past

> "The new market will also provide modern

facilities for sanitary improving accommodation and waste hygiene standards within consumers. the market."

systematic trading setup way of for traders to have easy conducive emergency services," Ms. operating Mwamba stated.

She pledged the Council's commitment towards

market infrastructure to create a management better trading atmosphere disposal to improve for both traders and

In 2019, Lusaka City "Furthermore, the ultra- Council resolved to lease modern market has been out Munyaule Market for designed in such a way 15 years through an that it will reduce agreement with Kaddoura congestion and provide a Construction Limited, as a providing a trading access to customers and environment for the traders

ICTAZ NODS US\$10 MILLION AI INVESTMENT IN ZAMBIA'S FINANCIAL SECTOR

By Elias Mwenda



Dr. Clement Sinyangwe

Information Communication Technology Association of Zambia lot of small and (ICTAZ) has hailed medium America's telecommunications company, Devdraft's technology (FinTech) the of industry. announcement US\$10 million Artificial Intelligence Dr. country's sector.

Speaking FM News, Association sectors such as

and President Dr. Clement agriculture, education Sinyangwe says the AI and investment will help a among others. (SMEs) who are trying for to explore the financial implementation

(AI) investment in the believes that Zambia is a pledge. financial now ready to tap into form technology as there firm Devdraft AI has an have been an adoption announced a US\$10interview with Money of AI in different million AI investment

commerce

enterprises He has since called the actual programme, stating that announcement Sinyangwe should not just end as

> of An American telecom in Zambia's financial sector.



ZAMBIAN CAPITAL MARKETS CAPITALIZATION RISES TO K166.5 BILLION

By Cecilia Chiluba



Philip Chitalu

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Addressing media briefing, Commission Executive Officer, Philip substantial rise in market the companies, of 27%. listed including Shoprite Holdings, ZCCM-IH, Puma Energy Zambia, Chilanga Cement, and Copperbelt Energy Corporation Zambia (CECZ).

mix of price gains and of 2024. Some of the key stock prices of listed companies such Puma by K2.06, ZCCM by K4.54, and Copperbelt 45.09% during the third

Securities and Exchange Energy Corporation by

"Entities that showed slight price reductions included ZANACO. which decreased K0.43, AECI Mining Explosives Plc by K5 and Standard Chartered Bank Limited by K0.26," Mr. Chitalu noted.

Journalists Mr. Chitalu also revealed during the third quarter that market capitalisation in terms of the country's Chief Gross Domestic Product (GDP) stood at 24%, Chitalu attributed the which is slightly below Capital Markets capitalization to share Master Plan (CMMP) price increases among key end year target for 2024

"It is expected that if the performance of capital market continues at this positive trajectory, the market cap to GDP will hit the target of 27% "The capital markets in for 2024. In comparison Zambia experienced a to the second quarter performance of the losses in the third quarter market cap to GDP ratio witnessed a 46.8% increase," he stated.

Shoprite rose by K76, He further disclosed that total savings in the by K10, Chilanga Cement capital markets rose by

quarter of 2024, closing at "During K171.9 billion as of 30th companies September 2024.

Mr. Chitalu however observed a 23.6 percent Corporation reduction in the turnoverto-market-capitalization drop-in trading activity relative to the market's size, attributed to reduced liquidity in the market, which has impacted trading volumes despite the overall market size.

He also announced that in the quarter under review, the Lusaka Securities Exchange (LuSE) All Share Index (LASI) rose 15% closing at 15,973.63 points compared to 13,873.85 points in the previous quarter., for the first time in the history of Capital Markets in Zambia.

The LASI is a benchmark index that represents the aggregate performance of all listed equities on the LuSE. It serves as a barometer for the Zambian capital market and provides valuable insights into market trends and investor sentiments.

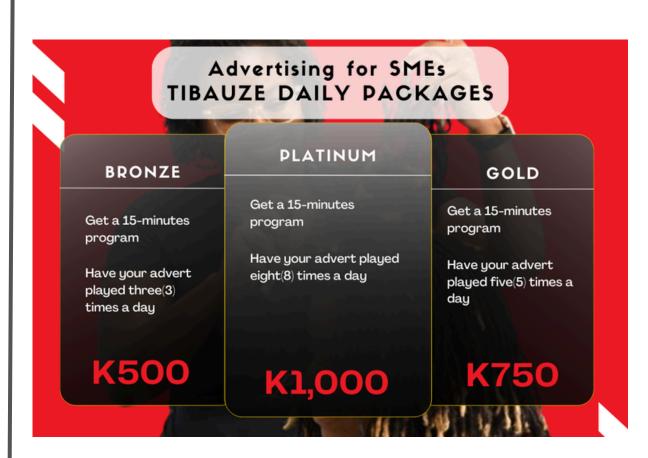
the quarter, with price movements that affected the included LASI **PUMA** (52%), Copperbelt Energy (51%),Chilanga Cement (28%),(21%),**British** Bata ratio, on account of a American Tobacco (19%), **ZCCM** (19%)and ZAFFICO (11%)."

> "Compared to key indices such as inflation, exchange rates, consumer price index, etc, the LASI outperformed those indices over a longterm horizon suggesting that in the long term, equities have outperformed most investment vehicles in Zambia. Post the reporting period, the index surpassed 16,000 points for the first time in October 2024, reflecting the growth and resilience of the domestic equity markets," he added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Chitalu disclosed that the Commission received eight complaints from the market including, investors and members of the public, in the quarter under review, two of which were resolved and closed while the remaining six are still active cases that are still being investigated.

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CIVIC LEADER CALLS FOR HARMONIZATION OF COUNCIL LICENSING LEVIES

By Cecilia Chiluba



Mainda Simataa

Kamwala Ward broaden its fiscal space clients. and increase compliance the community.

of the ongoing review and the city and delivering validation meeting of the enhanced and quality financial assessment report for the City of Lusaka, in Livingstone, "As an audit committee Mainda Simataa said and also as a local lessons must be drawn authority in general, we from countries like Kenya need that have embraced engaging with other cities

Chairperson for the obligation to pay for a Audit Committee at fire or health certificate Lusaka City Council, can pay at once and we stated that such a are actively working development would not towards this," only make the local Simataa asserted. authority more efficient

5 but also increase uptake Councilor has called for by its clients, thereby harmonization of all providing a win-win Council licensing levies situation for both the for the local authority to local authority and the

practical

rates.

council

leakage-free

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authority.

broadening the

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for a diverse

digitalization of all

authority include the need

broadened revenue system that will reduce reliance

on billboards and land

role that will capture all

committee's full support

Council to attain its full

need for continued

steps

and

business He added that a broadened fiscal space for the local authority Speaking at the margins would assist in uplifting services to its publics.

continue to unified payment systems. and collaborating with partners. I believe that a Mr. Simataa, who is also client who has an Mr. which should ultimately be devoid of corruption. Meanwhile, Councillor

to

adherence

Simataa has hailed the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) for working with the Lusaka City Council in its quest to re-strategize, improve revenue generation and harness financial opportunities.

"The Development Account-DA-15 project by the United Nations provides the local authority with a rare opportunity to reflect on some of its current

He emphasized that some financial risks and obligations such as fiscal remittance of HNIMA, local NAPSA and other statutory obligations, which can only be met with a stable and broadened fiscal space."

"The non-existence of a research bureau at Lusaka City Council made it very Mr. Simataa also cited the challenging for the local authority to have evidencepayment based information on some transactions and the of the challenges and review and adoption of a opportunities for growth," valuation he said.

domiciled The Civic Leader however within the city as among noted that through the DAsome of the immediate 15 project, UNECA has opportunities for the local facilitated data collection, which is crucial for the financial growth of Lusaka He further pledged his City Council.

towards helping the This is according to a statement issued by Council potential, emphasizing the Public Relations Manager, Chola Mwamba.

ECZ FLOATS TENDER FOR VOTER REGISTRATION MATERIALS

By Cecilia Chiluba



Brown Kasaro

Electoral Commission international of Zambia (ECZ) says partnership it has made budgetary citizens bidders as "A bidding document provisions towards the provided for in section may be obtained cost of procurement 39 (5) of the Public from the Zambia the registration materials of 2020. ahead of the voter registration exercise in Mr. Kasaro explained payment of a non-2025.

Commission Electoral Brown Kasaro says International the tender for the Competitive supply and delivery of procedures forms and 7,719,800 Zambia bidders, both local and Procurement

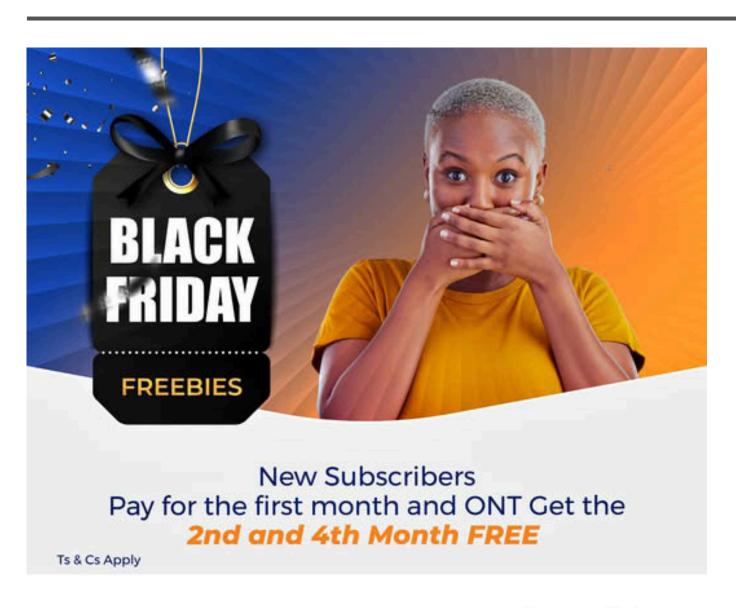
with voter Procurement Act No. Public Procurement

in a statement that this refundable fee of K1, will be administered 000 Chief following the rules equivalent," Officer under 7,719,800 voter card provided for in the period of 120 days lamination pouches, is Procurement Act. No. Tuesday, open to all eligible 8 of 2020 and Public January, 2025.

with Regulations, 2022.

Authority e-GP System upon its Open Kasaro stated.

bidding He added that bids as shall be valid for a Public after Bid closing on











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WORLD VISION LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD HUNGER, MALNUTRITION

By Cecilia Chiluba



Minister of Agriculture says projections indicate that crop yields have fallen by up to 50 percent in some regions due to the El Nino phenomenon, a move that has directly threatened food and nutritional security.

Officiating at the launch World Vision's "Enough Campaign to end Child Hunger and Malnutrition", Reuben Mtolo noted that small scale farmers who are the backbone of the Agriculture system, have been the hardest hit, with many losing their entire While the El Niño harvest cycles.

"The roots malnutrition run deep and are multifaceted. We confronting are challenges that extend far beyond simple food scarcity, now compounded by severe climate-induced agricultural disruptions."

"Prolonged drought conditions triggered by El Niño have led to a significant reduction in agricultural productivity, a dramatic decrease in vields, and crop widespread food insecurity across both rural and urban communities," Mr. Mtolo

stated.

Mr. Mtolo noted that according to the latest 2024 Zambia Health Demographic Survey, the country had made progress before the El Niño impact, as national-level stunting had been reduced to 32%.

"However, we must not overlook that 10% of children under five remain severely stunted, 3% of children are wasted, while 12% are underweight, with 2% severely underweight. phenomenon presented challenges, it has not defeated our resolve to safeguard Zambia's future," he asserted.

He added that the "Enough Campaign to End Child Hunger and Malnutrition has come at critical moment, providing a platform to collaborate with dedicated partners who are equally committed to eradicating hunger and Malnutrition, especially in the face of climateinduced adversities.

Mr. Mtolo said Government is working with World Vision

strategic initiatives to substantial develop climate-resilient agricultural strategies that smallholder empower farmers and enhance food production, and nutrition policies to ensure they are robust and adaptive to challenges, emerging among others.

And World Vision Board Zambia Chairperson Mabel Mung'omba emphasized that the Campaign is a call to action to address hunger child and malnutrition at their root. situation

significant collaboratively communities, government, partners, World Vision Zambia is dedicated to creating a future where every child has access to nutritious food, enabling them to thrive, achieve their full potential, and He pointed out that reclaim their childhood with dignity and joy," Ms. Mung'omba stated.

> Speaking at the same visible, event, World Vision Zambia National Director Marc Nosbach said the Organization's mandate is to directly contribute to the sustained well-being of 1.5 million children by 2025.

Zambia in implementing "So far, we have made progress, reaching million beneficiaries through interventions in Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH), education, livelihoods, child protection, health and nutrition, and emergency response, among others."

> "The latest Global Hunger Index 2023 reveals a sobering reality: Zambia ranks 110th out of 125 countries, with 51.4% of the population facing severe food insecurity. This has been exacerbated by the El Niñoworking induced drought that has with affected 94 of Zambia's 116 Recent data districts. and projects that 5.83 million individuals in Zambia are in urgent need of assistance and among them, children are the most vulnerable," Mr. Nosbach noted.

> > through the Campaign, the Organization aims to make hungry and malnourished girls and boys to be more heard, and prioritized in policy and funding, and for children to be better fed, nourished and resilient.

GOVT TO HOST SUMMIT TO ADDRESS UNEMPLOYMENT AND **SKILLS MISMATCH**

By Cynthia Nkhata



Mwika Tambatamba

Minister The Labour and Social employers Security, Mwika Tambatamba learning has announced the internships **National** Productivity, and Jobs Fostering from 3rd to 4th to December 2024 at the productivity Mulungushi International Conference Centre,

briefing in Lusaka "Bridging the Skills, Summit and leverage today, Tambatamba said the Productivity Gap." Key objectives of the Summit is addressing She said participants The media was urged unemployment, skills will mismatches, productivity challenges industry

Lusaka.

of job seekers Brenda promoting work-based recruitment agencies, such and Skills, apprenticeships, Summit taking place dialogue and strategies President Hakainde inclusive employment summit. practices.

the summit will be held and other Zambians Speaking at the media under Ms Employment,

leaders, event. in Zambia, Connecting training institutions,

with international and organizations, as and students.

She has further policy disclosed that enhance Hichilema will be the and guest of honor for the

Ms Tambatamba said encouraged the youth the theme to participate in the and the opportunities available.

include to actively promote and government officials, and support the







ECONOMIST PROJECTS MARGNAL INCREASE IN NOVEMBER INFLATION

By Cecilia Chiluba



Brown Kasaro

Economist projected a marginal increase in inflation rate for November 2024, as Zambia Statistics Agency announces (ZamStats) inflation figures today.

Speaking in an interview with Money FM News, Siabutuba Partner attributed the anticipated increase to food inflation which has continued to rise due to high demand.

Mr. Siabutuba noted that very and increased prices.

has "We are expecting a marginal increase in inflation and this is attributed to the food inflation because this is a season where farmers are really investing too much in farming activities for 2024/2025 farming season and generally food on the market is not as much."

"So, the little food that

we have on the market especially around vegetables is quite on demand high this is because farmers are because it is not a currently focusing more production season, and on agriculture activities the vegetables that are for the 2024/2025 farming available on the market season, therefore there is are quite scarce and there very little food on the is a bit of hike in the market, and this has prices and there is a bit of resulted in high demand high demand so we are likely to see that

increase," Mr. Siabutuba large." projected.

demand for fertilizer and seed is also likely to influence the November inflation rate but will still be marginal because economic fundamentals such as the cost of living and exchange rate are quite stable.

"The rate is likely to go up by two decimal points because I know that food November, 2024. inflation is always very the overall national subsidized items. accessing maize and subsidized mealie meal by and

"So, it is those products He added that the high that are generally grown and supplied on the market in this season that are likely to create an influence. So, you might experience a marginal increase of two decimal points in the average," he added.

> Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats) is on Thursday expected to announce inflation figures for

notorious for influencing In October, annual inflation rate rose to 15.7 percent inflation level but it is not from 15.6 percent in as significant as it were September 2024, on account because citizens are not of price movements of food







not just media

companies that are affected

by these high costs. Banks,

telecommunications

Operating a business in Zambia is a Herculean task, made even more grueling by a myriad of avoidable bureaucratic obstacles. If you're an entrepreneur, especially in the media industry, you are all too familiar with the weight suffocating excessive regulatory costs and taxes that drain your resources before you even get the chance to thrive. And if you're not yet in the game, brace yourself – it's a trap waiting to engulf you in operational and financial turmoil.

financial burden right from the start. To register a business in Zambia through the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA), you will spend K2,000 registration and other preparation activities, just to get your business officially recognized.

But this is merely the beginning of the financial strain. Once you are up and you're running, immediately faced with a slew of other regulatory costs: statutory returns with the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), NAPSA for employee council registration, business levy, Health License, and Fire License – all of which cost over K6,000 annually. This amount alone is enough to push a small business to the contend with rental fees, brink of bankruptcy.

THE COST OF DOING MEDIA BUSINESS IN ZAMBIA IS TOO HIGH

Now, let's turn our focus to the media industry, which bears the brunt of these high costs. If you're running a radio or television station, get ready to dig deep into your pockets. The Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) demands K20,000 in annual fees, ZICTA takes K5,000, and you must pay Let's talk about the K3,500 for copyright fees.

> And that's not even the worst of it. If you don't own your own mast, you will need to pay for co-location services, which will set you back anywhere between K3,500 and

these expenses are necessary to keep your station afloat, but they add up to an astronomical amount for any business trying to make a profit.

The media industry is already struggling under the weight of these hefty costs, but the challenges don't stop there. Every media business must also transport costs, equipment

and program production. These ongoing expenses are a constant drain on resources, making it near impossible for smaller media houses to operate effectively.

But the costs go beyond just numbers. When people criticize the quality of the content produced by our media outlets, they fail to appreciate the high price of creating quality information. The process of gathering, processing, and packaging

maintenance, and daily Yet, how many media houses expenses for news coverage can afford to dedicate these resources? Very few.

> Let's put perspective. Major international outlets like Bloomberg invest billions to build massive systems that produce accurate, timely, and reliable information. These systems fuel industries like trading, stock where decision-makers spend millions of dollars to get the information they need. Meanwhile, in Zambia, the media struggles with

fake news, disinformation, and lies. If we want to raise the standard of our media, we need to recognize that quality journalism is not a luxury – it is an expensive undertaking that requires investment in both human and financial capital.

At the heart of the problem lies the high cost of doing business in Zambia. The government has repeatedly spoken about reducing the cost of doing business and addressing rigid regulatory structures. Yet, for two

years in a row, these promises have remained largely

tax burden has not been reduced, and the infrastructure challenges, particularly in the energy sector, are only getting worse. Media companies are now forced to buy expensive alternative energy sources just to keep their operations running, and even the communication towers are struggling to maintain their

companies, and other service providers that rely on fiber optics are also feeling the pinch. For the media, however, the stakes are even higher. Every second spent off-air due to outages equipment failure translates directly into financial loss. For a business that relies on airtime sales, every minute without broadcast is a disaster.

The time for talk is over. If we want to improve the quality of information coming out of our media houses, the government must take concrete action to reduce the regulatory and financial burdens that are stifling the industry. It's time for policies that support the growth and sustainability of the media, and that provide tangible relief to media owners who are struggling to stay afloat in an increasingly hostile economic environment.

Let's stop paying lip service to the media industry's challenges and start delivering actionable solutions that will help our media survive and thrive in tough economic these times. Only then will the quality of our news improve, and only then will we be able to make informed decisions in the fight for a better Zambia.

to that the cost of internet access, which can range from K2,000 to K4,000 per month . All of

information is not cheap – far from it. It requires substantial investment in research, investigative work, and time.

For instance, corruption stories are not merely reports; they are the result of months of diligent research, background checks, and often a complex, lengthy process to uncover the truth.

insufficient resources to provide anything beyond the bare minimum, and we see the result: shallow reporting, misinformation, and overall decline in quality.

The rise of social media, where everyone with a phone companies that manage can become a "reporter," has communication towers are further diluted the quality of information available. This masts, relying on costly democratization of news has diesel generators. led to an alarming surge in



POLICYMAKERS DEMAND BOLD POLICY STEPS AT **BOTSWANA MEETING**

By African Business



Duma Boko

Policymakers and experts the attending African Economic Conference in Botswana, Gaborone. in November emphasised the urgent need for African policymakers to take bold restructure their steps to economies and enhance resilience in a challenging global environment. Organised by the African Development Bank, United Nations Development

Program, and the UN Economic Commission for Africa, the conference brought together experts and thinkers from across the continent and beyond to discuss strategies for Africa's securing economic future amid growing uncertainty.

Boko of President Duma Botswana (pictured), who swept to power in the country's recent elections on the promise of economic recovery and job

creation for young people, challenged African leaders to acknowledge the difficult realities facing Africa and take accountability for policy missteps that may have exacerbated the situation.

"We must rise above selfadulation and deal with the realities that our actions cause to our people. We will be our own worst enemies if we do not step up and call each other out," he said.

'IT'S GOING TO BE HARD': US FIRMS RACE TO GET AHEAD OF TRUMP TARIFFS

By BBC

When handbag president. designer Sherrill Mosee learned 2,700 purses and backpacks she had her ordered from Chinese manufacturing partner would not make it onto one ship this autumn, she was initially content to wait.

Then Donald Trump was re-elected as US

that roughly "I'm like, okay, we've got to bring those in," said Ms Mosee, founder MinkeeBlue, a business based Philadelphia. Her firm is one of the many thousands across the country preparing for the potential impact Trump's promises impose stiff new tariffs on

all goods coming into the country.

Those efforts gained urgency this week as Trump said he would take in action on his first day in office. He aimed the measures - a kind of border tax - at China, and Mexico Canada, of America's top three trade to partners.



Sherrill Mosee

EXCHANGE RATES



Indicative Foreign Exchange Rates

Rate Sheet no.

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		International Cross Currency Rates			Kwacha Local Currency Rates			
		Buying	Selling		Buying (Cash)	Buying (TT/TCs/BN)	Selling (Cash)	Selling (TTs/TCs/BN)
United States Dollars	USD	1.0000	1.0000	USD	27.1822	27.1822	27.6938	27.6938
British Pounds Sterling	GBP*	1.2352	1.2798	GBP*	34.2672	34.2672	34.9122	34.9122
Euro	EUR*	1.0305	1.0675	EUR*	28.5848	28.5848	29.1228	29.1228
South African Rand	ZAR	17.7463	18.3844	ZAR	n/a	1.5009	n/a	1.5291
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Swedish Kroner	SEK	10.7207	11.1135	SEK	n/a	2.4837	n/a	2.5304
Swiss Francs	CHF	0.8651	0.8961	CHF	n/a	30.7891	n/a	31.3686
Danish Kroner	DKK	6.9503	7.1991	DKK	n/a	3.8326	n/a	3.9047
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Norwegian Kroner	NOK	10.8916	11.2853	NOK	n/a	2.4453	n/a	2.4913
Japanese Yen	JPY	148.5876	153.9045	JPY	n/a	0.17927	n/a	0.1827
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	CNY	7.1050	7.3598	CNY	n/a	3.7490	n/a	3.8196
Tanzanian shilling	TZS	2582.3000	2694.8250	TZS	0.01028	0.01028	0.01045	0.01045
Kenya Shilling	KES	126.4200	131.9500	KES	n/a	0.2099	n/a	0.2139
Botswana Pula	BWP*	0.0717	0.0744	BWP*	n/a	1.9911	n/a	2.0286

Base currencies

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PANGEA DAILY MARKEY NEWS

StanChart Mulls Sale of Units in Zambia, Uganda and Botswana – Bloomberg

Standard Chartered PLC is exploring a potential sale of its wealth and retail banking businesses in a trio of African countries to free up cash that it will plow into other parts of the business. The lender is exploring sales of those units in Botswana, Uganda and Zambia, according to a statement. The bank said any impact from the proposed exits would not be material to its financial results. The sales would be the first in a small number of potential business exits. The Londonbased lender has doubled assets under management in its wealth business on the African continent in the past three years, but that growth has largely been fueled by its business in Kenya and Nigeria. Botswana, Uganda and Zambia don't rank among the top 10 wealthiest countries in Africa, according to the consultancy Henley & Partners.

South Africa's Outlook Upgrade Makes Eskom Bonds Less Risky – Moneyweb

Eskom said the upgrade underscored the progress made in restoring Eskom's financial health and operational reliability, Dan Marokane, group chief executive, said in a statement. The premium on South Africa's state-owned power utility's USD bonds with government guarantees compared with those without has narrowed to its lowest level since the securities began trading in 2018. Investors are growing more confident in Eskom Holdings debt, buoyed by South Africa's recent credit-outlook upgrade, improved operational stability and continued state support. S&P Global Ratings raised the sovereign's outlook to positive earlier this a month, a move that also lifted Eskom's government-related entity assessment. The ratings company cited increased political stability and impetus for reform. The narrowing of the premium reflects investor optimism that South Africa's improved fiscal trajectory will bolster Eskom's ability to meet its obligations even on bonds lacking direct guarantees. Yields on Eskom's 2028 USD bonds without state backing dropped 2 basis points to 7.12% by 11:02 a.m. in Johannesburg, a two-week low. The yield has dropped 135 basis points this year.

FMO, BII, Proparco and ILX team up to back Robust International – Africa Private Equity News

Development finance institutions FMO, British International Investment, and Proparco, together with Dutch fund manager ILX, announced the signing of a working capital facility of up to USD90 million for Robust International, an agricommodity trader. Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Singapore, Robust is a multinational trader of agri-commodities, specialising in sesame and cashew nuts. Sourcing primarily from East and West Africa, Robust conducts earlystage processing operations to serve markets worldwide. The company is evolving from traditional trading and processing to becoming an end-to-end integrated supply chain company. These working capital funds will enable Robust to buy sesame and cashew nuts directly from cooperatives, aggregators and farmers locally to support operations at its new processing facilities in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, and Mozambique.

Zambia Bonds Trading Summary

A total of 11 Government Bond trades with a total quantity of ZMW107,497,830 and turnover ZMW111,960,270 were processed today.

Lusaka Securities Exchange Trading Summary

For ZMW denominated securities: In 104 trades recorded today 40,481 shares were transacted resulting in a turnover of ZMW1,224,200.03. No price changes were recorded today. Trading activity was recorded in AECI, ATEL, BATA, CECZ, CHIL, FARM, PUMA, SCBL, ZABR, ZMRE, ZMBF, ZNCO, ZSUG as well as CCAF on the quoted tier.

For the USD denominated security (REIZ): No trades were recorded today.

The LuSE All Share Index closed at 15,836.95 points. The market closed on a capitalization of ZMW205,861,271,352.10 including Shoprite Holdings and ZMW80,860,995,552.10 excluding Shoprite Holdings.

SPORTS NEWS





NSCZ POSTPONES 2024 NATIONAL YOUTH GAMES

By Lucky Chama

The National Sports Council NSCZ Chief Executive of Zambia (NSCZ) has announced the postponement of the 2024 National Youth Games, due along with other to delay to mobilize all resources required for the Games to be successfully hosted.

The games were originally scheduled to take place from 28th to 30th November, 2024 in Ndola and Lusaka.

Officer Sombwa Musunsa states that the Ministry of Youth, Sport, and Arts, stakeholders such as National Federations, achieved important milestones in the successful hosting of the Games, including finalization of technical manuals, identification of Games venues, and engagement of service providers.

Musunsa highlights that key milestones achieved include the finalization of technical manuals, the identification of Games venues, and the engagement of service providers for the successful hosting of the Games.

He however emphasizes that hosting Games of such magnitude requires significant financial resources, adequate infrastructure, and skilled

personnel to ensure the quality and success of the Games.

hosting the Games,

highlighting their role as a

nurture top talented athletes

who will represent Zambia

in the Namibia 2025 Region

platform to discover and

Musunsa states that the Games have been postponed and rescheduled 5 Youth Games. to take place from 4th to 6th December 2024. The Games will still be held at the original venues in Ndola and Lusaka as planned.

Musunsa emphasizes that NSCZ remains dedicated to

on Tuesday that former Argentina international Javier Mascherano has been named their new head coach. The 40year-old succeeds countryman Gerardo 'Tata' Martino and has agreed a contract

through the 2027 Major

League Soccer (MLS)

season.

MIAMI COACH

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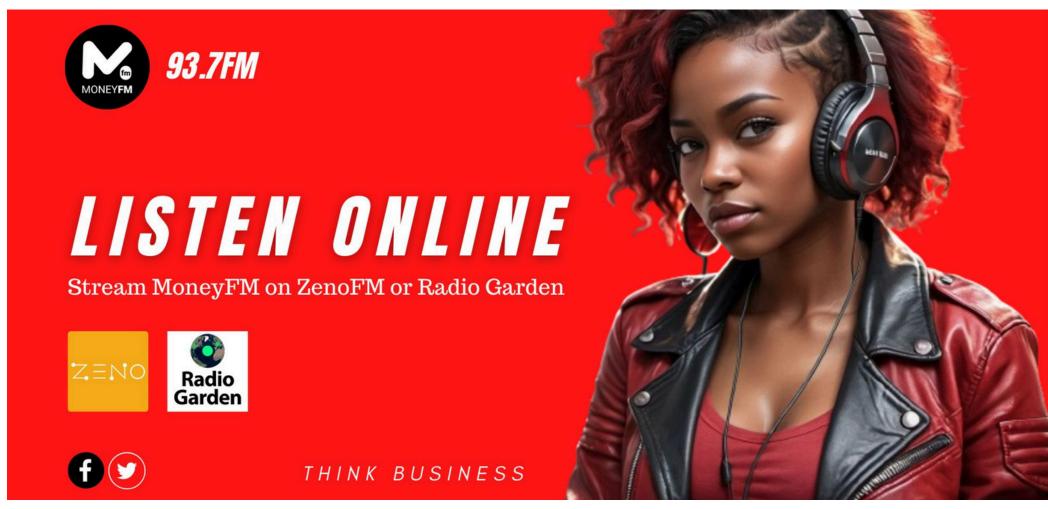
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"Throughout his career players, and as an experienced coach, Javier has always demonstrated what makes him great -

relentless determination with the knowledge. instincts and understanding to back it up," said Inter Miami coowner David Beckham. "We're very excited to welcome him to lead our team."

Mascherano takes the reins of a squad stacked with big names. Among them are four of his former Barcelona teamas one of the world's best mates: FIFA World Cup winners Lionel Messi and Sergio Busquets, along with Luis Suarez and Jordi Alba.





ARMY COMMANDER 'SALUTES' BARBRA BANDA

By Lucky Chama

Commander Zambia Army, Lieutenant General Geoffrey Choongo Zyeele has expressed delight with Banda Barbra's record of becoming the first Zambian to win the prestigious BBC Women's Footballer of the Year Award, making history in Zambian sports, and only the second African after Nigeria's Osisat Oshala.

Banda, who is a staff sergeant in the Zambian Army, has had stellar individual performances at both the national and club levels.

According to BBC, the shortlist was based on

performances from September 2023 to August 2024, a period that saw Staff Sergeant Banda become the highest goal-scoring African player in Olympic history with 10 goals.

Banda was also the pillar of the national team during their Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers that saw her guide the Copper Queens to next year's WAFCON after a 12- nil score line against Angola, across a twolegged tie.

After her recordbreaking transfer from

Shanghai Shengli in China to Orlando Pride in the USA, where she became the second most expensive woman in the world, Banda scored 13 goals during the regular season, added four more in the playoffs, assisted seven times, and was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) to inspire the Club to its first league title.

The Captain of the Copper Queens beat the Barcelona duo, Aitana Bonmati and Caroline Graham Hansen, to win the award.

In her reaction, Banda has expressed happiness giving credit to her teammates at both Club and National level for the golden achievement.



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