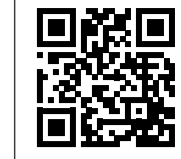


PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH INFOGRAPHIC

OPENING OF THE 1st SESSION OF THE 13th NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – PART 1



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INFOGRAPHIC

INTRODUCTION

On the 10th of September 2021, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Hakainde Hichilema officially opened the 1st session of the 13th 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.

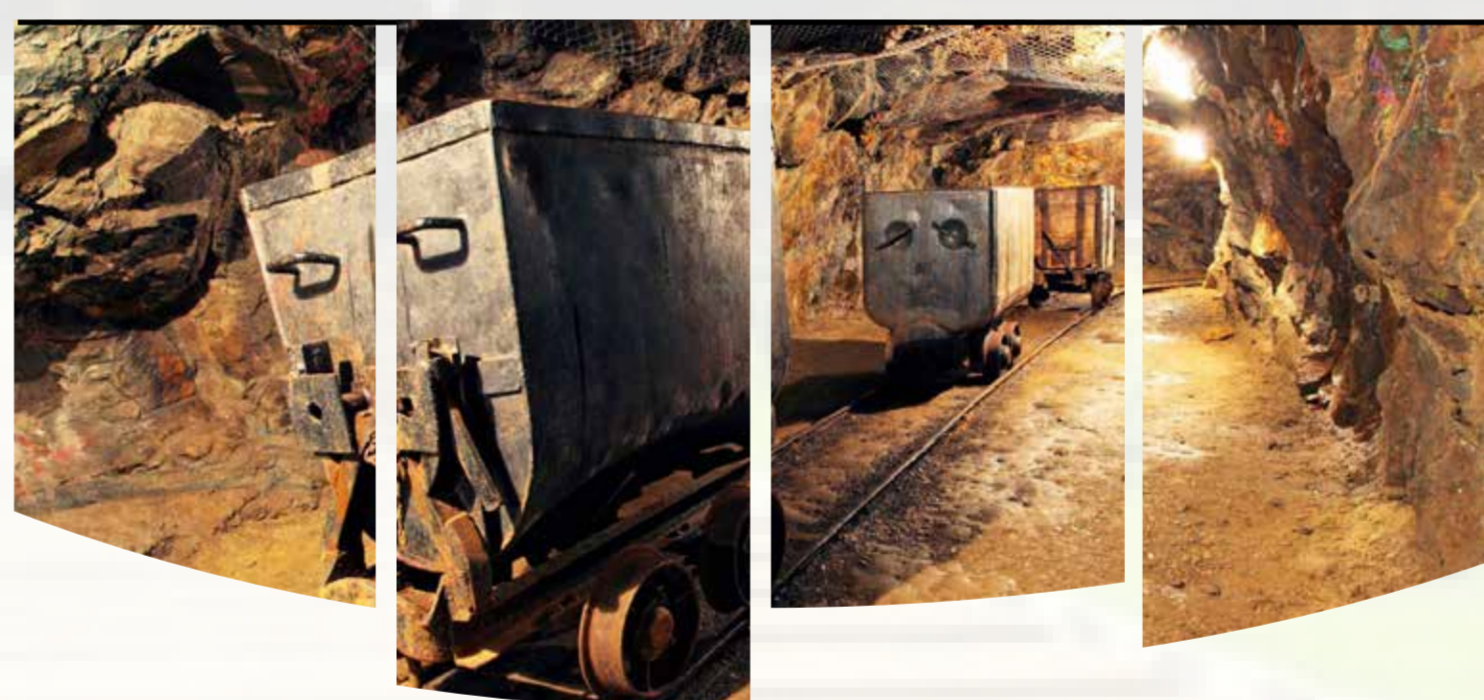
Good Governance Environment.

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.