PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT

PROGRESS MADE IN THE APPLICATION OF NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

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HUMAN DIGNITY, EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION



 Enhancing human development for people is a major priority for Government through accelerated socio-economic transformation and uplifting of livelihoods of citizens by creating opportunities and a conducive environment for increased productivity.



 Government continues to ensure the country has a dignified workforce by ensuring that employers comply with labour laws and provide conducive environment for workers.



Under the decent work program, over 3,800 labour inspections were carried out in 2021 to enhance protection of the rights of workers, improve work environment and productivity.



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 The strategy to promote investment and private sector growth will not only be towards economic growth but will also promote job creation and business opportunities.

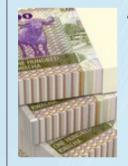
• Self-employment will be promoted and valued.



 Government will enhance the School Feeding Programme as a solution for keeping vulnerable children in school and improving their learning outcomes.



Government will continue to construct public infrastructure countrywide in order to bring public services close to the people and address development inequalities between rural and urban areas through rural connectivity, transportation and access to electricity.



 Through the increased Constituency Development Fund (CDF) communities have been empowered to determine and implement their developmental priorities such as access to water and sanitation, promote entrepreneurship, improve economies and livelihoods for the people.



GOOD GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY





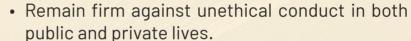
 All those entrusted with public affairs management to be responsible, accountable and transparent.

 Government is committed to fighting corruption in all its forms and manifestations.



 Government has established the Financial and Economic Crimes Court to expedite disposal of cases.

• Encourage voluntary surrender of resources that belong to the people.



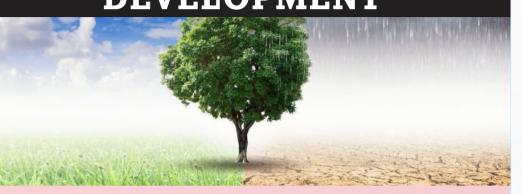


 Access to Justice will be assured and devolution resident judgeship to the provinces in an effort to bring justice closer to the people.

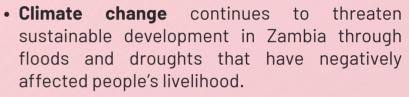
 Mechanism for public financial management and procurement - goods, services and works at the correct price, right quality and timely delivery. Leakages will be sealed in procurement in the public sector.

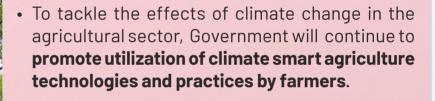


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



 Government is adopting growth paths that will guarantee inter-generational equity and ecological integrity.





To further mitigate against the effects of climate change, Government is **promoting afforestation** with, 5,854.7 hectares of trees already planted.



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• The hectarage under forest management plans has increased to 2.37 million hectares from 1.64 million hectares in 2020.



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 Government has further affirmed its commitment to addressing issues of climate change by creating the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment.



 To tackle the problem of indiscriminate disposal of solid and other waste in public spaces the private sector and local authorities are urged to take advantage of the economic opportunities that come with solid waste management through recycling and production of energy.

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