

2020: TOWARDS A POSITIVE TRAJECTORY FOR ZAMBIA

PRESS STATEMENT

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the Board of Governors, the Executive Director, Management and Staff of PMRC, I wish you all a Prosperous 2020. This year presents the start of a new decade and this should inspire us all to elevate our collective resolve of contributing positively to our great nation Zambia. As PMRC we have lined up several programmes for the year and we value your continued partnership in complementing our efforts. Some of the major programmes lined up this year are;

1. The National Wide Decentralization Implementation Survey
2. Assessing the Effectiveness of Development Funds Survey
3. The National Youth Conference

PMRC will also produce various evidence based policy analysis and research aimed at increasing the levels of awareness of key policy matters in the country. I therefore call upon all like-missioned stakeholders to partner with us in these programmes and together use the power of collectivism to bring about positive contribution to our country. **We shall do our utmost best to engage with almost every Ministry and pioneer the National Mindset Education Programme aimed at inculcating a positive mindset among the citizenry in relation to development.** We believe that time has come for all of us as citizens of this great nation, to exhibit a more positive approach towards our nation. We are all goodwill ambassadors of our country and it is our duty to send out positive messages to the rest of the world about the beauty and opportunities that exist in our country.

As we look to the future, many opportunities exist to confront our challenges and this calls for constant engagement with a wide range of societal groups, each with their own needs, interest and levels of influence. In the same trajectory, as we enter a new year, it is important that we reflect on our collective efforts in our different capacities to address various key paths aimed at national building and development.

As PMRC, we are committed to continuously work towards supporting Government institutions, agencies and development partners in developing evidence-based policy recommendations for the effective delivery of the national development agenda. **We commit to continue providing policy analysis to compliment the Government in the pursuit of prudent macroeconomic policies, to increase the economy's resilience to shocks, and achieve higher and inclusive growth. With this pledge, We will continue to partner with all like-missioned institutions to bolster our efforts and work towards encouraging debate on social and economic policy issues critical to national development and economic transformation.**

Wishing you all a prosperous 2020.

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