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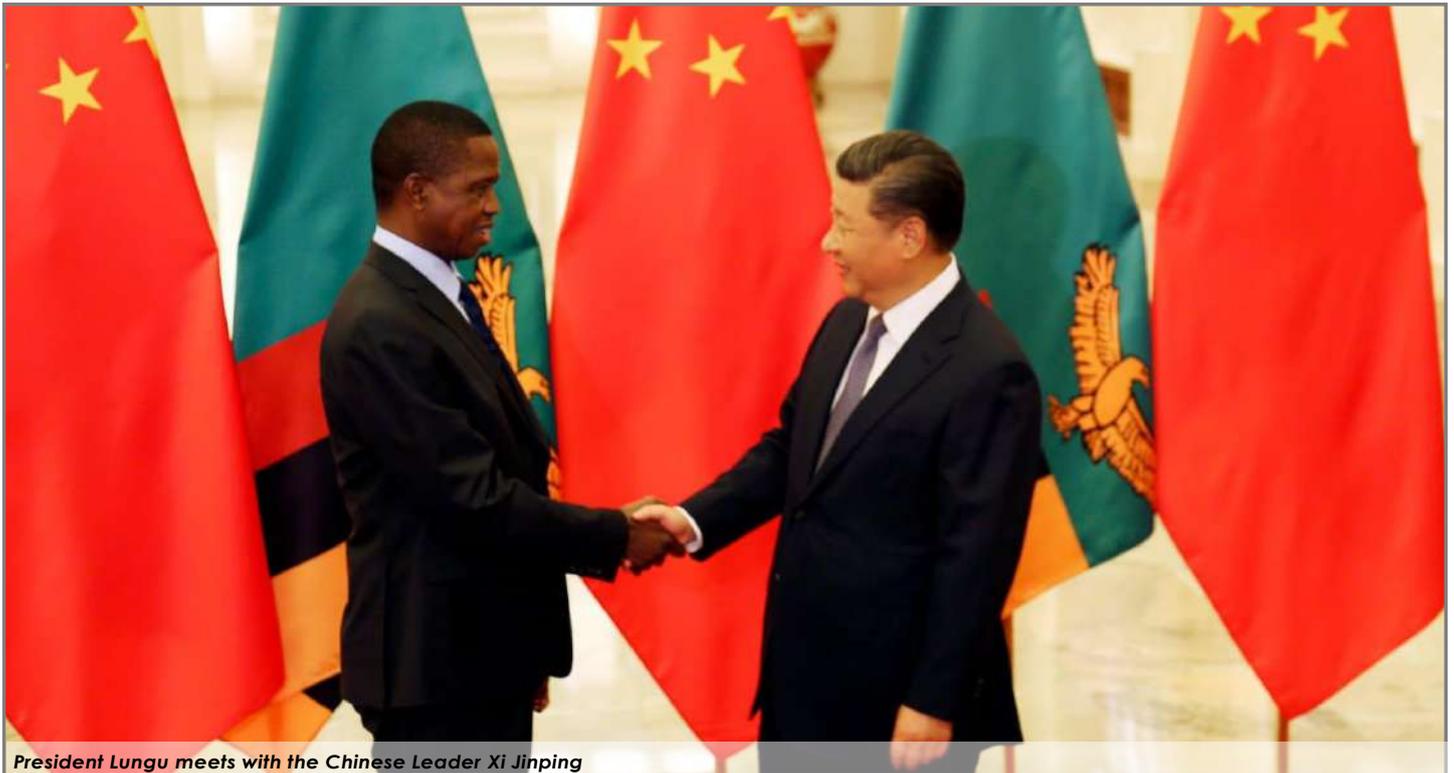
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President Lungu meets with the Chinese Leader Xi Jinping

Economic Diplomacy is paying off - President Lungu

...China had pledged to invest about 60 billion dollars in various projects in Africa

Diplomatic Dispatch analysis

December 19, 2018

Zambia's Chief Diplomat, President Edgar Lungu says economic diplomacy is paying off as he officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony in Chibombo, District in the Central Province of Zambia. China's Xiangxi United Industrial Development Limited is earmarked to establish a Multi-facility Economic Zone/Industrial Park in the area.

The project is a direct product of President Lungu's visit this year to China where he attended the Forum for China and Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit.

During the summit, China had pledged to invest about 60 billion dollars in various projects across Africa.

The investment also comes shortly after Central Province conducted an investment expo during which time the administration showcased its investment potential. FOCAC brings together leaders from the African continent for purposes of interacting with the Chinese leadership and the business community.

It offers opportunities to African countries that may want to tap into China's investment potential. As the second largest economy in the world, China has demonstrated great appetite for investment in just about every part of the world. Some of the largest economies in the world are some of the largest trading partners with China.

Zambia has a long history of diplomatic relations with China dating as far back as the 1960s. At critical moments

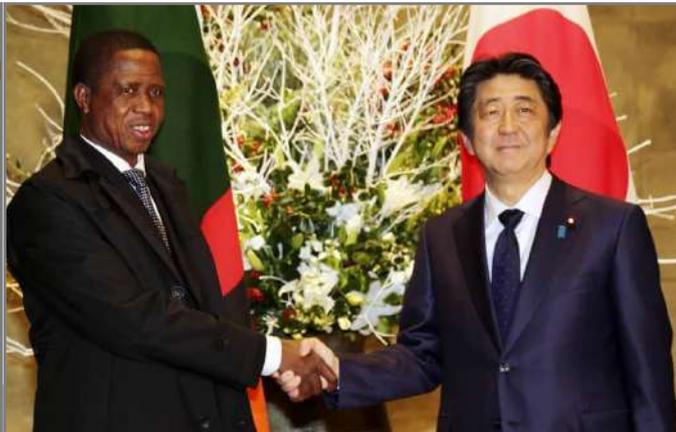
of Zambia's history, China has risen to the occasion and came to the rescue of the country. Defying all odds, China has risen from a poor country to the second global economic power attracting the attention of the world. On her part, Zambia is seeking not only Chinese investment and increased trade but inspiration as the Chinese people understand what it means to be a poor country and how poverty could be overcome under the current global circumstances.

Investment in an industrial park which is expected to house scores of businesses is a development approach that has significantly transformed countries of Asia and Zambia hopes similar fortunes could be replicated in the hope of improving the living standards of the citizens of the southern African country.



President Lungu on diplomatic mission in Japan...

...a strategic foreign policy move inviting investors to choose destination Zambia



(Far Left) President Lungu meets Emperor Akihito of Japan, then with Japanese Prime Minister (mid top picture) later greeting the President Edgar Chagwa Lungu (left) greets Japanese Ambassador to Zambia Hidenobu Sobashima (right) on arrival at New Otani Hotel in Tokyo, Japan on Monday, December 17, 2018. Below, President Lungu on arrival at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport in Lusaka. Pictures: Salim Henry, State House



Diplomatic Dispatch Analysis

President Edgar Lungu was in Japan for a three-day State visit between the 18th and the 21st of December 2018. During the visit, the President engaged among others the Japanese business community and appealed to them to consider investing in Zambia. The question we seek to address is: is Japan willing and ready to invest in Africa, Zambia in particular? Our resounding response is: Yes!

In 2016, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced that Japan was setting aside 30 billion dollars to invest in Africa. The announcement was not intended to signal the beginning of Japanese investment in Africa because it is estimated that there are more than 700 Japanese companies on the African continent.

For a long time now, Japan has looked to Asia and European countries for a significant portion of its overseas investment. However, growth rates in these regions of the world have somewhat slowed down while in Africa they have been stronger than ever before.

Countries such as Zambia have provided stable investment climates that have included political stability, the rule of law and improvements in doing business. Zambia has and continues to absorb technological innovations in most of its activities, which resonates well with Japan, which has an

undeniable global record in the area of technology. A close examination of the profile of Japanese investments in Asia and European countries indicate that the country has invested in oil, gas, electricity generation and infrastructure. Japan is looking to invest in these sectors on the African continent. Zambia is in the process of diversifying its energy sector and improving its public infrastructure.

It is a perfect investment market for Japan. And therefore, President Lungu's visit comes at the right time; it is calculated and strategic. For those critics that do not see strategy in the President's foreign policy, remember that the

President was in China just a few months ago to appeal to Chinese companies to invest in Zambia.

“The President is claiming a share of both the Japanese and the Chinese investment pie for Zambia, it's now up to various ministries to move in and do their part”

The visit came against the backdrop of China's decision to set aside 60 billion dollars to invest in Africa. The President is therefore claiming a share of both the Japanese and the Chinese investment pie for Zambia. Both China and Japan are thinking strategically and so is President Lungu.

Remember that other Heads of State and government not just from Africa are in talks at various levels to claim a share of both the Japanese and the Chinese investment pies. “It is now up to various ministries to move in and do their part”, President Lungu said on his arrival at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport from his Japanese tour, which he described as successful.



(L) Ambassador Mukwita and Mrs. Elaine Mukwita cut the 54th Independence Anniversary cake to applause of audience (above) while Mrs Mukwita (in red below) joins other Zambians on the dance floor along diplomats from the Zambian embassy that included Counselor Ms. Irene Mulonda in green dress, First Secretary – Tourism, Ms. Susan Katema in black

‘Run businesses instead of seeking employment’

...Ambassador Mukwita challenges Zambians resident in Germany

By Embassy Staff Writer
Berlin, 28th October, 2018

Zambia’s Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita has challenged Zambians living in Germany to go into business and deal in products and services unique to Zambia. Ambassador Mukwita cited food products and handcrafts made in Zambia, which he said could be sold in Germany.

“We have Ethiopian, Nigerian and Kenyan restaurants, I would love to see a Zambian restaurant where I can eat Zambian foods”, the envoy told more than 100 Zambians that gathered at the residence of the ambassador to toast the country’s 54th independence anniversary.

Zambia had two independence events – a business event held on the 26th of October at Maritim Hotels and a family event at Zambia House that brought Zambians from as far as Finland.

“Why should Zambians work at an African restaurant when they can run their own”, Ambassador Mukwita asked drawing an enthusiastic response from an audience member who shouted and pointed at another Zambian in the audience who once ran a Zambian restaurant but had discontinued it for unknown reasons.

“I will start”, Martha Bwalya who had run her restaurant for seven years responded amid cheers from an engaged audience. Ambassador Mukwita said the restaurant business was but just one example of the many goods that Zambians could trade on the German market. “Zambia has so much to offer that I challenge you to consider”, the senior

diplomat said. With the current diplomacy focused on economic matters under the leadership of President Edgar Lungu, the embassy in Berlin has been exploring how to increase trade between Germany in Zambia.

The trade deficit between the two countries is wide in favor of Germany but Zambia could narrow the deficit with more exports especially of non-traditional goods which may include precious stones, crafts, food stuff and many more. In July, while in Slovenia where he had gone to present his credentials, Ambassador Mukwita met a businessman looking for products from Africa that he could sell on the European market.

“This is an opportunity that Zambian entrepreneurs have and ought to take advantage of” the Zambian envoy said then. The Zambian economic diplomacy has seen an increase in German businesses seeking opportunities to invest in Zambia resulting in employment creation. The embassy in Berlin is exploring ways to compliment this development with Zambians investing in Germany.



The President's Economic Diplomacy in 2018

President Edgar Lungu keeps an extremely busy schedule as he oversees the implementation of both domestic as well as foreign policy. At home, he personally tours provinces and districts to get a first-hand impression of development programs and projects. Beyond the borders of the country, he attends to activities that define Zambia's foreign relations. In this article, I wish to focus on the latter part of the President's engagements.

For the better part of Zambia's history, the country has been known for its political diplomacy that guided its focus in providing assistance to nations that were still struggling to gain independence. The world acknowledges our success in this regard. As foreign policy is affected by developments at home and abroad, domestic politics now demand a focus on national development. Events abroad such as globalization demanded that a country positions itself to tap into the immense investment and trade opportunities that became available.

Under the visionary leadership of President Lungu, the Zambian government redesigned its foreign policy and decided on economic diplomacy as the main thrust. In this context, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the country's 38 foreign missions have been focusing on economic activities. Consequently, President Lungu has made visits to countries, attended summits and addressed meetings abroad whose themes were economic development.

For those with not so much knowledge in respect of what we mean by economic diplomacy, it is that branch of foreign relations that focuses on the mobilization and redistribution of resources with the ultimate aim of improving living standards. The policy is conducted at various levels such as bilateral, regional, multilateral and plurilateral levels. While the first three may be familiar to most readers of international affairs, plurilateralism may be new to others.

This is the form of diplomatic engagement conducted through non-regional groupings such as the G20, G8, OECD, and BRICS among others. The presence of the

President at these different levels is important, as you may have noticed an increase in the participation of political leaders at meetings where international economic trends are discussed and rules are decided upon. This is important, as the business of governance is better left to those elected and answerable to the public.

The world learnt bitter lessons from the global financial crisis that swept a significant part of the world between 2007 and 2009 that when economic matters are left entirely in the hands of the market, things can go horribly wrong. World leaders stepped into that crisis and corrected the wrongs of the private sector. It is therefore noteworthy that President Lungu participated in a number

of meetings where State and government leaders were required.

Where the President was not able to go, He delegated Her Honor the Vice President, Madam Inonge Wina. At the 2018 Climate Change Conference in the Polish city of Katowice, the President delegated the Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources Ms. Jean Kapata.



Mr Amos Chanda - Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations

Each and every one of these international engagements is designed to feed into the country's economic development agenda.

Some critics would have the Zambian people believe that economic diplomacy is an elitist concept with no real impact on the Zambian people. The truth of the matter is that economic diplomacy is as real and as relevant to the life of an ordinary Zambian as domestic policy is. Investments are coming into the country arising from these engagements and changing people's lives for generations to come – jobs are being created, scholarship opportunities given to those that never ever dreamed of getting a university education let alone study abroad.

In the year 2019, President Lungu is expected to keep up his busy schedule on the economic diplomacy front as the opportunities are increasingly opening up on the global stage. He will spare no moment to reach out and grab them for the betterment of the Zambian people.

Ask what you will do for government - Malanji

...don't just sit waiting for a paycheck, Minister tells serving diplomats



Foreign Affairs Minister Joseph Malanji signs the embassy visitors' book

By Embassy Staff Writer
Berlin, November 23, 2018

Foreign Affairs Minister Joseph Malanji has called on Foreign Service workers to uphold unity of purpose and loyalty to leadership if they are to contribute to the national development agenda of the government of President Edgar Lungu.

Addressing diplomats at the Zambian embassy in Berlin, Mr. Malanji said habits that included talking ill of the government of President Lungu by some Foreign Service workers because they have a preference for other political leaders tended to undermine the whole essence of diplomatic engagement.

"This thing of writing messages on social media platforms speaking ill of government and yet you are a Foreign Service employee will not go unnoticed", the honorable Minister said.

Mr. Malanji told the Berlin-based diplomats that they should take a humble view of their appointments "because the same qualifications you have, Zambians back home equally have them but God chose that at this point, it

ought to be you to serve". The Minister took a swipe at those in the habit of undermining Heads of Missions saying "The one you are protesting against today may be replaced by someone even worse".

He advised instead that time be spent on identifying activities that are in the interest of the country other than a pre-occupation with paychecks. "Ask what profitable things you can do for government and not what government can do for you", the Minister challenged the diplomats.

If foreign Missions are to contribute to national development, Mr. Malanji, who is also Member of Parliament for Kwacha constituency said unity among diplomats needed to be upheld.

The Foreign Affairs Minister was in Berlin to check on government property and get a personal feel of their state. He inspected both the residence and the chancery whose state has come to the attention of the Zambian authorities. The Honorable Minister said government was in the process of making a final decision on the way forward. His tour was part of government efforts to address the poor state of

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Great to visit the embassy here after inspection at the residence and our property meant for chancery. I buy in the vision of the Ambassador H.E. Anstony Mukwita to quickly get a buyer for it and buy our own chancery and Residence to reduce on the cost of maintaining the embassy. I appreciate the commitment by the embassy to save the country of unnecessary expenses. It is my prayer that this commitment continues. May the Good Lord continue guiding our embassy head and staff to continual serving diligently.

[Signature]
Hon Joseph Malanji (MP)
Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Minister Malanji's message to the diplomats

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government property in some missions that have suffered from years of neglect and lack of continued maintenance.

Signing in the visitor's book, the Minister said he is determined to pull the plug off the haemorrhage of public funds arising from rented buildings and the continued maintenance of property in a state of disrepair. Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary for International Cooperation, Lombe Chalwe and other senior government officials accompanied the Minister.



Foreign Affairs Minister Malanji arrives at Maritim Hotels where he meets Ambassador Mukwita



Part of the audience listening to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (c) Malanji and Lombe looking at property shown on his left hand side



Hasta la vi vista 2018, entrada 2019!

As the year comes to an end, we have a lot to thank God for as an embassy representing Zambia here in Germany and six other EU countries.

We are grateful that the good Lord has for instance ensured that our health was guaranteed throughout the year in order to make sure we remained as productive as possible for our country.

Conversely, we are grateful that our President the chief diplomat H.E Edgar Lungu also remained healthy and up to the task of keeping the nation stable and peaceful as well as steering it towards a path of steady GDP growth.

During our good year 2018, there are a number of issues we tackled as a crucial part of our economic diplomacy, some we achieved others stalled as the case normally is but nevertheless continues.

The other countries we represent on an extra accreditation basis from Berlin are Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Austria and the Slovak Republic.

Federal Republic of Germany

In Germany this year, we saw an increase in engagement between Zambia and the BMZ or the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany, especially in the area of renewable energy where Germany set aside millions of euros for German business that want to invest in the Zambian energy sector through partnerships.

This is truly a mark of great friendship and an endorsement that relations between the two countries can only get better with time.

Germany also assisted Zambia financially to a tune of about US\$10 million meant for supplying clean water to the influx of refugees that are welcomed in Zambia annually from a few pockets of instability in the region.

This ostensibly was in response to President Edgar Lungu and his wife Madam Esther Lungu, the First Lady that took time off their official duties to drum up refugee support.

Zambia has been tending to refugee needs since independence in 1964 relentlessly with open arms, a tradition began by founding father Kenneth Kaunda to the present Head of state H.E Lungu.

The list of economic diplomacy engagements with Germany in the year under review in other words have been many and fruitful, we pray they continue without slowing down in 2019.

Poland

We saw an escalation in economic diplomacy engagements with the state of Poland, which we share a long history with especially through the Christian religion, specifically, the catholic church that has been in Zambia since



Ambassador Anthony Mukwita

independence days, including their support for orphans in Kasisi.

Discussions between Zambia and Poland escalated with the two raising a notch up, the possibility of a Government to Government financial package that could see the establishment of the first ever tractor plant in Zambia.

The plant—under URSUS—when it is established could see a creation of about 500 well paying jobs that never existed before and see a significant drop in the prices of agriculture equipment. The discussion continues.

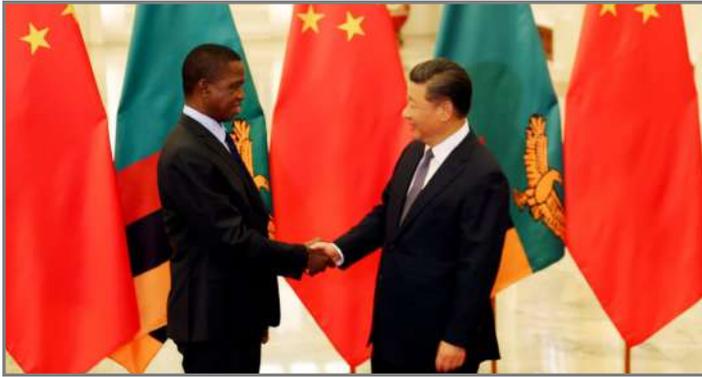
Hungary and Czech Republic

In 2015, the Zambian government through its long-standing relationship with Hungary had been offered some 10 university scholarships for outstanding students but due to a technicality on the MoU no Zambian students had accessed these crucial scholarships.

The year under review saw an escalated discussion on the issue of the scholarships at Presidential and Ambassadorial level that could lead to Zambians actually finally benefitting from the scheme in 2019.

The issue of scholarships is similar in Austria and in the Czech Republic, as our mission is to see a sustained in-

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crease. The Czech Republic infact is positively unique because it has increased the number of slots for Zambian students that must study there from only four to 15 in 2019, a major education diplomacy boost in our view.

This is according to an undertaking we were given by His Excellency Milos Zeman, the President of the Czech Republic during our presentation of credentials in the beautiful country in November signed by President Lungu.

We can report similar engagements in other countries of extra accreditation except for the Slovak Republic and Austria, the only two countries we have not yet presented credentials but look forward to doing so in 2019.

As Zambia continues to grow economically amidst challenges several other countries are facing, we remain optimistic that 2019 will become better than 2018 as long as we as a Mission work towards a common national good.

Let me conclude using the words of our Minister of Foreign Affairs hon. Joseph Malanji who said during a visit at our embassy that diplomats must seek out projects that contribute to economic growth rather than just sit in offices waiting to get paid.

Wise words those are because to us this quarterly magazine that we have published on time like clock work since the beginning of 2017 is one such avenue of contributing to the economic diplomacy mantra. We wish you fellow Zambians well.

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Ambassador Anthony Mukwita presents his credentials to Czech Republic President Milos Zeman in Prague

Open an embassy in Prague – President Zeman

...the Czech leader urges deeper economic diplomacy

By Embassy Staff Writer
Prague, November 15, 2018

President of the Czech Republic His Excellency Milos Zeman has asked the Zambian government to consider opening an embassy in Prague. President Zeman says the physical presence of an embassy will facilitate the deepening of relations between Zambia and the Czech Republic.

"We are happy to note the increase in education scholarships that have jumped from 5 to 15 but we want to do more. We also want to see more economic diplomacy and the signing of the memorandum of understanding on economic cooperation", President Zeman said.

Mr. Zeman was speaking at the Presidential palace shortly after receiving credentials from Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita who is now accredited to the Czech Republic on a non-residential basis.

The Czech leader expressed gratitude at the friendly relations that exist between his country and Zambia in addition to some common interests. He cited his country's friendly relations with Israel as one such example of common interests as Zambia, too, has similar relations with the Middle Eastern country.

President Zeman who won a second four-year-term recently said advisedly, "It's easy to win a first term because you largely make promises but it's not easy to win a second term because you ought to have fulfilled some of the promises".

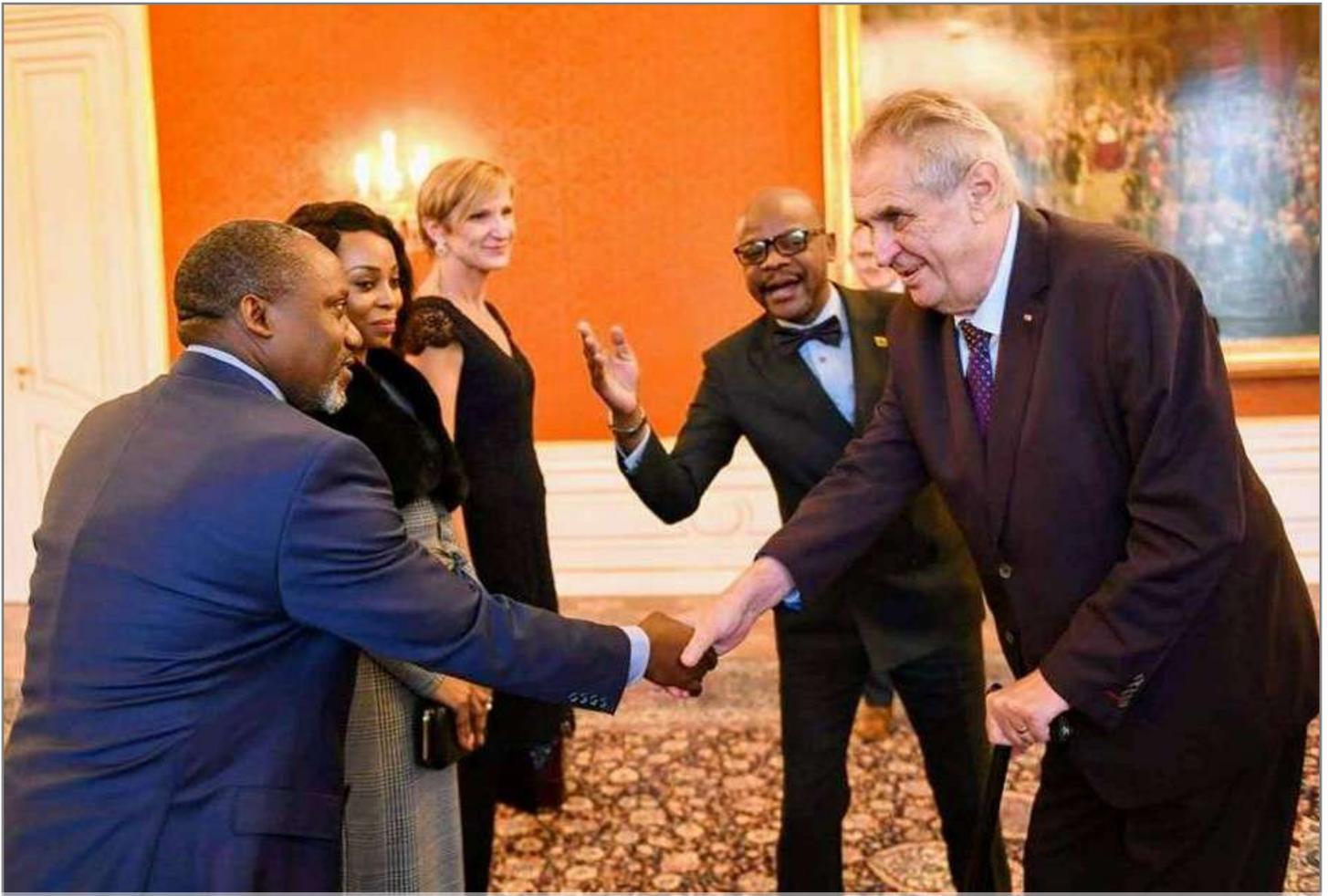
In his remarks, Ambassador Mukwita, on behalf of President Edgar Lungu conveyed congratulations to President Zeman on his re-election, a mark of the confidence the people of the Czech Republic have in him.

"I must also convey to you Mr. President the desire of your counterpart, President Lungu to host you in Lusaka", Ambassador Mukwita said. The Zambian envoy said some of his immediate responsibilities include the facilitation of the visit of the Czech Foreign Minister to Zambia along with the signing of an MOU on economic cooperation.

In a gesture that brightened up the ceremony, President Zeman put a smile on Mrs. Mukwita, who had accompanied her husband, when the Czech leader presented her with fresh flowers.

Zambia is among the only six countries on the African continent in which the Czech Republic maintains an embassy, which was moved from Harare to Lusaka. Zambia is consid-

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Ambassador Mukwita introducing his entourage to President Zeman

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ered a priority country in the official development assistance of the Czech Republic hence its desire to deepen cooperation across a variety of sectors.



(Above) Ambassador Mukwita poses with President Zeman, later, he presents a surprise gift of fresh flowers to Mrs Elaine Mukwita (R)

Since independence in 1964, Zambia has had diplomatic relations with the former Czechoslovakia which later split into two nations now known as the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. During that time, economic cooperation covered infrastructure investment, agriculture and education scholarships that saw Zambian students come to Prague for studies.



Ambassador Mukwita presenting his credentials



Partner with **Czech media** to promote **tourism** - official urges Zambia

...do reports on Zambia's tourism

By Embassy Staff Writer
Prague, November 17, 2018

The Zambian government must seriously consider enlisting the Czech Republic media in its efforts to attract and increase visitors into Zambia. Head of African countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Mrs. Nicol Adamcova said media reports have demonstrated their impact for good or bad when they report on any given subject.

"Media reports on Zambia's tourism and places of interest to holiday makers, for instance, if carried in the media here in the Czech Republic should help your efforts aimed at promoting tourism in your country", Mrs. Adamcova told Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita who is also accredited to the Czech Republic on a non-residential basis.

The Czech official told Ambassador Mukwita that countries on the African continent have been stereotyped for far too long depicted as warzones, poor and dangerous to visit, a picture she said "must be addressed if numbers of visitors from Europe are to increase".

In response, Ambassador Mukwita, a journalist by training, said there was a tendency in some sections of the international media and some commentators to speak of Africa as a country and yet Africa is a continent.

He said as a result conflicts in one or two countries are commented upon or reported as though the entire continent was affected by the event in question.

"Indeed, it's time we urgently addressed this wrong portrayal of Africa", the Zambian envoy said.

In recent years, the tourism section at the Zambian embassy in Berlin headed by Ms. Susan Katema has led famili-



Ms. Katema, First Secretary in charge of tourism desk

arization tours to Zambia in the company of some media personnel from Germany who, in turn, reported on the country's tourism opportunities.

Ambassador Mukwita said such initiatives must be increased so that the Zambian good story is shared by the many citizens of Europe who are looking for places outside their own countries to relax.

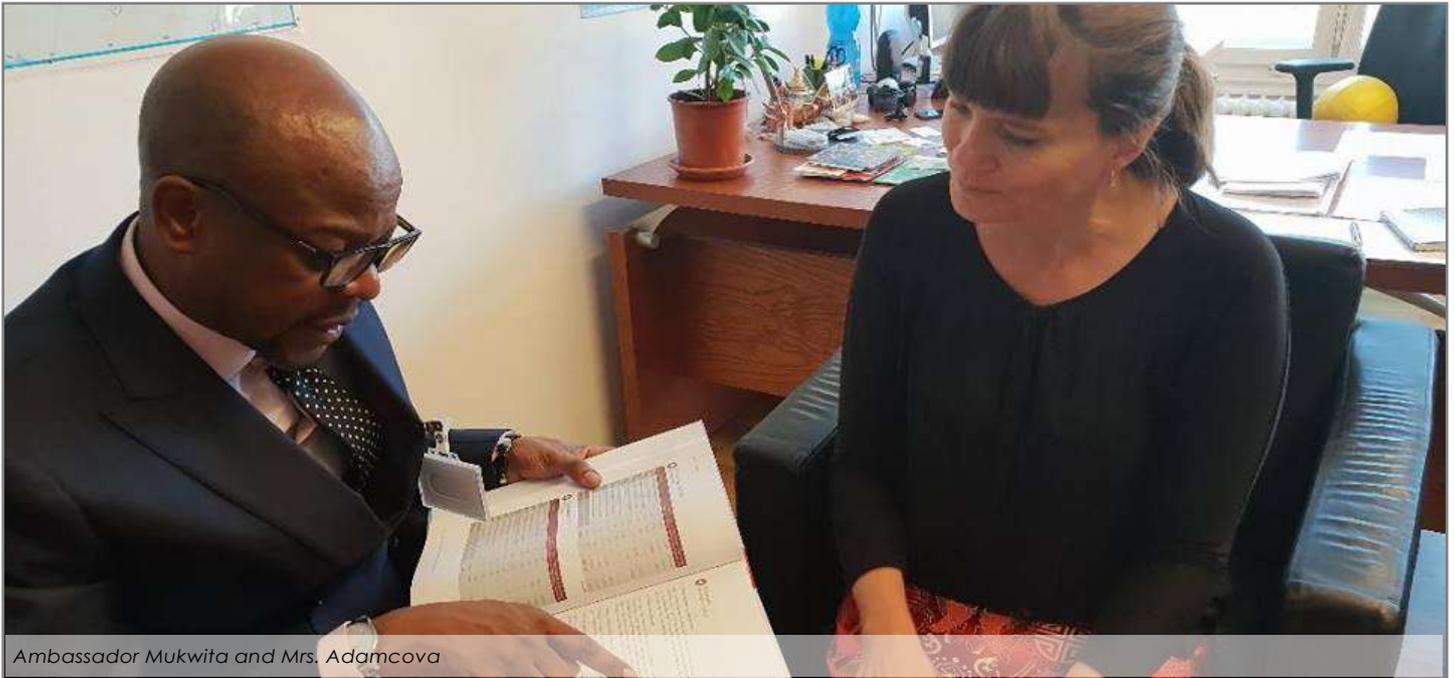
"In 2019, we have budgeted for media-related campaigns that should increase Zambia's visibility in countries of our extra-accreditation", said Ambassador Mukwita. The senior diplomat is accredited on a non-residential basis to Hungary, the Slovak Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Austria and the Czech Republic.



Amb. Mukwita with Head of African countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mrs. Nicol Adamcova



Zambia offers marvelous canoeing and game expeditions to tourists



Ambassador Mukwita and Mrs. Adamcova

‘Czech Foreign Minister is ready to come’

...we want to increase diplomatic relations between the two countries

By Embassy Staff Writer
Prague, November 14, 2018

The Czech Republic Foreign Minister Mr. Tomas Petricek is ready to come to Zambia as part of efforts to escalate diplomatic relations between the two countries. Speaking in the Czech capital of Prague, Department of African countries Head Mrs. Nicol Adamcova said her government wants to consolidate her relations with the government of Zambia.

“We have moved our embassy from Harare to Lusaka where we will be coordinating our interests from in some of the countries of the southern African region”, Mrs. Adamcova said. She was speaking when Zambia’s Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita, who was in Prague for the presentation of his credentials as ambassador to the Czech Republic on a non-residential basis, paid a courtesy call on her.

Since reopening the embassy in Lusaka, which was closed at the beginning of the 1990s, the Czech Republic has embarked on projects in the agricultural sector that includes food processing.

In addition, the Czech Republic has identified investment opportunities and areas of official development cooperation in the energy sector defined as hydro generation and solar power plants.

“We want to signify our desire to consolidate our relations with Zambia with a visit of our foreign Minister to your

country”, Mrs. Adamcova said. Recently, the deputy Defense Minister of the Czech Republic was in Zambia and in turn the Zambian Defense Minister is expected to be visiting Prague as part of efforts to increase official cooperation.

“With your accreditation as ambassador to the Czech Republic, we can escalate our diplomatic relations”, Mrs. Adamcova told Ambassador Mukwita.

In response, the Zambian envoy told the Czech official that President Edgar Lungu was ready to escalate relations especially economic diplomacy.

“I am a bearer of the message from President Lungu that he is ready for economic diplomacy for the good of the peoples of the two countries”, the Zambian senior diplomat said.

“We have moved our embassy from Harare to Lusaka to coordinate our interests from some of the countries of the Southern African region,” ADAMCOVA

Ambassador Mukwita expressed optimism at the prospects of increased cooperation especially that the Czech Republic has identified areas of cooperation that are in line with President Lungu’s priority sectors.

These include the agricultural and energy sectors in which deliberate policy decisions have been taken to facilitate investment.

For instance, in the agricultural sector, the Zambian government has set aside one million hectares of land for agricultural investment while scrapping subsidies in the energy sector to pave way for private sector investment.

Czechs increase scholarships for Zambian students

...scholarship slots jump from 4 to 15 per year



University of West Bohemia

By Embassy Staff Writer
Prague, November 14, 2018

The Czech Republic has increased Zambian scholarship slots from 4 to 15 per year. The scholarships cover medicine, agriculture, mining, veterinary medicine and Information Technology, IT.

Director of the department for African countries Mrs. Nicol Adamcova said in Prague the increase was a reflection of the importance the Czech Republic attaches to its relations with Zambia.

"You know that Zambia is one of the only six countries on the African continent that we have diplomatic relations with", Mrs. Adamcova said. She made the disclosure in her office when Zambia's ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita paid a courtesy call on her ahead of his presentation of credentials to President Milos Zeman.

In response, Ambassador Mukwita expressed gratitude to the Czech Republic for their gesture in helping to build the Zambian human capital.

"We are extremely grateful for this gesture as the areas of study you have chosen are all relevant to the economic priorities of the government of President Edgar Lungu",

Ambassador Mukwita said.

The Zambian envoy who, upon presentation of credentials became an ambassador to the Czech Republic on a non-residential basis, said under President Lungu the development of human capital is paramount.

Since the Patriotic Front government assumed power in 2011, there has been a rapid expansion of technical, vocational and university schools countrywide. In just about every one of the country's ten provinces there is either a university, a college or a technical and vocational training school.

The policy of the government of President Lungu is to empower especially the young population with education so that they may interact effectively with the real world and the challenges it presents.

At the World Bank/IMF board meetings that took place in Bali, Indonesia recently, a meeting attended by the Zambian Minister of Finance Mrs. Margarete Mwanakatwe, delegates urged governments globally to re-align their development priorities by investing in people.

Delegates reasoned that countries that have prioritized investment in people have done reasonably well in their development activities.



University of West Bohemia



SID Bank delegation in discussions with the DBZ team on mutual business cooperation between the two institutions in Ljubljana

We are **diversifying** financial engagement – Mukwita

... **DBZ CEO and team confers with his Slovenian counterparts**

By Embassy Staff Writer

Ljubljana, 7 November, 2018

President Edgar Lungu wants to diversify financial engagement by cooperating with different development banking institutions around the world. Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita made the remarks in the Slovenia capital of Ljubljana. This was at the beginning of a meeting between the Development Bank of Zambia and the Slovenian Export Investment Bank, known locally as SID Bank.

"Zambia may be big in terms of the size of the country and the size of her population but compared to Slovenia we are small because your GDP is around 60 billion which beats us by far", Ambassador Mukwita said.

The Zambian envoy was in Slovenia leading a six-man delegation that included then Chief Executive Officer, CEO, of the Development Bank of Zambia Mr. Jacob Lushinga and two other senior officials Malama Mukonde and Alinaswe – both from the bank. In his remarks, Mr. Lushinga told the SID Bank 5-member delegation led by the bank president Mr. Sibil Svilan that the Zambian economy provided a variety of opportunities for investment.

"There are opportunities in tourism, agriculture, energy and mining, for example", Mr. Lushinga said. The DBZ chief said his team was exploring areas of cooperation with SID Bank as part of larger efforts to expand development cooperation beyond the current institutions the Zambian bank is dealing with.

"For instance, we have similar cooperative arrangements with China and we hope to do the same with SID Bank so that we may expand our resource mobilization efforts", Mr. Lushinga said. The DBZ CEO also wanted to forge a technical exchange program that should see Slovenia SID Bank officials visit the Zambian bank and assist in setting up their

business models that could enhance the quality of services rendered. "Or, we could have some of the staff from DBZ come to Slovenia and learn firsthand how SID Bank operates", SID Bank president Sibil Svilan said in response.

Mr. Svilan told the Zambian delegation that there were possible areas of cooperation in the tourism and energy sectors as the two were growing in Slovenia. "Beyond that there are Slovenian business houses that are expanding into Africa affording you an opportunity for cooperation", the SID Bank president said.

Under President Lungu, the Zambian economy has been expanding in various sectors, a development that requires significant amounts of investment funds. DBZ, owned entirely by the Zambian government, plays a major role in the mobilization of funds to realize the development goals of the country. To successfully undertake this role, the Zambian government has mandated the bank to explore other sources of funding.

On its part, the Zambian embassy in Berlin, is playing a part in resource mobilization in the context of President Lungu's economic diplomacy by organizing meetings between development and investment institutions in Zambia and those located both in the host country and in countries of extra accreditation such as Slovenia.



Ambassador Mukwita greets SID Bank officials



Our relations with China are mutual-Mukwita

...every country we've diplomatic relations with is unique in themselves

By Embassy Staff Writer
Ljubljana, November 11, 2018

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita has defended Zambia's relations with China describing them as mutually beneficial. Ambassador Mukwita dismissed as cynical and devoid of substance suggestions that China has bought some parts of Africa, Zambia included.

The Zambian envoy made the remarks in the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana to an audience of about 30 representatives of business and industry who had gathered for business presentations organized under the auspices of the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"Our total external debt is about US9.37 billion below 50 percent of our GDP and of this debt about 2 billion is owed to China. The rest is debt from the west contrary to suggestions made over and over again that our debt to China is the largest", Ambassador Mukwita explained in comments he made in response to suggestions made by some

participants that China was taking over African countries with debt. The Zambian envoy traced the history of Zambia's relations with China back to the days of liberation wars on the African continent especially in southern Africa.

He reminded the audience that Zambia's route to the sea through South Africa was blocked following the country's support for UN sanctions against the Ian Smith-led White Minority rule in neighboring Southern Rhodesia now Zimbabwe and then apartheid South Africa.

"We frantically searched for alternative routes to the sea because we needed to continue exporting and importing", Ambassador Mukwita said. The government of Kenneth Kaunda, President of Zambia at the time, sought assistance from the west including the World Bank for the construction of a rail line. Feasibility studies were commissioned but the west was unwilling to fund the project. In the meantime, Zambia imported her goods and exported her copper through Tanzania on a dusty road known at the time as hell-run while in some cases imports were airlifted – a huge cost to the country. Then President Kaunda in consultation with his Tanzanian counterpart Julius Nyerere turned to China.

The Chinese wasted no time in responding positively and urgently to the need providing financing and workers to build the rail line in record time defying media reports in the west that highlighted doubts and questions on the technical ability of the Chinese to undertake such an engineering feat.

The project cost over 400 million dollars at the time, an interest free loan that could be repaid up to 2013. Construction on the 1860km rail line took place between 1970 and 1975.



The Chinese have been doing a lot in infrastructure development

Let's honor freedom fighters through hardwork – Mukwita ...developments under President Lungu continue to honor them



Ambassador Mukwita addressing guests who ranged from Ambassadors to businessmen and women as depicted in the pictures

By Embassy Staff Writer
Berlin, October 27, 2018.

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita said the government of President Edgar Lungu has and continues to honor the country's freedom fighters by building economic development on the political freedom they fought for.

Addressing 160 guests at the Maritim Hotels in the German capital Berlin to toast Zambia's 54th Independence Anniversary, Ambassador Mukwita said President Lungu's government has improved the country's outlook in the infrastructure and social sectors fulfilling the dreams of the freedom fighters who wanted to see a better life for all.

"Since independence, we have had the same airport servicing only one million passengers per year but in a few months if not weeks, we are opening an ultramodern airport which will be servicing about 4 million passengers per year", Mr. Mukwita said amid applause.

The construction of the more 300 million dollar Kenneth Kaunda International Airport named after Zambia's first President comes at a time the Lungu government has revived Zambia Airways, a national carrier that post independence leaders launched but was liquidated in the 1990s after a new government assumed power.

The Zambian senior diplomat shared a number of advances in such sectors as primary health in which the number of deaths related to pregnancies or child development has drastically reduced owing to advances in government in-

vestment. At independence, Zambia was served by one major hospital in capital Lusaka supported by a handful of district hospitals and rural health centers and health posts. Under President Lungu, these efforts have been largely expanded upon with hundreds of health posts and each district with an ultramodern hospital performing more challenging medical procedures.

In recent months, Zambian doctors have performed medical procedures that would have been considered unthinkable at independence such as the separation of Siamese twins, heart surgeries and a kidney transplant.

President Lungu's government has also revived a State investment initiative called Industrial Development Corporation, IDC, whose mandate is to manage public investments. Under the post independence government of President Kaunda, public investments were coordinated under such bodies as INDECO, FINDECO and MINDECO.

The scrapping of such entities after the Kaunda government lost power in 1991 received mixed feelings with some observers criticizing the move as lacking economic justification. Under the PF government, the move is seen as acknowledgement of the fact that the State has a role to play in economic affairs.

"This is not to say that it has been smooth sailing for President Lungu", Ambassador Mukwita said, adding, "but these achievements must inspire us to work harder comfortable in the knowledge that we have what it takes to overcome our challenges".

ZAMBIA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Zambia's Application for Certificate of Registration

The Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) Act No. 11 of 2006 offers a wide range of incentives in the form of exemptions & concessions for companies investing in a priority sector or product as per ZDA Act. Anyone wishing to apply for Certificate of Registration must submit the following documents:

Completed formal application form obtainable from the Zambia Development Agency offices; Kindly note that application forms that are incorrectly filled, incomplete or altered will NOT be processed.

- ◆ Copy of certificate of Incorporation;
- ◆ Copy of certificate of share capital;
- ◆ Copy of an official list of shareholders and/or directors;
- ◆ Business plan and/or feasibility study;
- ◆ Verifiable evidence of project finance; bank statements (in English), loans, credit facilities, verifiable invoices and bill of lading for equipment & machinery etc.
- ◆ Brief resumes/CVs for shareholders and/or directors;
- ◆ Certified Identity cards of shareholders and/or directors
- ◆ Non-refundable application processing fee of K1,280.00 (Cash or Managers' Cheque).
- ◆ License fee of K7,670.00 (Cash or Managers' Cheque). This is payable on collection of the certificate of registration.

2.0 Qualifying Thresholds

The Act provides for investment thresholds that have to be met to qualify for fiscal and non-fiscal incentives. Projects that qualify may be new or existing ones undergoing expansion or modernization. These are the categories of investors who can be considered under the ZDA Act.

Investors who invest not less than US\$500,000 are entitled to the following fiscal incentives:

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing incentives only apply to activities located in a Multi-facility Economic Zone, an Industrial Park or a Rural area

Incentives that apply:

Accelerated depreciation on capital equipment and machinery (fixed assets)

Zero percent import duty rate on capital equipment and

machinery for five years.

PRIORITY SECTORS

Investors who invest not less than US\$500,000 in a priority sector are entitled to the following fiscal incentive:

Zero percent import duty rate on capital equipment and machinery for five years

The priority sectors are listed below:

2.3 CONSTRUCTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, EXCLUDING RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND REFURBISHMENT

Education: Construction of education and skills training institutions

Health: Construction of health centers' as defined under the Health Professions Act 2009.

Tourism:

- ◆ Construction and establishment of hotels
- ◆ Construction and establishment of convention centers
- ◆ Construction and establishment of exhibition centers
- ◆ Construction and establishment of museums
- ◆ Construction and establishment of Theme parks
- ◆ Construction and establishment of art galleries
- ◆ Construction and establishment of theatres;

Construction and establishment of a large retail complex containing a variety of ten or more stores, restaurants or other business establishments housed in a series of connected or adjacent buildings or in a single large building.

Housing:

Development of fifty (50) or more houses erected or maintained under one management or control on land developed specifically for the citing of such houses in accordance with a comprehensive plan which provides for the laying out of roads and the furnishing and availability of services essential or ancillary to the use of such building as houses;

Agriculture: construction of crop and grain storage facilities and

2.4 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

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Power: building, installation of power stations

Fuel:

Building and installation of processing and refinery plants for bio-fuel;

- ◆ Construction of petroleum refineries
- ◆ Construction of pipelines
- ◆ Construction of rural filling stations

Water Supply

- ◆ Construction of Depots;
- ◆ Construction of Dams
- ◆ Construction of irrigation canals; and
- ◆ Construction of water and sewerage treatment plants

Non- Fiscal incentives

Investment guarantees and protection against state nationalization;

Free facilitation for application of immigration permits, secondary licenses, land acquisition and utilities

Investors who invest an amount not less than US\$250,000 in any sector or product under the Act is entitled to non-fiscal incentives as follows;

- (i) Investment guarantees and protection against state nationalization;
- (ii) Free facilitation for application of immigration permits, secondary licenses, land acquisition and utilities

The Certificate of Registration is valid for ten (10) years from the date of issue. The investor may apply for renewal of the Certificate of Registration before the date of its expiry.

4.0 Secondary Licenses

Listed below are examples of secondary licenses that a company might require.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

All investment projects require either a project brief or a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that is done by the Zambia Environmental Management Authority (ZEMA)

Telecommunication License

Projects in telecommunication such as mobile cellular companies, internet service providers (ISPs), etc require a telecommunication license obtained from Zambia Information Communications and Technology Authority of Zambia (ZICTA)

Tourism Licenses

Hotels, Safaris hunting/walks, Tour Guides, Casinos, Restaurants, Night clubs, projects operating in national parks and Game Management Areas (GMAs), etc require licenses and permits from Zambia National Tourist Board (ZNTB), Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) and Local Municipalities

Financial and non financial Institutions such as Banks and Bureaus require approval from Bank of Zambia

Insurance companies and insurance brokers require authority from the Pensions and Insurance Authority (PIA) or Securities Exchange Commission (SEC).

Medical projects such as clinics, surgeries, dispensaries and drug companies require approval from the Pharmaceutical regulatory Authority (PRA)

Stock brokers have to be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Manufacturing projects require a manufacturer's license from local municipalities.



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Honourable Minister of Tourism and Natural Resources, Ms Jean Kapata with the expert delegates from Zambia at COP24 Katowice meeting

‘Experts, don’t come empty handed’, Kapata ...our people expect results

By Embassy Staff Writer
Katowice, December 5, 2018

The Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ms. Jean Kapata urged Zambian experts at the 2nd to 14 December climate change meeting in the Polish city of Katowice to get a share of the resources needed to implement climate change programs and projects in Zambia.

Ms. Kapata, who is also Member of Parliament for Mandevu constituency said the experts needed to ensure that they did not leave the meeting empty handed.

“You heard the Secretary General of the United Nations’ message to this conference that we are in deep trouble as an international community owing to our failure to quickly address climate change”, the Minister said as she encouraged the 14-member delegation to embrace their responsibilities seriously.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources Mr. Trevor Kaunda urged the experts to help create an understanding among lawmakers and ordinary people what they were doing in climate change.

He noted that while there were projects addressing climate change in various constituencies, experts needed to devise ways of educating the public to understand them as such. “When you visit constituencies, MPs may be asking what you are doing there in climate change because your work as experts is also to show both lawmakers and ordinary people the linkages”, Mr. Kaunda said.



Part of the Experts from Zambia at COP24

On his part, Zambia’s Ambassador to Germany and Poland, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita told the Zambian delegation that his mission is expected to make follow ups beyond COP 24. “There are decisions to be made at this conference and it is our duty as an embassy to play our part in ensuring the implementation of promises made”, said Mr. Mukwita. The Zambian team of experts divided itself into the five major thematic areas of the conference that include resource mobilization, technology, capacity building, and issues related to the operationalization of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

The two-week-long conference that ended on the 14th of December was expected to come up with a framework of implementing the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Zambia experienced devastating effects of climate change between 2015 and 2016 when rainfall levels dropped drastically forcing mining companies to slow down copper production due to shortages in energies as load shedding kicked in while the crop yield reduced drastically due to power harvests resulting into house hold poverty.

Zambia depends largely on hydro generated power therefore making it an easy victim of adverse climate change effects such as droughts and floods. President Edgar Lungu was invited to the conference but delegated the responsibility to his Minister of Lands and Natural Resources Ms. Jean Kapata who was accompanied by her Permanent Secretary Mr. Trevor Kaunda. Some 28,000 diplomats, government officials, activists and scientists including some 40 Heads of State and Government attended the conference that must shape the way the globe could keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Accept scientific report - Mukwita

...as some countries continue to treat climate change a hoax

By Embassy Staff Writer
Katowice, December 13, 2018

The Zambian government has called on the international community to accept the view by scientists that unless world governments act quickly, planet earth faces the real risk of endangering all life forms by 2030.

Government says there is sufficient evidence everywhere in the world to confirm the rapid deterioration and disintegration of life support systems on planet earth.

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita delivered the Zambian position to the climate change conference in the Polish city of Katowice.

"We are heavily dependent on water for the production of electricity but we saw the clear effects of climate change in the 2015/2016 rainy season when poor rainfall lead to low water levels and subsequently to inadequate electricity production", ambassador Mukwita told a high level meeting consisting government representatives representing 196 countries.

He shared the experiences of load shedding and the loss of business and loss of employment across several sectors of the Zambian economy.

Given this experience, ambassador Mukwita told the conference that Zambia has put in place a national policy on climate change that serves as a framework for the formulation of programs aimed at addressing climate change.

Zambia has prioritized among other sectors energy and agriculture due to their vulnerability to forces of nature.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC, a grouping of experts, presented a report that warned that human activities were contributing significantly to natural disasters and unpredictable weather patterns.

To arrest the trend, the scientists have suggested the adoption of renewable energies and a significant reduction in the consumption of such fossil fuels as oil and coal.



PS in the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources Mr. Trevor Kaunda with Ambassador Mukwita

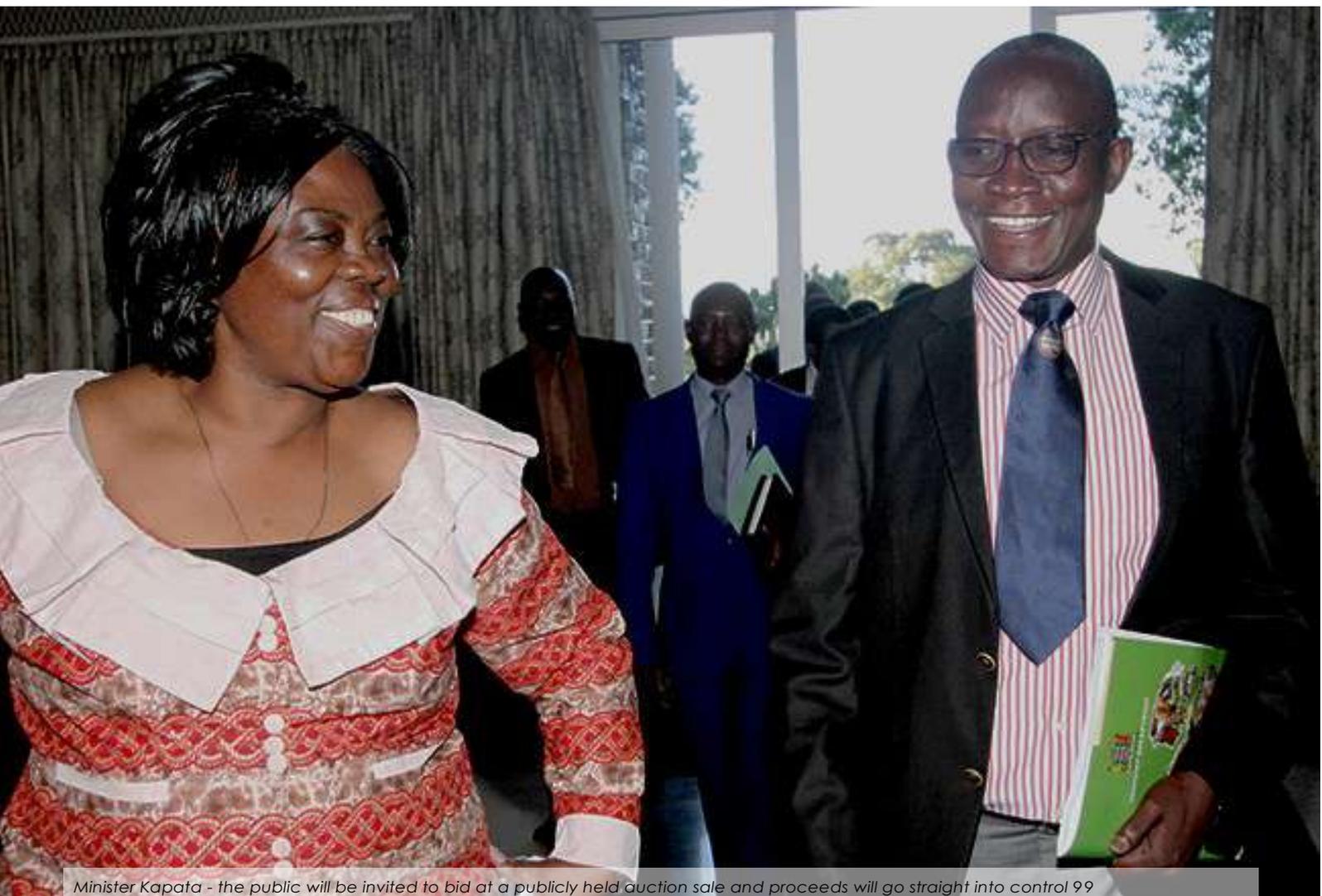
The scientists have suggested keeping the global temperature at 1.5 degrees by the year 2030 if planet earth is to sustain any life forms.

The Katowice meeting was the 24th Conference of the Parties otherwise known as COP24. These are parties to the 2015 Paris Agreement who have been meeting every year to draw up rules of implementing and monitoring adherence to rules for the actualization of the agreement.

Experts representing governments that are signatories to the Paris Agreement met 2nd to the 14th of December 2018 to negotiate guidelines all so known as the Rule Book for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

About 14 Zambian experts representing different Ministries and departments along with members of civil society were part of the negotiations. The meeting closed December 14.

“Zambia has put in place a national policy on climate change that serves as a framework for the formulation of programs aimed at addressing climate change”, MUKWITA



Minister Kapata - the public will be invited to bid at a publicly held auction sale and proceeds will go straight into control 99

Mukula tree to go under the hammer – Kapata

...it's for the benefit of all Zambians that's why ZRA is in to help us

By Embassy Staff Writer
Krakow, December 7, 2018

The Zambian government has decided that the Mukula tree will be undergoing auction sales for the benefit of the country, the Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources Ms. Jean Kapata has said.

Ms. Kapata said the ban on the sale of the Mukula tree by the private sector will not be lifted but instead government will own the process on behalf of the Zambian people.

The Minister, who is also a Member of Parliament for Mandevu constituency made the statement in the former Polish capital of Krakow shortly before her return to Lusaka.

She was in Poland to attend the Conference of Parties, otherwise known as COP24, a UN-organized meeting called to negotiate guidelines for the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change.

"Government will assume sole ownership of the harvest of

the Mukula tree but will invite anyone to come and bid at a publicly held auction sale and the proceeds will go straight into control 99, a government bank account" Ms. Kapata said.

The Minister said the government of President Edgar Lungu is fully aware of the discussions and interest around the Mukula tree and has therefore taken this position as the best way to spread the benefits of this natural resource across the country.

Ms. Kapata said the Mukula tree is too valuable to be left to a small part of the population to reap the benefits.

The Zambian government has established a committee comprising selected Ministries, the House of Chiefs and the Zambia Revenue Authority to look into the operationalization of the policy on the sale of the Mukula tree.

Authorities expect the modalities to be worked out soon so that Zambians may begin to enjoy the benefits arising from

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Minister Kapata listening to the Zambian delegation at the Katowice conference

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their natural resources. Experts say the tree, used for several purposes around the world that include the manufacture of furniture and medicine, grows in abundance in several parts of Zambia.

In most instances, the experts say, where one big Mukula

tree stands, there is normally about five small ones growing in close proximity. The tree takes several decades to fully mature.

The honorable Minister of Lands observed that since the ban was imposed on the harvesting of the Mukula tree, there has been a significant drop in reports of illegal dealings.



President Edgar Lungu is fully aware of the discussions and interest around the Mukula tree

For those dealing in other types of wood such as rosewood, Ms. Kapata said government is encouraging value addition as opposed to the sale of raw materials.

"We do not want to be importing finished wood products such as furniture when this can be done here in the country and create jobs for our people", the Minister said.

Zambians are being encouraged to open companies in different provinces of the country for purposes of working in the wood sector.



President Alexander Van de Bellen of Austria

President Lungu calls for **increased ties with Austria**

...the cooperation potential is immense for the betterment of citizens in both nations

By Embassy Staff Writer
Berlin, October 31, 2018

President Edgar Chagwa Lungu has called for deeper cooperation between Zambia and Austria. President Lungu said he is prepared to nurture the relationship between the two countries for the betterment of the citizens of both nations.

This was contained in a letter by President Lungu and addressed to President Alexander Van de Bellen of Austria to mark that country's national day, which fell on Friday the 26th of October. "While I also wish to commend Austria for assuming the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, I wish to assure Your Excellency that as Chair of the Southern Africa Development Community, SADC, Organ Troika on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation, Zambia looks forward to working closely with Austria in attaining global peace and security", President Lungu's letter read in part.

Zambia's ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita is also accredited to Austria on a non-residential basis. Austria, on the other hand, recently opened a consulate in Zambia. Honorary Consul Heinz Messenger, an Austrian prominent businessman, represents Zambia in Austria. Austria is home to several United Nations agencies that

include the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, among others whose programs Zambia has an interest in.

One of the latest examples of the potential that exists in the Zambia/Austria relations is the concession agreement signed by the Road Transport and Safety Agency, RTSA, for the Zambian government with Intelligent Solution Mobility, a consortium of two companies – KAPSH of Austria and LAMISE investments of Zambia.

Developed as a Public Private Partnership, PPP, the concession is intended for the implementation of a road safety management system in Zambia. Under the agreement, both LAMISE and KAPSH will finance the installation of speed cameras to enforce traffic law enforcement and construct modern motor vehicle inspection centers across the country among other things.

The project is expected to improve road safety as Zambia has in recent years witnessed the loss of thousands of lives on its roads. In addition, the project is expected to add to job numbers. At a recent meeting Ambassador Mukwita held with honorary consuls, the Austrian honorary consul said the potential for economic cooperation between Zambia and his country was immense and that it was entirely up to the Zambian government to turn such potential into tangible benefits for Zambians.

'Zambia's Climate Change efforts on course'

...Africa GreenCo says removal of energy subsidies was right decision

By Embassy Staff Writer
Krakow, December 3,
2018

Africa GreenCo, an energy solutions company, has expressed optimism at Zambia's efforts to combat the effects of climate change. Speaking when she paid a courtesy call on Zambia's ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita, company co-founder Ana Hadjuka says the efforts by government to diversify the country's energy sector will reduce Zambia's vulnerability to the effects of climate change.

She was speaking against the backdrop of the United Nations-organized climate change conference, otherwise known as COP24, taking place in the Polish city of Katowice.

"We have noted President Lungu's decision to scrap energy subsidies thereby paving the way for private sector investment", Ms. Hadjuka said.

She said the practical measures taken by the Zambian government motivated her company to seek opportunities to work in the country's energy sector as the latter undergoes changes in line with the dictates of climate change.

Ambassador Mukwita said the government of President Lungu took climate change seriously having experienced one of the most devastating power shortages that threatened the whole economy between 2015 and 2016.

This was owing to low water levels in the Zambezi River on which the Kariba Dam, the source of hydro power in Zambia is located, a phenomenon experts attributed to climate



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change.

"This is why Zambia is represented at this conference by the Hon. Minister of Lands and Natural Resources Ms. Jean Kapata for purposes of adding our voice to the global narrative on climate change", said ambassador Mukwita.

Africa GreenCo has been in discussions with the Zambian government regarding the possibility of setting up a jointly-owned but independently managed creditworthy intermediary offtaker that should attract private investment in renewable energies in the country.

Since Zambia's independence 54 years ago, government has borne the financial burdens of shoring up the operations of the electricity supply company, ZESCO. However, the model proposed by Africa GreenCo shifts the burden to the markets.

For its operational capital, Africa GreenCo has applied for funding from sources that include Green Climate Fund, GCF, while a full funding proposal of \$100 million dollars was submitted earlier this year by the African Development Bank and the Development Bank of Southern Africa with a letter of support from the ministry of National Planning in its role as Zambia's National Designated Authority for GCF.

The Africa GreenCo proposal for Zambia was also approved by the European Commission under the External Investment Plan in July this year under the leadership of AFD (the French Development Bank). Other funding is expected from Partnerships for Green Growth and the Global Goals, P4G.



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Solar panel source of energy



Ambassador Mukwita - this vote of confidence in Zambia is yet again another example of Germany's desire to continue working with Zambia

Germany stance cheers envoy

...Ambassador Mukwita calls it a vote of confidence in Zambia

By Embassy Staff Writer
Berlin, November 29, 2018

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita said the successful negotiations of development cooperation that were concluded between Zambia and Germany set the stage for more stronger ties between the two countries.

Ambassador Mukwita said the Berlin Mission was excited by the outcome and looks forward to deepening relations and exploring more areas of cooperation.

"This is yet again another example of Germany's desire to continue working with Zambia for the benefit of the peoples of the two countries", the Zambian senior diplomat said. Mr. Mukwita noted that being the largest economy in Europe, continued engagement with Germany meant a lot as Zambia continues to engage other countries on the international front.

Between the 27th and the 28th of November 2018, Zambia and Germany held negotiations for the 2019 development cooperation framework. The negotiations resulted in Germany reaffirming the country's continued support for Zambia's development efforts.

During the negotiations, Germany noted Zambia's positive steps in the energy sector and in the support for refugees.

At the same time, Germany called for increased commitment to issues of governance and the fight against corruption.

For the 2019-2020 period, the German government has committed 62,98 million euros (K850 million) focusing on programs such as financial governance, civil society participation, support to the decentralization process, renewable energy, capacity building in the water sector and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Further more, an additional 10 million Euros has been committed for the support of refugee programs, especially for the Congolese refugees that fled into Zambia recently. "This support is a vote of confidence in the leadership of President Edgar Lungu and an encouragement for all of us to do more", Ambassador Mukwita said.

Ambassador Mukwita said the embassy in Berlin will, in 2019, begin to engage the German government on its Marshal Plan with Africa as well as the G20 Compact with Africa. The two programs provide a framework through which the German government wishes to engage with African countries.

The German government has spent over a billion euros over the last fifty years of the country's relations with Zambia covering a whole range of sectors.



Chikunto Lodge management visits Ambassador Anthony Mukwita for business liaisons as Mukwita appreciates ZRA Commissioner General, Kingsley Chanda (far left picture) for the thorough and helpful manner his staff moved in to ensure that the investors resolve their issues they had with their investment

Thank you ZRA - Ambassador Mukwita

...for being a partner in economic diplomacy by being investor friendly

By Embassy Staff Writer
Berlin, October 14, 2018

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita has commended the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) for their swift and prompt response to matters related to foreign direct investment or FDI. Ambassador Mukwita said ZRA recently resolved in record time, a matter in which a German businessman owner of Chikunto Lodge Jens Kant sought clarity on specialised vehicles he imported for use in his investment.

"When we brought the investor's concerns to the attention of ZRA Commissioner General Mr. Kingsley Chanda, a solution was found within hours which to us demonstrates that ZRA wants to resolve rather than grow problems," Ambassador Mukwita noted.

Mr. Mukwita who also thanked the German investor for being 'flexible' said it was gratifying to note that ZRA recognized the role of embassies in facilitating investment and the need for a swift resolution of various concerns. "We would like other govern-



Chikunto Lodge comfortable room

ment institutions to emulate ZRA in realizing that embassies play a gatekeeper role in business hence the need to treat seriously and urgently matters brought to their attention", Ambassador Mukwita advised. The senior diplomat said the work of ZRA has been exemplary under the leadership of Commissioner General Kingsley Chanda as the institution continues beating its collection targets.

These collections, Ambassador Mukwita said enable government to run every aspect of its social delivery system. "Government employs Doctors and nurses because ZRA collected taxes; we go to bed and work up safe because

ZRA collected and so the police, soldiers and other security officers got paid and did their jobs; our children go to school and learn because ZRA collected so the teachers got paid; in foreign missions, we are able to facilitate investment because ZRA responds when we call", the Zambian envoy said.

When President Edgar Lungu came into office, Zambia's diplomacy took an economic emphasis shifting the paradigm from politics that had dominated the country's foreign relations since independence in 1964. Consequently, the bulk of activities preoccupying embassies is trade and investment.

The embassy in Berlin has seen a steady increase in the flow of investment and investment enquiries in sectors such as agriculture, energy and tourism. In the agricultural



Chikunto Lodge excellent tourist facilities

sector, Amatheon, a German company has pumped in about 80 million dollars in the Mumbwa area while the German development bank KfW is currently rolling out a hundred million dollar solar power initiative, which will add a 100megawatt of

energy to the national grid. This is against the backdrop of about 1 billion dollars worth of development assistance from the German government since Zambia became an independent nation.

"All these activities come with responsibilities on our part as an embassy and various ministries, entities and individuals back home in Zambia", Ambassador Mukwita observed, adding, "swift and prompt responses to concerns raised by our partners is key to the success of President Lungu's visionary leadership especially economic diplomacy".

Let's love one another - President Lungu



On Tuesday, Christmas day, President Edgar Lungu spent his Christmas doing exactly what the day is all about: thanking and praising God for the gift of a Messiah at St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Kabulonga, on Leopards Hill Road in Lusaka.

The President urged people to love one another, saying, there is nothing better than true love. Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, Anthony Mukwita joined the Head of State as well as other senior State House officials that included Presidential Affairs Minister, Freedom Sikazwe and Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations, Amos Chanda. The President gave special attention, greeting children.





Moving for Climate Now participants pose for photo with Ambassador Mukwita

Cycling to save the earth

By Embassy Staff Writer
Krakow (Poland), December 1, 2018

A 40 member cycling team that belongs to a movement called *Moving For Climate Now*, arrived Sunday, December the 2nd in Katowice, Poland, the venue for the Conference Of the Parties, COP, which takes place every year to discuss the state of the global climate.

The bicycle rally started off from Vienna, the Austrian capital on the 26th of November covering over 600 km in temperatures as cold as zero degrees at times. Using electric bicycles, the initiative was intended to raise awareness of the need to act urgently against climate change using whatever available means.

The Movement for Climate Now was expected upon their arrival to present their manifesto to the United Nations Executive Secretariat for Climate Change. The manifesto reads in part, "the Katowice Climate Conference is going to be very important because now is the time to finalize the main elements of the Paris Agreement".

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita was expected to join the cyclists Monday morning as they cycled a few kilometers but due to adverse weather, the organizers restricted participation to professional cyclists only.

The Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ms. Jean Kapata arrived in Poland on the 2nd of December accompanied by her Permanent Secretary Mr. Trevor Kaunda. President Edgar Lungu had been invited to the conference along with other Heads of State and government but delegated Ms. Kapata as part of austerity meas-

ures that Zambia recently adopted in line with efforts to achieve fiscal stability. The conference took place against a backdrop of some of the worst natural disasters in recent history among them the California fires that destroyed a whole community of Paradise claiming scores of lives with hundreds more unaccounted for.

Scientists have warned that natural disasters are expected to increase, as governments do not appear to take decisive steps to slow the warming of the earth that is caused by human activities.

Between 2015 and 2016, Zambia experienced one of the worst power shortages in the country's history leading to power outages that on some occasions would last as long as eight to ten hours.

The mines, the country's major economic sector lost business and was forced to lay off a significant portion of the workforce. Experts attributed the unprecedented low water levels on the Zambezi River on which the Kariba Dam, the source of Hydro generated power is located, to climate change.

As part of efforts to combat the effects of climate change, the government of President Lungu has embarked on the diversification of the energy sector to include solar and wind energy while reducing dependence on the rain-fed hydro generated power technology.

The government has also embarked on the planting of a million trees in an effort to protect, among other natural resources, headwaters that ensure the flow of rivers that in turn ensure food security.

Never take **peace** for granted - Mukwita

.....as he toured Auschwitz, the factory of death



This is Auschwitz, a concentration camp in Poland where NAZI Germany killed 1.2million Jews and suspected Jewish sympathizers

By Embassy Staff Writer
Krakow, December 8, 2018

Zambia's peace and political stability, one of the major prerequisites for foreign direct investment, must be guarded jealously, says His Excellency Anthony Mukwita, Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Zambian envoy made the remarks shortly after an emotional tour of Auschwitz, a concentration camp in Poland where NAZI Germany gassed and killed through firing squads 1.2 million Jews and innocent Poles, Hungarian and French people suspected to be sympathetic to Jews.

"The indescribable cruelty and gruesome ignorant acts of senseless violence that took place in this camp is the most eloquent argument ever made in history as to why human beings anywhere in the world must guard peace and stability with intense jealousy", Ambassador Mukwita said.

A father of two young boys, the Zambian envoy was evidently touched and shaken to see on display shoes of little

children, and a heap of women's hair who were gassed to death in chambers under the pretext that they were being sent to take a shower. Before they were gassed to death, women had their long hair shaved, which was later sold and used to make linen.

There is a heap of clutches and other walking aides used by the physically disabled Jews who, by virtue of their physical disabilities were obvious gas targets because NAZI extremists regarded them as less human who were better off dead.

The evidence of one of the worst forms of human cruelty unleashed against fellow human beings is all over the camp among them personal items such as suitcases, combs, cooking utensils, sleeping facilities, reading glasses, and many more, belongings of the victims.

The walls are littered with photographs of victims with some depicting the arrival of trains at the camp, a selection of victims going for immediate slaughter among them chil-

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Inside the execution Gas Chambers



This was the wall against which Jewish prisoners were shot

dren under the age of ten.

"This is why President Lungu has always prioritized peace in his practice of politics", Ambassador Mukwita said, adding, "he gave up the instruments of power peacefully which were left with him by the late Michael Sata, the fifth President of Zambia".

In a similar vein, he noted that Presidents Kenneth Kaunda and Rupiah Banda also handed over power peacefully to their successors sending a message to all Zambians that peace was important for the existence of all life forms.

Ambassador Mukwita appealed to Zambians to treat every human being with dignity and respect warning that the forces of evil are potentially resident in the life of every individual and could be unleashed any time if mismanaged.

The senior diplomat arrived in Poland to attend the UN organized climate change conference that opened on the 2nd of December and ends on the 14th. President Edgar Lungu was represented at the meeting by the Honorable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources Ms. Jean Kapata who was accompanied by Ministry Permanent Secretary Mr. Trevor Kaunda.

Ambassador Mukwita took off sometime to visit the concentration camp located 65 km outside Krakow, the former capital of Poland to get a first hand feel of what human cruelty is capable of doing against fellow human beings if differences escalated unabated.

An estimated 6 million Jews were killed by Adolf Hitler's NAZI Germany in the early 1940s blaming them for any misfortune imagined no matter how illogical it was. In several parts of Europe where the Jews lived, present governments have established museums and other memorial facilities to remind the current and future generations of the dark past in the hope they may always guard the peace and stability being enjoyed today.

As a reminder of the importance of history, a quote from George Santanyana is posted on the walls of one of the buildings at the concentration camp, which reads, "If we don't learn from the past, we're bound to repeat the mistakes".

Recently, CNN conducted a poll across Europe, which sadly revealed that anti-Semitism or hatred for Jews is on the rise with some younger respondents claiming they had

CZERWIEC 1940 R.
POCZĄTEK DEPORTACJI POLAKÓW. NAZIŚCI SKIEROWALI DO KL. AUSCHWITZ 140 000 - 150 000 POLSKICH WIĘZNIÓW. POŁOWA Z NICH ZGINĘŁA W OBOZIE.

CZERWIEC 1941 R.
POCZĄTEK DEPORTACJI 25 000 WIĘZNIÓW INNYCH NARODOWOŚCI. OKOŁO POŁOWA Z NICH ZGINĘŁA W OBOZIE.

LATO 1941 R.
POCZĄTEK DEPORTACJI 15 000 SOWIECKICH JEŃCÓW WOJENNYCH. WIĘKSZOŚĆ Z NICH STRACIŁA ŻYCIE. PRZETRWAŁI NIELICZNI.

MARZEC 1942 R.
POCZĄTEK MASOWEJ DEPORTACJI 1 100 000 ŻYDÓW. AUSCHWITZ ZACZAŁ PEŁNIĆ DWIE FUNKCJE: BĘDĄC NADAL OBOZEM KONCENTRACYJNYM STAŁ SIĘ MIEJSCEM HOLOKAUSTU, NAJWIĘKSZEGO MASOWEGO MORDU W DZIEJACH LUDZKOŚCI DOKONANEGO PRZEZ NAZISTÓW. OKOŁO 1 000 000 DEPORTOWANYCH ŻYDÓW ZOSTAŁO ZAMORDOWANYCH PRZEZ ESESMAŃÓW GŁÓWNIEM W KOMORACH GAZOWYCH.

LUTY 1943 R.
POCZĄTEK DEPORTACJI 23 000 ROMÓW (CYGANÓW). 21 000 Z NICH ZGINĘŁO.

JUNE 1940
BEGINNING OF DEPORTATIONS OF POLES. THE NAZIS SENT 140-150,000 POLISH PRISONERS TO THE CAMP, WHERE HALF OF THEM PERISHED.

JUNE 1941
BEGINNING OF DEPORTATIONS OF 25,000 PRISONERS OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES. ABOUT HALF OF THEM PERISHED IN THE CAMP.

SUMMER 1941
BEGINNING OF DEPORTATIONS OF 15,000 SOVIET POWs. MOST DIED DURING THEIR IMPRISONMENT. ONLY FEW SURVIVED.

MARCH 1942
BEGINNING OF DEPORTATIONS OF 1.1 MILLION JEWS. AUSCHWITZ STARTED FULFILLING TWO FUNCTIONS; WHILST REMAINING A CONCENTRATION CAMP, IT BECAME YET ANOTHER SITE OF THE HOLOCAUST, THE BIGGEST MASS MURDER IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, PERPETRATED BY THE NAZIS. ABOUT 1 MILLION DEPORTED JEWS WERE MURDERED BY THE SS, MAINLY IN GAS CHAMBERS

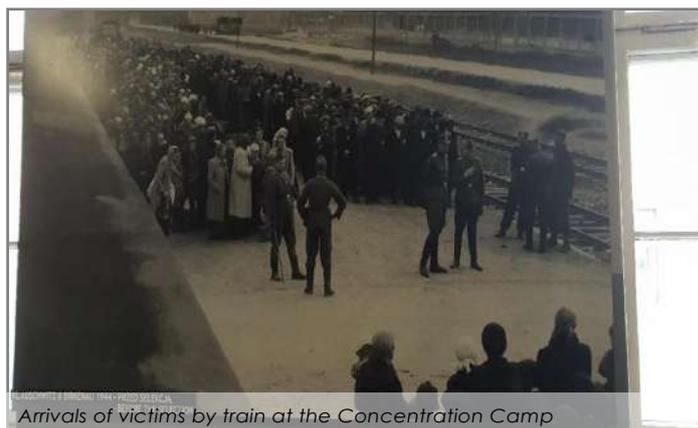
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Inscription of brief history of the Concentration Camp

never even heard of the holocaust in which 6 million Jews died. The study was followed by a documentary that included scenes from Auschwitz concentration camp with its gas chambers that were described by one Jewish Rabi as the "factory of death".



Visitors throng to learn about the Concentration Camp



Arrivals of victims by train at the Concentration Camp

Take those scholarships-Hungarian President tells Mukwita ...in 2015 Hungary offered Zambia scholarships yet to be taken up



President of Hungary H.E Janos Ader receives credentials from Amb. Mukwita after which he visited tomb of unknown soldiers

By Embassy Staff Writer
Budapest, October 4, 2018

The President of Hungary H.E Janos Ader has urged Zambia to take up the scholarships offered by his country in 2015. President Ader told Zambia's Ambassador to Germany and Hungary H.E Anthony Mukwita that if Zambia does not take up the slots offered, other countries will fill them up.

"Hungary has set aside scholarship slots at its universities for African countries part of which have been offered to your country. These slots are in high demand. Take up the slots you have been allocated before others take them up", President Ader urged Ambassador Mukwita.

President Ader was speaking behind closed doors shortly after receiving credentials from the Zambian envoy who is based in the German capital, Berlin.

Ambassador Mukwita told President Ader that Zambia was ready to take up the slots offered to her in 2015 and hoped the numbers could be increased so that more Zambian students could benefit and further boost education diplomacy.

"For President Edgar Lungu, educating a Zambian student is uplifting a whole family out of poverty; educating 100 students is uplifting a hundred Zambian families out of poverty", Ambassador Mukwita said.

The Zambian envoy vowed to pursue the scholarship offer immediately as he targets 2019 to see the first group of Zambian students arriving at universities in Hungary. "For the Zambian government under President Lungu this is the whole essence of diplomacy: empowering the youth today as a way of preparing them for the challenges of tomor-

row", Ambassador Mukwita said. Called *Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship* the facility continues to expand each year as thousands of applicants from around the world take up the offers to study different disciplines in Hungary.

In the 2017/2018 academic period more than 3800 scholarships were offered and a further 5000 expected in 2019.

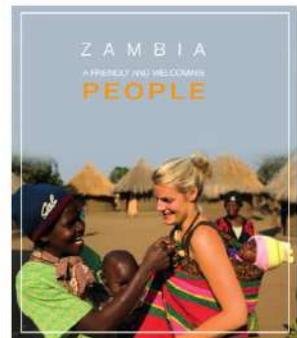
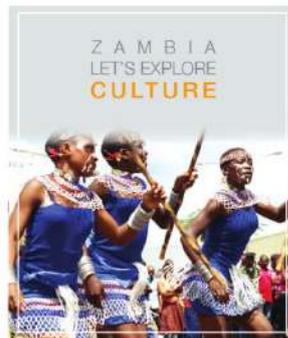
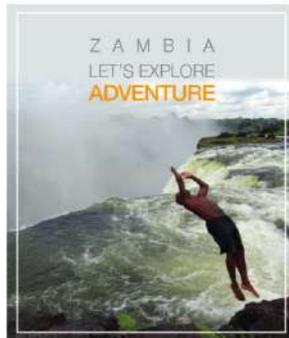
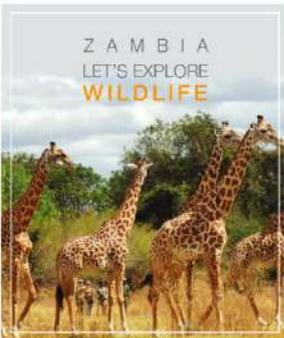
Hungary attracts foreign students for various reasons that include the high quality of education whose qualifications are globally recognized and a competitive cost of living in addition to security and effective social services such as public transportation.

On average, Hungary receives around 2 million tourists drawn to the country by a rich history spanning more than a thousand years.

The iconic Danube River that flows across the capital Budapest has added to the beauty of the city that remains distinctly natural with its forests and hills sitting side by side with modern architecture.



Standing at the tomb of an unknown soldier



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Germany is keen to support Zambia's development efforts in energy, water, sanitation, health, education, financial, agriculture, governance and civil society sectors

Zambia-German bilateral development cooperation successfully concluded

...an exciting 'Marshall plan with Africa' for reforms, development

By Embassy Staff Writer
28 November 2018

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Zambia have successfully concluded government-to-government negotiations on development cooperation which took place on the 27th and 28th of November 2018 in Lusaka.

The negotiations focused on ongoing and future programmes of development cooperation and took place in a candid, constructive and cordial atmosphere reflecting the trustful relations between both countries that were established more than 50 years ago, right after Zambia's independence.

Germany highlighted its zero-tolerance approach to corruption in all development programming and expressed strong concerns about recent cases of misapplication of donor funds. The Zambian Government stressed its commitment to address corruption in all its forms and to implement public financial management reforms. It was agreed that all Zambian-German programs would focus on strengthening accountability and transparency for better service delivery for citizens.

During the 2018 negotiations, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany committed € 62,98 million (approximately K 850 million) to the Republic of Zambia covering the years 2019-2020. Funds committed this year focus on good financial governance, civil society participation, support to the decentralisation process, renewable energy, capacity building in the water sector as well as on HIV/AIDS prevention. In addition, special funds are being provided: € 10 million for supporting Congolese refugees and host communities and up to € 20.1 million for assisting agricultural development and nutrition.

The German side emphasized that new commitments for investments in the water sector could be stepped up again if an ongoing audit of a rural water programme was concluded and – in case of any misuse of funds – the full misapplied sum would be reimbursed. Concerns regarding governance, particularly in the water sector, had led to a slight reduction of commitments.

As Zambia is at high risk of debt distress, it was agreed that for this year's commitment, German bilateral aid will be provided exclusively via grants and that GRZ would implement measures to reduce the fiscal deficit, maintain a sustainable debt position and safeguard the vulnerable. It was discussed that as funds are scarce, it was important to make wise and efficient use of the available resources with emphasis on "value for money". Both sides agreed that strong cooperation with the IMF was important.

The German delegation introduced the "Marshall plan with Africa" and the G20 Compact with Africa which are based on the African Union's Agenda 2063. Mutual commitments are at the core of this new kind of cooperation. When partner countries qualify as reform partners, they can receive additional funding. While Zambia currently has some governance challenges, it was agreed by both sides that Zambia has the potential to become a reform partner in future, if economic and political reforms were implemented and governance enhanced.

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Africa is the **logical** investment destination - German businessman

... because six of the ten fastest growing economies are in Africa



Ambassador Mukwita receives gift from the university president while Dr. Liebing slants forward

By Embassy Staff Writer
Flensburg, November 20, 2018

Chairman of the German/Africa Business Association known in Germany as Africa Verein, Dr. Stefan Liebing has said investing in Africa was the logical thing to do. Dr. Liebing said of the 10 fastest growing economies in the world, 6 of them are to be found in Africa.

"This means logically that this is where you want to take your investment", Dr. Liebing told between 150 and 200 business and technology students at the Center for Business and Technology in Africa located at the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences.

He challenged the students to persuade their employers to consider investing on the African continent warning that failure to do so would lead to other competitors from other parts of the world grabbing the opportunities.

Dr. Liebing was part of a six-member panel that included Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita who had been invited by the University to speak to business students regarding investment opportunities in Africa, Zambia in particular. As part of their training, the students are expected in turn to prepare project proposals intended to persuade their employers why they needed to invest in an African country of their choice. The panel discussion was sponsored by the Center for Business and Technology in Africa whose major focus is that of identifying investment opportunities on the continent. Ambassa-

dor Mukwita used the opportunity to introduce to the students investment opportunities that have opened up in the energy sector in Zambia where the removal of subsidies has attracted private investment.

Mr. Mukwita also told the students about the one million hectares of land the government of President Lungu has set aside for agricultural purposes with more investment opportunities in the value chain. "Zambia has a whole range of investment opportunities that above all is underpinned by uninterrupted peace and political stability since the country got her independence from Britain 54 years ago", the senior diplomat said.

Ambassador Mukwita participated in the panel discussion as part of his efforts to raise the profile and visibility of Zambia among various German audiences. "I want business people, students, ordinary Germans and the traveling public to always think of Zambia every time they are planning to invest or travel for their holidays and this can only be done if we interact with various audiences", the Zambian envoy said.



Part of the business and technology students university audience



Defense Attache Col. Lusaka (far left) with other Defense Attaches



Defense and military relations cooperation

The Zambian government maintains defense and military relations with several countries. Through the office of the Defense Attache at the Berlin Mission, Zambia maintains these relations with the host country – the Federal Republic of Germany.

In addition, the relations are also maintained with six other countries of extra-accreditation that include Poland, Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia. As a consequence of the relations in the defense sector, Zambia has and continues to enjoy training opportunities for its military forces; exchange technological expertise; build and enhance the capacity of the Southern Africa Development Community, SADC and the African Un-

ion, AU's peace and security organs; and increase closer cooperation with the European Defense Agency.

In the images you see on this page, Defense Attache at the Zambian Embassy in Berlin Col (RTD) Christopher Lusaka is pictured at various functions as part of his responsibilities of keeping in touch with the relevant Ministries and peers in the defense and military sector. At the time of this report, Col. Lusaka was preparing to return home after the end of his tour of duty. "Col. Lusaka was and is indeed an Officer and a Gentleman", Zambia's Ambassador Anthony Mukwita described the retired Colonel who he enjoyed "an excellent working relationship with. I can only wish well in his future endeavors".





Col. Lusaka welcomes a fellow Defense Attaché



Amb. Mukwita (c) and Col. Lusaka (r) during WWI commemorations in Berlin



Defense attaché Col Lusaka and First Secretary (Trade) Mubukwanu and guests



Hungary Deputy Army Commander meets with Col Lusaka



Defense attaché Col Lusaka and First Secretary (Trade) Mubukwanu



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