



ZAMBIA'S 59TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

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Today, Zambia celebrates fifty-nine years of independence which was obtained in 1964. On this proud occasion, we remember the sacrifices and bravery of our forefathers who fought for our freedom.

The theme for this year's Independence Day is **"Accelerating national development through equitable distribution of resources"** which reminds us of the urgent need to ensure that the country's wealth trickles down to all citizens and translates to meaningful economic and social development. This year's theme is indeed relevant as the country is blessed with mineral wealth, fresh water and wildlife which should ultimately benefit its people.

On this day, PMRC encourages citizens to uphold Zambia's national values which are morality and ethics; patriotism and national unity; democracy and constitutionalism; human dignity, equity, social justice, equality

and nondiscrimination; good governance and integrity; and sustainable development. These values represent what our country both stands for and aspires to. Zambia has enjoyed 59 years of stability and peace which has been instrumental in creating a stable and safe environment for Zambians to live in. The freedom we have enjoyed is key to dealing with social and economic problems that the country has been faced with such as high levels of poverty and inequality.

Political independence should be used as a means to achieve inclusive development and prosperity. As such, the Zambian Government has been working towards making the country a prosperous nation through improving different sectors of the economy that will ultimately lead to benefits for the Zambian people. The Government is encouraged to continue putting in place an enabling environment that will lead to inclusive economic prosperity. As citizens, it is our responsibility to continue working hand in hand with the Government to build a thriving nation for ourselves and future generations to live in. It is imperative that we all support the Government's efforts to collectively create a prosperous nation. Active participation of citizens is key towards the development of a nation and PMRC would therefore like to all encourage all patriotic Zambians to reflect on the role that they can individually play towards creating a better and sustainable Zambia. PMRC wishes all Zambians a happy 59th Independence Day. May God bless our great nation.



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