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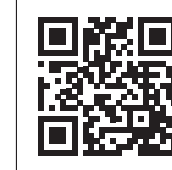
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ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION

Introduction

- In order to transform the Zambian economy and create jobs and wealth for its people, Government shall continue to pursue efforts aimed at increasing both local and foreign investments, production, productivity, value addition and trade, as well as ensuring that citizens participate and benefit fully from economic activities.
- In this regard, Government has prioritised agriculture, mining, manufacturing and tourism, as key drivers to achieving economic transformation; while considering energy, transport, information and communication technology - as well as research and development as key enablers.

AGRICULTURE



- Government has instituted a number of measures to address challenges in the sector including **enhanced surveillance, extension services, promoting agriculture diversification, irrigation development, extension services and promoting climate smart agriculture**



- Government has also commenced the formulation of a **Comprehensive Agriculture Support Programme**, to transform the sector and improve sector-wide productivity.
- Zambia has met the phyto-sanitary requirements for the export of plant and plant products, such as **avocado, passion fruit, nuts, peas, soya beans and fresh cut flowers to markets abroad.**



MINING

- To turn around the mining sector, Government is creating a conducive environment for increased investment and participation of Zambians in the sector, while positioning the country to take advantage of emerging opportunities in mining value chains at local, regional and global level.
- The conducive and predictable policy environment has unlocked the **landmark investment of US\$1.35 billion** for the **enterprise Nickel Project in Kalumbila district and expansion at Kansanshi mine in Solwezi district**



- Government has **signed a cooperation agreement with the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo** to develop the electric motor vehicle battery value chain.



- Artisanal and small-scale mining has been prioritised for re-organisation in an endeavour to **increase the participation of citizens in the mining sector.**



Increase the participation of citizens in the mining sector

- Government is also working to address all irregularities in this sub-sector in order to **end illegal mining**, and ensure that the country benefits from this rich endowment.



End illegal mining

- Government is moving to establish market hubs for **manganese to provide an easy market for artisanal and small-scale miners.**
- In an effort to provide a favourable environment for increased investment in mining and downstream activities, **Government will review the Mineral Resources Development Policy.**

MANUFACTURING



- Government recently launched the Public Private Dialogue Forum (PPDF) in a vigorous bid to **strengthen partnerships with the private sector, and scale up efforts to create an enabling environment for industrialisation and trade, jobs and wealth creation for the Zambian people.**

- In full recognition that small and medium business enterprises are key contributors to job and wealth creation, Government allocated resources to the **Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme.**
- Over 120 SMEs are being supported** with guarantees to enable them access financing from commercial banks, as well as supporting beneficiaries with business development services.

- More resources have been allocated to the Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission (CEEC) for enterprise development, with **K365 million** worth of empowerment products targeted at citizens, MSME as well as cooperatives, while it has also set aside **K83.9 million** to operationalise industrial yards across the country.

- Under the **Constituency Development Fund**, allocations have also been made to empower **micro, small and medium enterprises and cooperatives.**

- Government, with the support of the World Bank, is implementing the **Zambia Agribusiness and Trade project**, assisting small and medium enterprises to grow through **multi-faceted interventions.**

- Government has continued to improve and modernise border infrastructure with **Kolwezi, Sakania, Kambimba, Kipushi, Chalwe, Mwami, Chanida, and Nakonde** earmarked for urgent attention.



improve and modernise border infrastructure

TOURISM

- Tourism has recorded favourable performance in 2022 as compared to 2021, with the number of international **tourist arrivals increasing** substantially from around 240,000 in the first half of 2021 to nearly **496,500 in the corresponding period in 2022.**



- This increase is attributed to a number of factors, including relaxation of **COVID-19 travel restrictions, as well as reduced visa fees.**

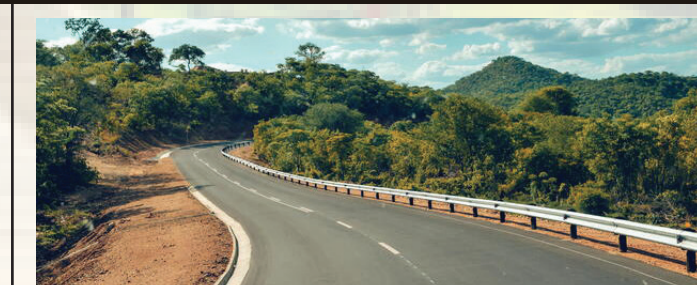
- To reduce the cost associated with establishment and operations of tourism enterprises, Government shall introduce a **single licensing system for the tourism sector.**

- Government will also **upgrade tourism sites**, as well as infrastructure leading to sites such as the **Kasaba Bay in Nsumbu National park in the northern circuit and the Liuwa National Park in the southern circuit.**



Upgrade tourism sites

TRANSPORT



- As at June 2022 Government had rehabilitated and maintained over **1,000km of rural roads in Central, Northern, Luapula and Eastern provinces.** Works will commence in Muchinga, Southern, Western, North-Western and Copperbelt provinces. The target remains to **rehabilitate and maintain 4,464km of road by 2025.**

- To improve the operational efficiency of the railway sub-sector, Government is in the process of improving the operations of **Tanzania - Zambia Railway Authority as well as improving the infrastructure of Zambia Railways.**

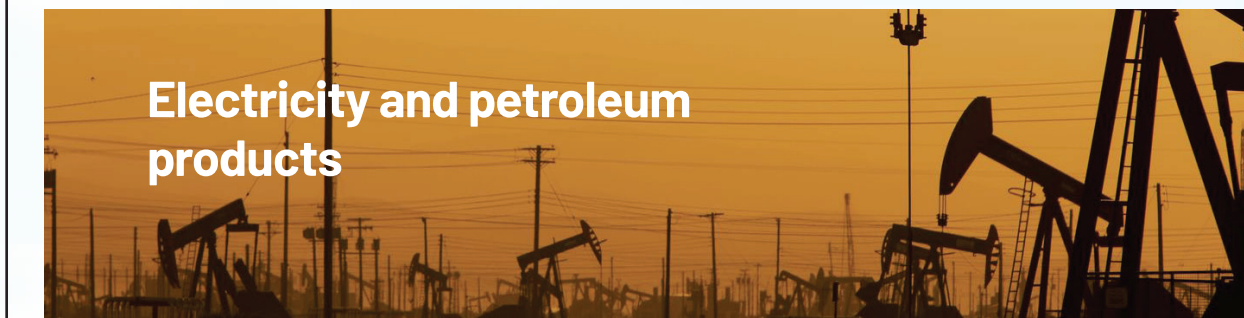


Improving of Zambia Railways

- The aviation sub-sector is showing signs of recovery, with general passenger movement recorded at just **under 680,000 in the first six months of 2022, compared to just under 280,000 over the same period in 2021.**

ENERGY

- Electricity and petroleum products continue to be critical enablers for the industrial growth and transformation of Zambia's economy.



Electricity and petroleum products

- Government has increased electricity **generation to 10.8 million megawatt hours** during the first half of the year, from **9.9 million megawatt hours in the corresponding period in 2021**, with the increase largely attributed to the rise in water levels and the commissioning of some of the generator units at **Kafue Gorge Lower hydro-power station.**



- Government aims to commission the remaining unit at the Kafue Gorge Lower hydro-power station by the end of 2022
- To facilitate the export of electricity to the East African region through the Eastern Africa Power Pool, Government will complete the remaining circuits for the **Zambia-Tanzania-Kenya Interconnector.**
- To grow and diversify Zambia's electricity supply base, Government will ensure that **alternative sources of clean energy such as wind, geothermal and solar are fully exploited.**

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

- Zambia needs to urgently invest in the digitisation of the economy by **investing in internet connectivity** which stands at **68%, digital infrastructure currently at 45%, digital skills presently at 40% and digital innovation at 35%.**



- To support digital skills as well as digital innovation and entrepreneurship, Government is partnering with the private sector to establish innovation hubs.
- ICT skills development is also being promoted through initiatives such as the national skills development for youth employability and entrepreneurship across the country.