

# PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH INFOGRAPHIC

## OPENING OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – PART 1



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### INFOGRAPHIC

#### 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 safe-guarding livelihoods”

Government will endeavour to execute the following;

- Create an environment in which every citizen will have the opportunity to **participate in and benefit from economic activities.**
- Embark on a **national development agenda** to ensure accelerated economic recovery.
- Meet the basic needs of every Zambian and create a conducive environment for Zambia to become a **prosperous middle income country.**
- Implement policies to address the **fiscal deficit** while ensuring that **confidence is restored in the markets.**
- Equally enhance the provision of **equitable access** to economic opportunities to our citizens, especially our youth.
- Enhance provision of adequate **social services.**
- Enhance the provision of **social protection** to the poor and vulnerable in our society.
- End the **vicious cycle of poverty** and bring prosperity to all.
- Reduce various forms of inequality and create a more equitable society.
- Safeguard the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable in our society.
- Provide **equal opportunities** for development to all our citizens.
- Accelerate **economic growth** and create opportunities for all.
- Increase access to **quality education and healthcare** as well as water and sanitation services.
- Sustain livelihoods, ensure affordable cost of living as well as **food and nutrition security for our people.**

#### NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA



- Government is determined to creating a united and **prosperous Zambia with equal opportunities across ethnic, religious and gender considerations, living in harmony in a free democratic society.**
- Government will develop a robust national development action plan for the period 2022 to 2026.
- The Eight National Development Plan will reflect the economic transformation agenda to deliver on the national vision and the aspirations of our citizens.
- The focus of the transformation agenda will be on **attaining outcomes beyond economic growth** to include greater inclusion and poverty reduction.

#### AGRICULTURAL SECTOR



- The agricultural sector is critical in **driving growth, creating employment opportunities and contributing to prosperity of our country.**
- Redesign the farmer input support programme to transform it into a more cost effective and sustainable intervention.
- Government will implement a **comprehensive agricultural transformation programme** with the aim of making the sector a viable commercial undertaking.
- Government will ensure access to **affordable agricultural inputs** such as **fertilizers, chemicals and pesticides.**
- The administration will promote crop diversification away from maize by supporting production of a wide range of cereal crops, legumes, fruit trees, roots and tubers, oil crops as well as fibre crops.
- Government will focus on **stocking and restocking, artificial insemination as well as enhanced disease surveillance and control in the livestock sub-sector.**
- Research will be facilitated in **animal breeding, disease prevention and nutrition.**
- Government will support the **construction and rehabilitation of livestock infrastructure** such as laboratories, service centres and breeding centres across the country.
- The **expansion and intensification of fish farming** across the country, especially among women and youth will be promoted.
- Government will promote production of fingerlings as well as **establishment of hatcheries** in the country to facilitate the growth of the **aquaculture industry.**
- Government will **review the existing agricultural policies.**

#### Broad Policy Direction for the Next Five Years

### THEMATIC AREAS

**Economic Transformation and Job Creation.**

**Human and Social Development.**

**Environmental Sustainability.**

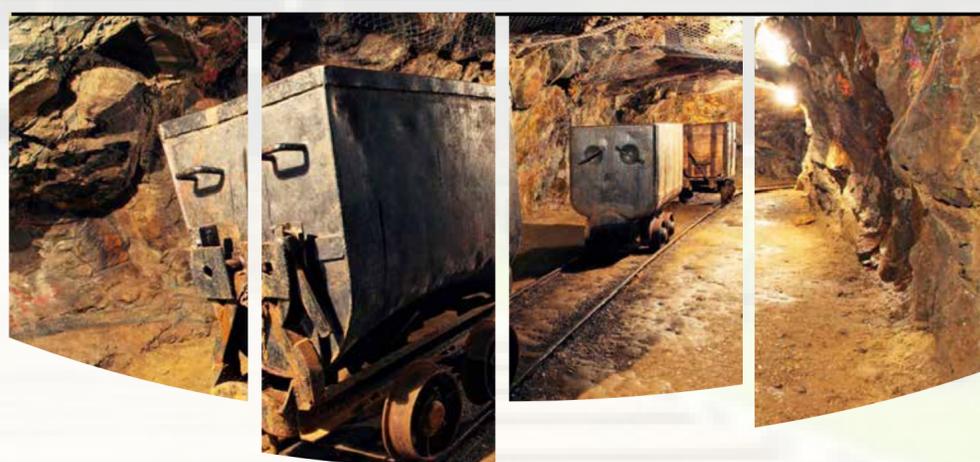
**Good Governance Environment.**

#### ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION



- **Economic transformation** will be the overarching framework that will bring together interventions in the various sectors of the economy to create jobs and reduce poverty.
- **Government will implement policy measures** to promote economic transformation, particularly in job rich sectors of **agriculture, mining, tourism, energy, commerce and industry, green economy, transport as well as information and communication technology.**
- **Government will allow policy development and implementation** to spur development in the cross-cutting sectors and be a **catalyst for economic growth and transformation.**
- **The Ministry of Small and Medium Sized Enterprise Development** is poised to foster the development, support and growth of **small and medium sized enterprises.**

#### MINING SECTOR



- The mining sector will continue to **play a key role in accelerating economic growth.**
- **Government will ensure increased copper and other mineral production,** as well as maximising the benefits from various minerals such as gold, cobalt, manganese among others.
- The Government will position the country to be a leading **manufacturer of mineral value-added products** such as **electrical cables and copper-based accessories to meet the growing demand of such products.**
- Government, in consultation with stakeholders, will review the **mining tax policy framework.** This is aimed at introducing a stable mining tax regime necessary to increase investment in the sector.

#### TOURISM SECTOR



- Government will **prioritise tourism as one of the key sectors for restoring economic growth, creating jobs and reducing poverty.**
- To reposition the sector amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government will put in place a **robust programme to facilitate for a quick recovery of the sector.**
- In the next five years, the Government will focus on attracting international tourists whilst promoting domestic tourism for enhanced sector resilience.
- A robust **tourism marketing strategy** will be put in place that will package a diversified range of tourism products such as **traditional ceremonies, visual arts, culture and heritage sites.**
- Government will also **reduce the cost of doing business** and some negative perceptions in the sector.
- The Government will open up areas of great potential such as the **Northern Circuit** to enhance tourist flows.
- The Government will **construct and up-grade roads,** as well as airstrips and airports to tourism sites to improve accessibility.
- **Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous tourism sites across the country and participate** in local tourism.