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The Policy Monitoring and Research Center (PMRC) considers the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), an important global platform that influences various policy interventions made internationally. As Executive Director of PMRC, I attended the 2019 United National General Assembly (UNGA 74) from September 17- 30, 2019 with much anticipation and optimism, hoping that this monumental annual gathering of nations would result in pronouncements and interactions that will advance global developments in various facets that are critical to sustainable development. The theme of this year's UNGA was **"Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate change and inclusion"**.

I attended various side events and sessions and some of these included; a side-event on **Illicit Financial Flows (IFF), which was hosted by Nigeria and co-hosted by Zambia, at the 2019 United Nations General Assembly. Other co-hosts included UNICAID, NEPAD, South Africa, Norway, and Ethiopia. President Lungu, President Buhari of Nigeria and President Zewed of Ethiopia gave keynote addresses.** I was further called upon to take an interview at the Climate Action Summit 2019. This was cardinal, to highlighting Zambia's own challenges with climate change and presenting possible recommendations that may lead to improved climate change adaptability and mitigation, especially in Africa. Lastly, I attended the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Hub update side meetings.

PMRC's participation in the UNGA 74 was insightful and inspired us to continually seek to further 'Unlock Zambia's Potential' through core analytical work areas which we have continued to present through policy reform proposals, monitoring policy and presenting evidence based research to further improve policy formulation in Zambia. As we continue to participate in such international, continental and regional gatherings, we commit to consistently ensure the institution actualizes the following stated aims; **supporting Government machinery in recommending policy and procedure, encouraging debate on social and economic policy issues critical to poverty reduction and promoting public understanding through research and education.** The Assembly was a great platform, which improved institutional visibility, expanded professional networks and provided a platform for the acquisition of insightful information from other global players.

Our website link is www.pmrzambia.com for your reading pleasure. We hope that these research reports, policy analyses, infographics and presentations will give you more insight into Zambia's policy landscape. We further welcome your suggestions and engagements and hope that together, we can continue to play an impactful role in the attainment of Zambia's long term sustainable development agenda. Also added below are links to various social media platforms on which the institution has presence:

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Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to continually working with you all, to Unlock Zambia's Potential.



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