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### INTRODUCTION

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2021, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Hakainde Hichilema officially opened the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 13<sup>th</sup> National Assembly.



### VISION

To have a united and prosperous Zambia that provides equal opportunities for all.



### THEME

*“Creating a united, prosperous and equitable Zambia: restoring economic growth and safeguarding livelihoods”*

## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



### Poverty and Inequality



To address high **poverty levels, income and gender inequalities and challenges being faced in the administration of social protection programs**, Government will implement the following:

- Streamline the delivery of the existing social protection programmes to ensure that they are effective and efficient by scaling up and broadening the scope of coverage of the programmes to **ensure that more vulnerable people are protected from poverty and destitution.**
- Place premiums on **empowering women and young people through empowerment and livelihood programmes and providing skills training for self-employment as well as increasing access to credit, coupled with financial literacy.**
- Accelerate the **implementation of programmes aimed at promoting participation of women** in economic empowerment and livelihood interventions as a strategy for overcoming poverty, marginalization and social ills.
- Foster women representation in **political leadership, commerce and decision-making.**
- Create opportunities for **job and wealth creation** complemented by changing the mind-set and culture of young people so that they appreciate their value and attain their fullest potential.
- Upscale resource mobilization to sustain the **youth empowerment programmes and create specific preferential public procurement programmes targeting the purchase of goods and services from youth owned enterprises.**
- To reduce the socio-economic disparities among the urban and rural, Government will ensure equitable allocation of resources across the country based on need and **economic potential thereby offering a guarantee for equal benefits of economic and natural resources.**

### Water and Sanitation



- Water and Sanitation are key in the development agenda of the country, Government is committed to improving water resource management as well as water supply and sanitation for socio-economic development through **acceleration in the construction of dams, water schemes and boreholes to facilitate economic activities in various sectors of the economy** as well as provide clean water and adequate sanitation services for households in both urban and rural areas.
- Government will, therefore, **progressively increase budget allocation and disbursement to the water and sanitation programmes and facilitate private sector investment in water supply and sanitation.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



The Government is committed to fostering environmental sustainability and promoting the green economy. The Government has placed a premium on dealing with the serious threats posed by climate change such as **high variability, with frequent droughts, seasonal and flash floods, extreme temperatures and dry spells.**

These challenges have impacted on **food, water and energy security as well as the general livelihoods citizens.**

### Government will ensure:

- **Low carbon and climate resilient development pathways are pursued.**
- The proposed **Ministry of Green Economy and the Environment**, will champion environmental sustainability and implement policies that will **yield benevolent dividends for generations to come.**
- Implementation of **international agreements and protocols** to strengthen programming on climate change.
- Safeguarding of natural resources, which constitute the natural capital and a source of wealth for the population.

To appreciate the country's natural resources, through sustainable utilisation to benefit future generations, **Government will:**

- Embark on promoting the **conservation of biodiversity;** including **ecosystems**, to ensure our natural resource capital is not eroded.
- Implement **conservation plans for critical wetlands** to preserve the ecosystems.
- Make Zambia a **global beacon for environmental sustainability** and a champion of the green economy.
- Safeguard **ecosystems, protect natural habitats and keep carbon out** of the atmosphere.



## GOOD GOVERNANCE



**A conducive governance environment is imperative for the country's political stability; security, economic growth and sustainable development and,** is critical to the enhancement of transparency, accountability, consultation and dialogue.

To achieve this, **Government will:**

- Strengthen oversight on governance institutions, **ensure the independence and autonomy of the judiciary, and guarantee a free press and an active civil society.**
- Ensure an improved policy environment, strengthened public financial management as well as improve service delivery and productivity.
- Restore the **rule of law and protect human rights and property** through zero tolerance to corruption.
- Enhance **transparency and accountability in national affairs;** Government will review the policy and legal framework for oversight institutions.
- Increase funding and enhance operational independence of oversight institutions.
- Introduce specialised fast-track stolen assets recovery mechanisms and courts for corruption and economic crimes.
- Enact **legislation on ethics and integrity** for improved transparency and accountability.

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