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In pictures, Minister Counsellor of the embassy of Botswana Solomon Seeco, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Lesotho H.E Calvin Manyetsetse, Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda H.E Igor Cesar and his spouse Madam Jeane Cesar flank Ambassador Mukwita and spouse Elaine at Maritim Hotel for their 15th anniversary.

Ambassador Anthony Mukwita celebrated 15 years of marriage with Mrs Elaine Mukwita on 24th May 2019 at Maritim Hotel in Berlin



Lubinda 14 and Lushomo 6 join their parents at anniversary event.



Ambassador Mukwita's wife Elaine with deputy head of mission Mrs. Dorcus Ilunga Chileshe pictures by Mohammed El in Berlin.

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Zambia regaining international economic glory

...as President Edgar Lungu hosts two Presidents

July 2019 will go down in Zambia's Economic Diplomacy history as a historic month.

This is because President Edgar Lungu hosted two Presidents at a sold-out economic diplomacy event organised by the Economic Association of Zambia (EAZ) so called the National Economic Summit.

The EAZ Executive board under its exuberant President Dr Lubinda Habazoka came up with the idea for thrusting the media spotlight at the potential of Zambia's economy by bringing Captains of the industry together under one roof.

Having already netted the President of Zambia into the positive economic diplomacy spin of things, it was only a matter of time before 'like-minded' leaders got into line.

These include the charismatic President of Kenya H.E Uhuru Kenyatta and the former President of Tanzania Mzee Jakaya Kikwete.

What we saw from this economic diplomacy meeting is a 'regional leadership,' a new kind of African leadership that wants to work together to help uplift a sister country unconditionally.

In the past it would have been slightly hard to get even two President under one roof to support one country's cause, whatever it maybe, because

the cause probably did not have a direct benefit on their individual country.

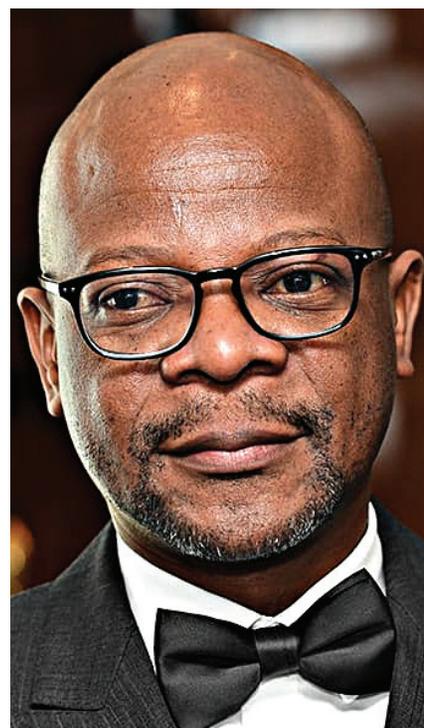
Today, however, African nations (such as Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Botswana or SADC to be whole) are increasingly beginning to appreciate the fact that the closer they collaborate in pushing for economic growth or finding lasting solutions to political problem, the better.

This is so because it is generally agreed that 'If there is peace and economical development or prosperity in one African country,' the goodwill positively spills over to neighboring countries, just the same as if there was a problem in a part of the continent, the problems spill into the next country.

Its for this reason that we commend once again the July 2019 first Economic Diplomacy event organized by Dr Habazoka and his entire team at EAZ including their faithful sponsors since President Lungu assumed office.

We would be remiss if we did not thank President Edgar Lungu, host President of Zambia, and his counterparts President Kenyatta and President Kikwete for lending credence to the event.

Zambia is definitely heading in the right direction, especially if we double up efforts to actually grow the



economy after this meeting by drawing up an action plan and deadlines for all ideas generated from the event that saw about 780 guests.

Our embassy remains grateful to the EAZ Executive board for being exclusively invited for the event.

We believe the invitation is a tacit confirmation that EAZ appreciates the economic diplomacy the Berlin team has been beating over the months.

Mazel tov President Edgar Lungu, bravo EAZ!

ALM. H.E Anthony Mukwita.

Ambassador of Zambia to Germany.

President Edgar Lungu weighs in on SDG

...Calls for greater corporation in diplomacy

I have the singular honour and privilege to welcome you all to this historic city of Lusaka, and capital of the great Republic of Zambia, on this auspicious occasion, to mark the official launch of the sustainable development goals sub-regional centre for southern Africa.



Rwandan President Paul Kagame hands over SDG key to H.E. President Edgar Lungu at a recent SDG indaba in Lusaka. Picture by Salim Henry

The city of Lusaka is synonymous with the struggle for freedom and self-determination in the region. It was a struggle that was successfully waged from here by the liberation movements.

Today, we meet to rekindle that hope among our people through yet another wave of self-determination from the sustainable development front.

The centre launched today renews

our hope that, yet again, we can win the war against poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and the negative effects of climate change, and other challenges.

The city of Lusaka always reminds

us of the need for unity of purpose in resolving our common challenges as the southern African region in particular, and the African continent as a whole.

Your excellencies, our distinguished guests, your presence here today reaffirms the essence of that unity.

Needless to say, the unity of our countries and people will be critical to the work, and success of this centre. Together, we will overcome any obstacle that may come our way.

Allow me, therefore, to thank your excellencies, and distinguished guests for honouring us with your presence at this very important occasion.

Your presence your excellencies is a clear testimony of Africa's determination, and the unwavering commitment of the southern African development community (SADC) region, including our collective resolve, as leaders to meeting the targets we have set ourselves for sustainable development goals.

Your excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen:

Most African countries could not attain the millennium development goals mainly on account of various challenges such as inadequate financial resources.

In our pursuit to achieve sustainable development goals, this trend unfortunately is likely to continue, unless Africa devises more innovative ways of addressing its development challenges.

Time has come for Africa to adopt home-grown solutions to its own challenges.

Therefore, the establishment of the sustainable development goals centre for Africa in Kigali was a launch pad for such initiatives and we commend president Kagame for his ef-

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forts towards this initiative.

Given that most countries on the continent did not meet the millennium development goals due to lack of concerted efforts, the Africa centre provides an avenue for accelerating the attainment of sustainable development goals.

In this regard, the centre in Lusaka brings the initiative closer to home for those of us in the southern African region.

It will be a vehicle for facilitating engagement between governments, and other stakeholders, to accelerate the attainment of sustainable development goals.

We believe that this centre will not only propel our ability to attain the sustainable development goals, but it will also enhance our capacities to develop and implement home-grown interventions.

We are convinced that most of the solutions to attaining the sustainable development goals in Africa, reside within Africa.

The successful attainment of the sustainable development goals will reinforce the realisation of our aspira-

tions espoused in the African Union agenda 2063.

Our collective resolve as a people therefore, re-assures us that the achievement of the sustainable development goals, and the African union agenda 2063 are indeed attainable.

Our quest to achieve sustainable development goals, your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen; calls for promotion of development-oriented policies, and programmes that support productive activities, creation of decent jobs, and entrepreneurship, especially for women and youth.

As such, the centre should aim at assisting member states to developing regional policies, and strategies that promote creation of employment opportunities for all.

Excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen:

I am glad to note that the centre will help member states to contextualise the sustainable development goals in line with their national development priorities such as agriculture, health, education among others.

The region should be able to gain from the centre's activities in these focus areas.

For instance, in agriculture, we expect our small-scale farmers to be given the necessary attention so that they grow into more productive actors of our economies.

Likewise, the centre's intervention in the health sector should be to promote healthy lives for our citizens to engage in productive activities.

In addition, we expect the centre to contribute to the enhancement of productivity and human capital to promote sustainable development.



Excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen:

As a region, we expect that this centre will work closely with our national development banks, and other financial institutions in resource mobilisation and disbursement. This will in turn support national development priorities to achieve sustainable development goals.

This your excellencies, will require urgent restructuring and recapitalisation of national development banks effective financing towards achievement of sustainable development goals.

To this effect, for zambia, i am glad to report that the development Bank of Zambia has already signed a collaborative agreement with the sustainable development goals centre for Africa.

Excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen:

The SADC region is keen to benefit from the centre in bridging the data gap on sustainable development goals.

It is only through the availability of quality and standardised data that we will be able to assess our progress in meeting the targets on sustainable development goals.

I, therefore, urge the centre to establish effective collaborative linkages with respective national statistical bureaus not only in Zambia but throughout the region.

We are confident that the centre will foster decisive action among SADC member states when addressing challenges, in the realisation of sustainable development goals.

Excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen:

At national level, the Zambian people are desirous to live in a middle-income industrialised nation by the year 2030 in which various opportunities will be readily available for them to improve their well-being.

These aspirations are espoused in our vision 2030 which is being implemented through the seventh national development plan running from 2017 to 2021.

I am therefore, delighted to note that our national development plan has mainstreamed the sustainable development goals as per the united nations expectations.

Ladies and gentlemen:

Zambia's strategic position in the southern African region will provide easy access to the centre by member states.

This geographical position should, therefore, encourage our cooperating partners, philanthropists, and captains of industry to support the centre, as benefits will undoubtedly reach all our people in the region.

The realisation of the sustainable development goals cannot be left to governments alone. It is a shared responsibility, which calls for partici-

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pation by all stakeholders, including individual citizens.

I have said before elsewhere that development can not be left to government alone, the private sector or the civil society, but it is a challenge for all of us.

Excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen:

This centre will bring all of us together, and together we will make this centre a critical asset in the attainment of sustainable development goals, and the African Union agenda 2063.

Excellencies, your passion, and commitment towards the development of the African continent is admirable, and inspiring to all of us.

Equally, we are indebted to the staff, and leadership of the Africa centre, the common market for eastern and southern Africa (COMESA) secretariat, and all people of good will for their invaluable contribution towards the establishment of this centre.

We can only salute you all!!!!

Your excellencies;

Ladies and gentlemen:

As i conclude, allow me to pay special tribute to the Zambian people for graciously accepting to host this centre.

The centre your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, is in good hands, and we will not take the honour you have bestowed on us lightly or for granted.

I wish to re-assure you that this centre has the full support of the government and people of the republic of Zambia.

God bless you all, i thank you. **DD**

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Federal Republic of Germany Chancellor Angela Merkel with the Ambassador of Zambia to Germany H.E Anthony Mukwita at the annual event the Chancellor hosts at her Country side retreat every year. The other images depict top officials from the Chancery office.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel ready to host President Edgar Lungu

...says Ambassador Anthony Mukwita

Mrs Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany has expressed a deep desire to host the President of Zambia H.E Edgar Lungu in order to enhance the good diplomatic relations the two countries have enjoyed for more than 50 years said Zambia's Ambassador to Germany H.E Anthony Mukwita.

On the side-lines of the biggest diplomatic event on the calendar of the most influential female leader on the planet held annually at her Country retreat known as the Schloss Meseberger, Chancellor Merkel said a meeting with President Lungu is something she is looking forward to.

"I would like to meet your President

as soon as possible please arrange the meeting with my people," the Chancellor who donned a red top and black office trousers said.

During her walk around to have 'face to face' moments with Ambassadors gathered at her annual event, Ambassador Mukwita took the opportunity to state his case.



“Madam Chancellor there has not been a high-level meeting between your office as Chancellor and or either the Office of the President of the Federal republic of Germany since 2007 we believe such a meeting is crucial for escalating economic diplomacy given our warm history,” Ambassador Mukwita told the most influential woman on earth.

After an almost five-minute direct chat with the Zambian envoy, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany indicated that she would be expecting official communication regarding the possible meeting with President Lungu soon.

Ambassador Mukwita has constantly sounded a clarion call for President Lungu to meet Chancellor Merkel in order to escalate economic diplomacy relations.

“When national leaders meet at such a high level there is a lot of economic opportunities that either open up or are enhanced,” Ambassador Mukwita said, “and we are here to do just that, create the opportunity.”

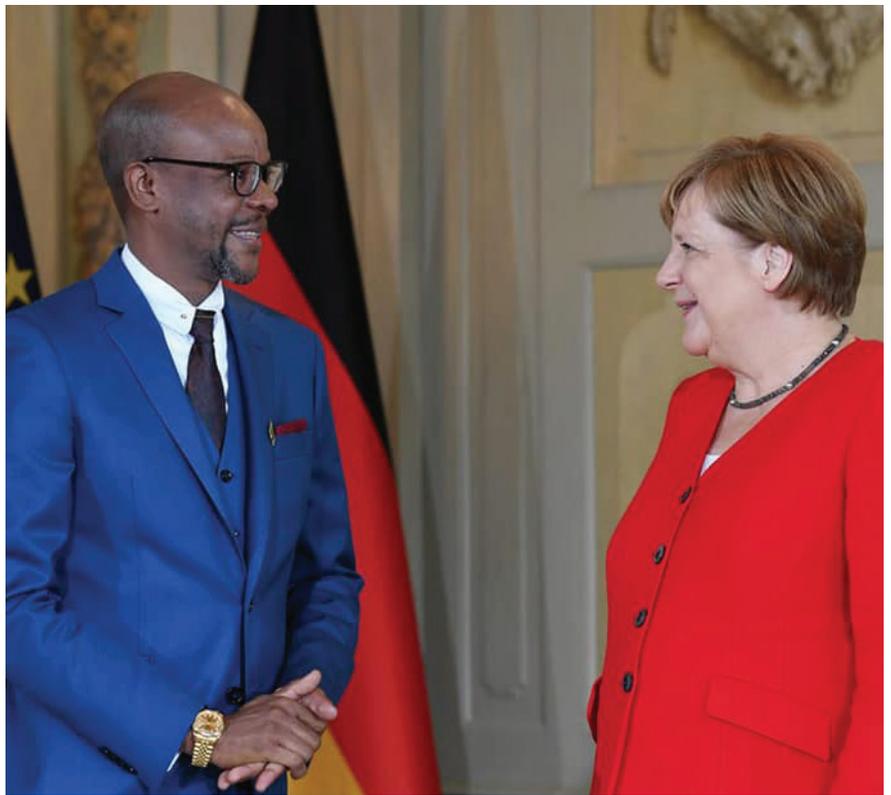
Ambassador Mukwita said more than a dozen German companies including huge brands such as Mercedes Benz, BMW and Botch already have a presence in Zambia, “and I have no doubt that a meeting between President Edgar Lungu and Chancellor Angela Merkel would drive more traffic to Zambia.”

The Zambian envoy has commenced discussions with Chancellor Merkle’s Personal Assistant for Africa Mr Gunter Nooke.

The Schloss Meseberg is a Baroque Palace located some 65kms out of Berlin in the state of Brandenburg which serves as the retreat for the Chancellor of Germany as well as the official Guest House of the Federal government of Germany.



Dr Hegel Braun, the Head of the Chancellery of Madam Angela Merkel welcomes Amb Mukwita to the countryside retreat in Messeberg, the state of Brandenburg.



Chancellor Angela Merkel shares a moment with amb Mukwita.

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This is the second time H.E Mukwita was joining fellow Ambassadors accredited to Berlin at the auspicious Chancery event.

The late President Levy Mwanawasa is the last person that held bilateral meetings with Chancellor Merkel in 2007 hence Ambassador Mukwita’s over riding need to break the diplomatic jinx. **DD**

There's more to TAZARA than meets the line, Ambassador Mukwita says

...it's a symbol of shared warm history with Tanzania Zambia and China

Berlin, June 9, 2019

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita has described the Tanzania Zambia Railway line as a symbol of the history of the peoples of Tanzania, China and Zambia.

Ambassador Mukwita said the history represented by TAZARA marks one of the most critical moments

in the history of Zambia when the country's economic survival hung in the balance.

"We urgently needed an alternative route to the sea for both our imports and our exports as our support for sanctions against the white minority regimes that were in power in both Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and Apartheid South Africa

meant that we could not export our copper through these countries and we could not import our national requirements", recalled Ambassador Mukwita.

He was speaking in his office when a three-member crew of German filmmakers comprising Marita Neher, Wei-Chung Chen and Andreas Schroth called on him. The crew represents Medea Film.

"The railway line represents the history of our relations with the peoples of China who, against all odds, came to our rescue at the time when our traditional allies could not. It also represents our bond with the peoples of Tanzania whose leadership under then President Julius Nyerere cooperated with us in the railway line project", Ambassador Mukwita said.

A three-member crew comprising Marita Neher, Felix Greif and Bianka Schulz called on the Zambian envoy shortly before they embarked on a weeklong filming project themed "Fascinating Train Tracks Around the World" a five-part documentary series commissioned by widely viewed



Caption



German/French TV networks ZDF and ARTE to be aired during prime time.

Directed by Ms. Neher, the German film company says, “the main purpose is to introduce the most thrilling and breathtaking railway lines on four continents – Asia, Europe, Africa and America”.

Dubbed “Spectacular Railways”, the film company says the series “take us on a journey into the heart of still unfamiliar beauty and open new and breathtaking perspectives. The inspirational quote ‘the journey is the reward’ truly seems to have been invented for these train rides”.

The team were expected to begin their filming project in Kapiri Mposhi where they were expected to board the TAZARA and film all the way to Tunduma on the Tanzanian border. They were expected to occasionally get off the train and board again capturing scenes and scenery of interest.

They selected for possible filming some tourist attractions in Northern Province such as the Chishimba Water Falls, the Kalambo Water Falls and Little Poland in Mbala. This is the second German film crew in less than six months to go to Zambia for a filming project. Their programs command huge audiences in millions of viewers.

In December last year, another crew that films the famous “Love Boat” were in Livingstone where they filmed a 90minute film that exposed significant tourist attractions of Zambia to millions of international audiences in Europe especially.

“Zambia is a good story that comprises a friendly population, unspoiled wildlife, uninterrupted peace since independence 55 years ago, an investor-friendly environment, a land of 365 days of sunshine – these and more must be shared with the rest of the world and film is a great ally in



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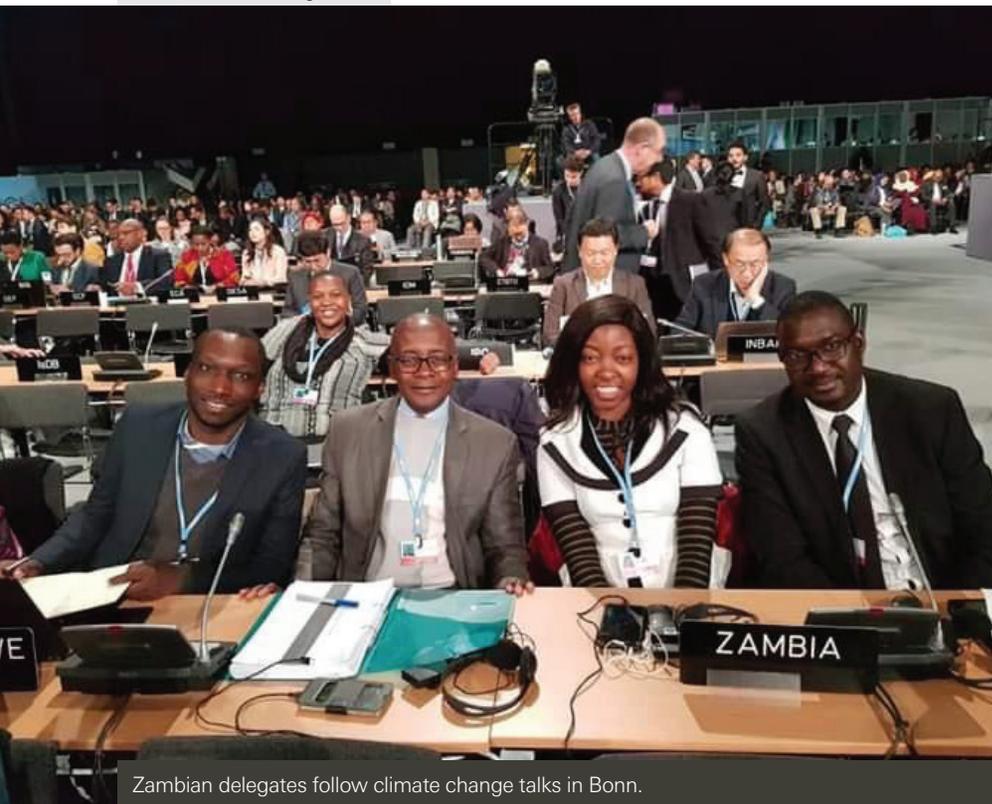
this aspiration”, Ambassador Mukwita said.

President Edgar Lungu has prioritized the tourism sector and challenged his Ministers and government officials, embassies included, to seek every opportunity to expose the country to the world. Media groups such as CNN have dubbed Zambia as an exploited tourism destination that everyone looking for something new must put on their bucket list of destinations. **DD**

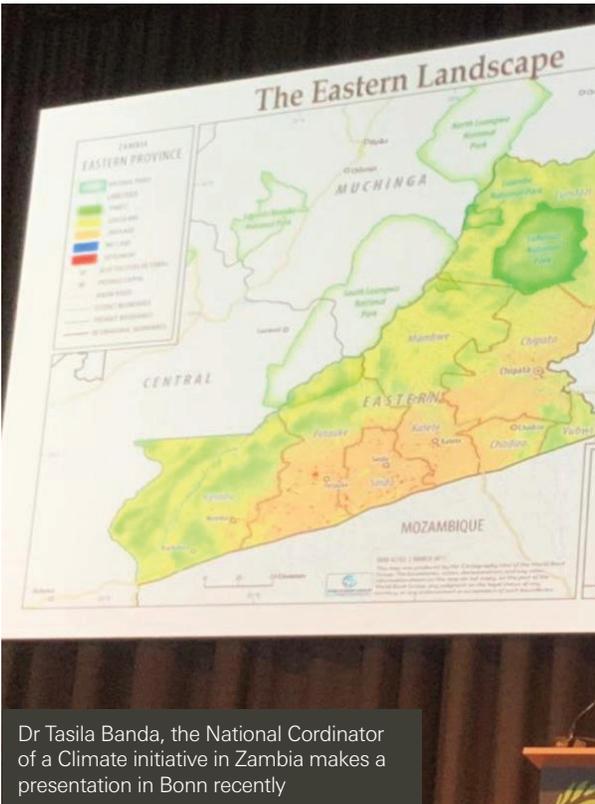
Climate change experts kick off meetings in Bonn

...the Zambian experts among the attendees

Berlin, June 16, 2019



Zambian delegates follow climate change talks in Bonn.



Dr. Tasila Banda, the National Coordinator of a Climate initiative in Zambia makes a presentation in Bonn recently

A conference of experts on climate change opened Monday in Bonn, Germany, under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC. According to the official website for the conference, for ten days the experts took part in “a wide range of events, meetings, and negotiating sessions that will set the stage for the raising of ambition to curb greenhouse gas emissions, accelerate resilience-building efforts, and ensure that climate policy is built on a solid foundation of the best available science and knowledge”.

This was the 50th session of what is called the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, SBSTA, or SB50, that has been meeting since 1995. As a body of experts that meets in between the annual COP or Conference Of the Parties, SBSTA was expected to assist governments in appreciating the science on climate change, bring together expertise, encourage cooperation and contribute to the development of tools and methods that may be used in the implementation process.

The 50th conference of climate change experts that included a Zam-





bian delegation, came against trends that are of concern to the scientific community. Scientists have noted that the world is yet to succeed in the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere. According to measurements taken at the Mauna Loa Observatory on the Island of Hawaii in the US, CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere have increased and continue to increase even as recent as a week ago.

The deliberations and negotiations that took place at the Bonn conference will feed into the next Conference of the Parties, or COP25 that is scheduled to take place next year in December in the Chilean city of Santiago.

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita urged the Zambian delegation to use the conference to gather the latest

scientific understanding of what is happening to the climate and some of the best practices in policy formulation and intervention measures.

The Zambian delegation consisted of Mrs. Carol Zulu from the Ministry of Lands, Mr. Richard Lungu from the Ministry of Water Development, Dr. Alick Muvundika from the National Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research, NISIR, Ms. Rachel Tetamashimba from the Ministry of Energy, Mr. Akabiwa Nyambe from the Ministry of Planning, Mr. Titus N'gandu of the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit, DMMU and Mr. Morton Mwanza from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Ambassador Mukwita reminded the delegates that the Zambian government was serious with issues of climate change as the country is still grappling with its effects since the devastating power cuts of 2015 that threatened to bring the entire economy to a halt.

"Because of heavy dependence on hydro generated power since independence, we have to rationalize power distribution every time rainfall patterns become unfavorable", said Ambassador Mukwita.

Currently, the Zambian government is in the process of diversifying sources of electricity with several solar power plants expected to come on stream between now and 2022. Until then, Zambians are expected to experience intermittent power cuts as government calls for patience and understanding among citizens and other residents in the country.

Globally, climate change effects have been observed in extreme heat waves, floods, wild fires, melting ice caps that have left thousands dead, others missing and damage to property running into billions of dollars. **DD**





Berlin, June 19, 2019

Congratulations- President Lungu

...to first female President of the Slovak Republic

President Edgar Lungu has described the election of Ms. Zuzana Caputova to the office of President of the Slovak Republic as the expression of the people's trust and confidence in her.

In a congratulatory message, President Lungu said, "It is my ardent hope that the trust placed in you by the citizens of the Slovak Republic will inspire Your Excellency to steer your great country on a path of solidarity for improved welfare and prosperity of your people".



Ms. Caputova, a former activist lawyer assumed the office of President on the 15th of June 2019. She becomes the first female President and youngest at age 45 to hold the office in the history of the Slovak Republic.

The congratulations were forwarded to the Slovak Republic by Zambia's Ambassador to Germany His Excellency Anthony Mukwita who is also accredited to Bratislava, the nation's capital, on a non-residential basis.

Ambassador Mukwita said he looks forward to working with the new Slovak leader in accelerating President Lungu's economic diplomacy.

The Zambian envoy said the Slovak economy, largely fueled by manufacturing of motor vehicles and heavy machinery presents Zambia with vast economic opportunities.

"As the second largest producer of copper on the African continent and the 9th in the world, Zambia



stands a brighter chance in improved economic ties with the Slovak Republic whose industry could benefit from Zambia's minerals...especially as the call for electric cars rises", said Ambassador Mukwita.

The Slovak Republic is home to several German car manufacturing companies that include Mercedes Benz and VW. With a population of 5 million people, Slovak produces 1 million cars annually. Copper and cobalt, a crucial ingredient to future and present electric cars abound in Zambia and it is this area Ambassador Mukwita feels Zambia could position herself for engagement with the Slovak Republic.

Zambia therefore would be suited for greater engagement in providing the nec-

essary elements needed for electric car manufacturing if it put into place, a plan now rather than later in terms of value addition.

In terms of market, Ambassador Mukwita said Zambia promises good returns among the country's 16 million people in addition to member countries in the Southern African Development Community, SADC and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, COMESA.

This is a combined population of about 700million people and a combined GDP of over a trillion dollars.

President Lungu has constantly spoken about value addition and diversifying the economy of Zambia in order to create jobs and reduce poverty. **DD**

Berlin, June 13, 2019



Newly minted Press Secretary Isaac Chipampe gets congratulations from President Edgar Lungu

Congratulations Mr. Chipampe – Mukwita

**...we are available to tell the
Zambian good story**

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita has congratulated the newly-appointed Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations Mr. Isaac Chipampe. Ambassador Mukwita said Mr. Chipampe comes with a wealth of experience in the media and communication sector which is critical in communicating the President's message to both Zambia and the world beyond.



“President Edgar Lungu and his government have done so much both at domestic and international levels that require communicating regularly and effectively. This is not an easy task nor a task that one individual can shoulder. On our part as Berlin Mission, we remain available to work with Mr. Chipampe in telling the good Zambian story”, said Ambassador Mukwita.



The Zambian envoy said the Zambian government faces several information challenges that include inaccurate perceptions, deliberate distortion, and in some instances innocent misunderstanding of public policy. Mr. Mukwita said the most effective response is to regularly inform and explain to the Zambian people and the international audiences the ongoing development programs that have continued to positively impact the lives of the Zambian people.



“President Lungu’s infrastructure development program, rural electrification program, water reticulation program, the agricultural program, developments in the tourism sector, communication interconnectivity, renewable energy and many others have set Zambia on an irreversible footing for current and future development efforts”, Ambassador Mukwita recounted and added, “this is the story of the Lungu Presidency that we must continue to tell”.

On an international level, Mr. Mukwita said President Lungu’s government has played significant roles in bringing peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Lesotho, in the Madagascar elections and in the peaceful transition of power in Zimbabwe.

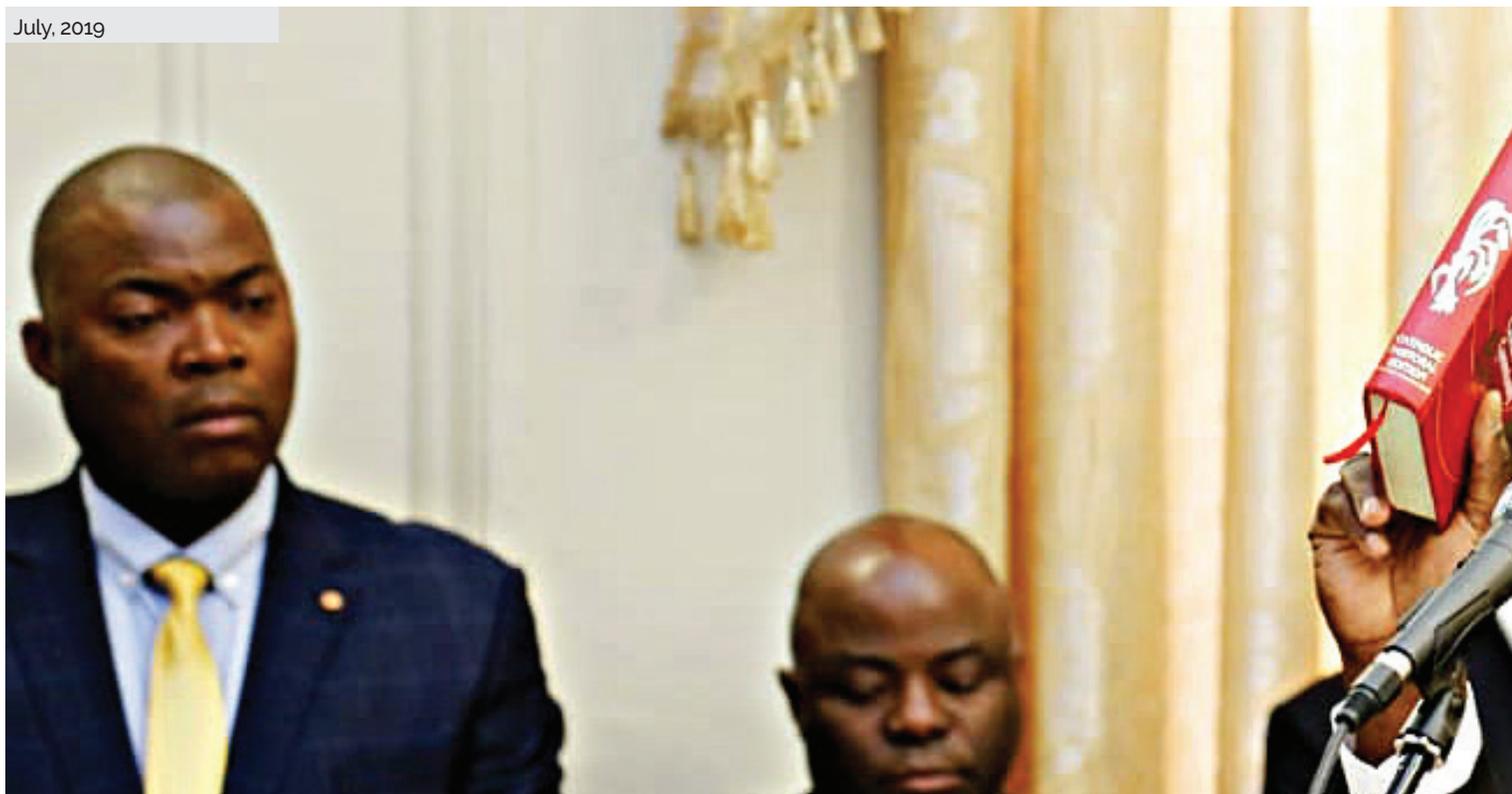
Ambassador Mukwita also noted

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Zambia’s active role in the Africa Union Peace and Security Council and the country’s selection as a host for the continental body’s Economic, Social and Cultural Council, ECOSOCC.

“This is the story of this Presidency at an international level that we must continually share as it inspires hope in a continent written off by its critics who would like to see Africa continue to wallow in poverty. This is the kind of leadership that challenges old-age myths that the continent lacks leadership to meet the development challenges of a heavily globalized 21st century”, said Ambassador Mukwita. **DD**

July, 2019



‘Dr Simon Kamwendo Miti I presume?’

...an exclusive profile by the Diplomatic Dispatch Magazine

When he completed his Medical studies at the University of Zambia (UNZA) in 1989, Simon Kamwendo Miti had no grandiose ideas of working with Presidents, administering medical boards or running city councils.

Dr Miti, 28 years on graduation had his eyes set on one prize only—saving lives.

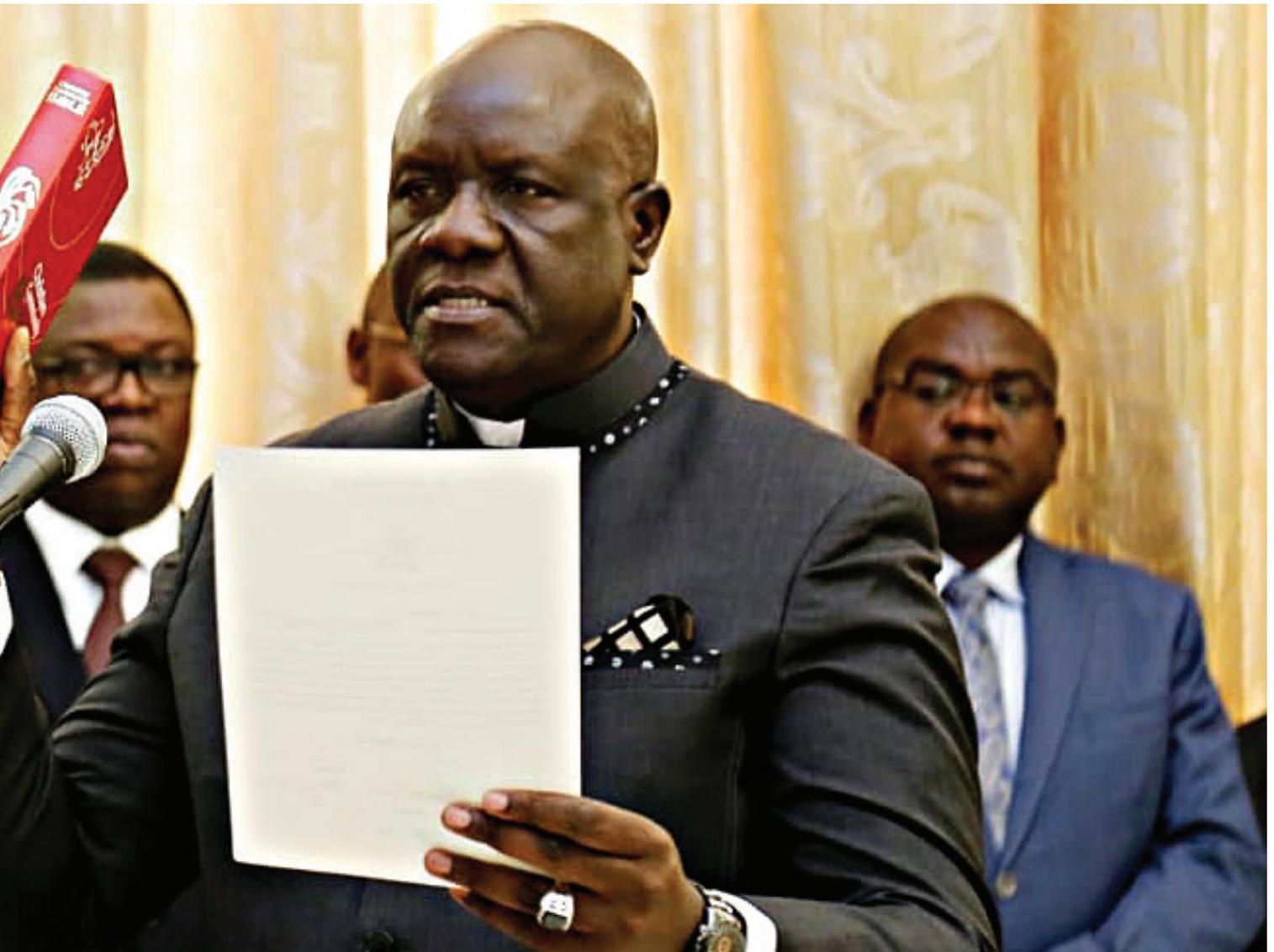
His idea of a ‘day in one’s life’ from now on after cramming for a medical degree at UNZA—regarded as a top medical school in Africa then—would unequivocally focus on health.

He even worked briefly as a ‘normal’ medical Doctor but his superiors saw something beyond medicine in him—his ability to lead as an Administrator in addition to his medical skills.

Perhaps with that in mind, Dr Miti’s career swiftly careered away from the stethoscope to the Administration desk making decisions for various organization under the government of President Frederick Chiluba just after the return to multi-party politics.

Dr Miti juggled various top administration jobs such as Executive Director of the Ndola Central Hospital from 1997 to 2000 where he later transferred to become the acting Town Clerk of the City of Ndola.

When Zambia experimented with decentralizing government departments, Dr Miti was one of the pioneers given responsibilities in the decentralization process when Medical



Boards came on board.

Boards were meant to make government departments more efficient and cut the red tape that often-slows progress.

Around 2001 Dr Miti was appointed acting Director General of the influential Central Board of Health (CBoH) before he continued ascending to various Permanent Secretary positions both under the Chiluba government right through to the current President Edgar Lungu's office.

Dr Miti has served every Zambian President since the return to multi-party politics.

His litany of Permanent Secretary

(PS) positions run like a thread of gold starting from PS: Cabinet office, Science and Technology, National Planning, Office of the Vice President (OVP) to PS Ministry of Health.

Many people with a doctorate degree would be content with their superior qualifications and resign themselves to the operating theater but not Dr Miti fondly known by family as a young man by the pen name 'Mtimbege'.

Dr Miti's education beyond medicine helps him become a stand out.

He acquired an MBA from Glamorgan University in UK and snugged another Master's degree in Public Health from Leeds University where he graduated in 2006.

Many people with a doctorate degree would be content with their superior qualifications and resign themselves to the operating theater but not Dr Miti fondly known by family as a young man by the pen name 'Mtimbege'.

Some family members fondly call him by another moniker Sibweni, meaning a friend, which he embraces without a fuss.



Secretary to the Cabinet Dr Miti with Amb Mukwita at State House recently in Dr Miti's office

He is fourth born in a family of many brothers and sisters including an equally popular older brother Dr Emmanuel K. Miti and others. He has sadly lost some including his dear parents but kept some and continues to count his blessings.

Religious and Family Man

Dr Miti is known as a God-fearing man, a great husband to his beautiful wife of almost 30 years Bo Liseli Miti.

She has been a source of his strength, love and affection for decades. The mother to his children and a personal friend and confidante.

From where he has been Permanent Secretary in several Ministries to the PPS office, it is whispered that Dr. Miti calmed the fires and helped officials caught in 'political family feuds' remain in jobs or indeed helped others get elevated against all odds.

Dr Miti and his wife Bo Liseli Miti are 'permanent fixtures' at St Ignatius Catholic Church on Beit Road where they congregate every Sunday without fail.

Dr Miti can be seen unsuccessfully trying to dodge droves of people that lay friendly ambush for him outside the church as he tries to go back home after Sunday prayers with spouse every Sunday.

The Bear-sized character standing an intimidating more than six feet tall still finds time to talk to fellow congregants in a respectful and warm manner. They know him and trust him.

Those close to him say he has a 'deep sense of loyalty and justice' to friends and just people in general, a trait he mastered growing up in a huge extended family and embraced all regardless of blood relation.

That is probably why he rarely makes reference only to his biological children because "everyone in the Miti house are regarded as Children of Dr Miti, not just his biological ones," said a family member.

Dr Miti the 'Work Horse'

The new SC (Secretary to Cabinet) is known by colleagues for observing long work hours that can stretch from as early as 4 am to past midnight, depending on what is at stake, perhaps buoyed by his medical background that dictates that Doctors are 'always on call'.

In his modesty he says, "I just love my work and want to execute it to the best of my ability."

At State House he will be missed for bringing increased order to the Office of President Edgar Chagwa Lungu when he became PPS (Principal Private Secretary) on 4th October 2017.

If you visited State House before Oc-



Dr Miti with her honour Vice President Inonge Wina when he was PS OVP

tober 2017, you would have been greeted by droves of people lining up the main State House entrance security check point off Independence Avenue.

In State House just opposite the Fountain, a handful of people would be sitting for hours seeking an audience with either the President or a State House official.

“When Dr Miti took over the Presidential calendar,” an official said, “you found no one hanging around the State House Lounge and just a handful of hangers on at the main security check point.”

Dr Miti eliminated the unnecessary traffic that constantly cluttered H.E Lungu’s time table, ensuring the President worked within acceptable health limits and had adequate rest.

Dr Miti’s mantra as PPS was, “the President needs an organized work schedule and time for ample rest.” Probably only a Doctor would know this.

A ‘Just’ family and businessman Man

Having lost both his parents (his father Miti senior worked as Driver for Contract Haulage or CH in Ndola

while his mother catered for the huge family) Dr Miti has been said to have ‘a deep sense of justice.’

From where he has been Permanent Secretary in several Ministries to the PPS office, it is whispered that Dr. Miti calmed the fires and helped officials caught in ‘political family feuds’ remain in jobs or indeed helped others get elevated against all odds.

He also has an entrepreneur side that earned him money outside government. In Ndola, he ran a chain of Tarven’s in Mushili Bonano manned mostly by family members such as baby brother Abraham who dots his older sibling the way a son dots a Dad.

Pundits say President Lungu tapped the right man for the job in Dr Miti when he promoted him SC. Only the sky is the limit now.

In 2009, he commenced a probe onto notorious low-level civil servant Henry Kapoko now jailed for a raft of graft involving donor money.

Dr Miti played a crucial role in ensuring the conviction of Kapoko as a key state witness.

Gutter media tried to smear Dr Miti after he set the law on Kapoko but

the mud did not stick.

A golf enthusiast Dr Miti is a nine (9) handicap, loves gardening, reading a good book, mostly motivational or the bible and lots of Nelson Mandela.

During the rare spare time, “I would listen to Earl Klugh or Kenny Rogers...quite calming.”

Baby brother Abraham believes a Sibweni is around to uplift others with his goodwill as he serves President Lungu.

The evacuation of both Dr Frederick Chiluba and President Michael Sata after both separately suffered heart attacks cannot be discussed without Dr Miti’s role.

He also served as President Levy Mwanawasa personal Doctor at State House until his unfortunate death in France in 2008 when he (Mwanawasa) suffered a debilitating heart attack.

Born on the same day (4th February) as rights activist Rosa Park, Dr Miti is respected by close friends and family for his sharp intellect and truthfulness above all.

Pundits believe President Lungu picked the right man for the job of Secretary to the Cabinet. An Aquarius, Dr Miti is aged 58.

There is an address Dr Miti won’t forget in Chifubu township, Ndola— House No. CH4462, Twende St. **DD**

EDITOR’S NOTE: This profile is a reflection of the Editorial team of the Diplomatic Dispatch at the embassy of Zambia in Berlin that carried out its own research on the new Secretary to the Cabinet Dr Simon K Miti. President Edgar Lungu appointed Dr Miti as Secretary to the Cabinet. Profile by Amb. Anthony Mukwita edited and distributed by Kellys Kaunda, First Secretary Press and PR.



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:

2.1 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.

2.2 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

Procedures and guidelines for Certificate of Registration/MFEZ permit

2.4 Energy and Water

Development

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 nonfiscal 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.

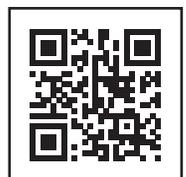
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DW gets Ambassador Mukwita invitation

...to cover Zambia's good investment and tourism story

Berlin, June 06, 2019



Zambia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Anthony Mukwita, has invited the German-State-owned media giant DW or Deutsche Welle, to increase its footprint in Zambia in order to enhance economic diplomacy.

Ambassador Mukwita said Zambia offered the best environment for DW's expansion of its media coverage saying the country has an excellent record of uninterrupted peace and political stability since her independence from Britain in 1964.

Mr. Mukwita made the remarks when he called upon DW Director General Peter Limbourg at the media giant's Berlin offices.

Others present in the inaugural high-level meeting aimed at fostering 'good relations' with the media giant

included DW's Managing Director Ms. Gelder Moyer, Head of Africa Programs Mr. Claus Stacker (a veteran of African politics) and Mr. Benjamin Rietdorf, in charge of media and Public Affairs.

"Zambia is a good story with an attractive tourism and investment environment that we wish to share with the rest of the world", Ambassador Mukwita said adding, "but we are still contending with issues of poverty and other development challenges like everyone else because there is no perfect world but our story is largely good."

Mr. Mukwita told DW that its cor-



respondents are free to visit Zambia and spend extended periods of time in the country in order to deepen their understanding of the country and consequently reflect it accurately on their giant platform instead of relying on second hand information that may be misleading.

In response, Mr. Limbourg expressed gratitude at the invitation which the relevant departments of DW would consider.

“We actually have a variety of shows with African themes that you are

welcome to participate in”, Mr. Limbourg told Ambassador Mukwita.

In addition to these shows, Head of Africa, Mr. Stacker said DW now has a youth magazine program called The 77 Percent that features young Africans and their stories. 77 is a reference to the fact that 77% of Africans are young people aged around 35.

“If you know of young people with such good stories, please do not hesitate to share with us...we are looking for something extra ordinary

in young people”, said Mr. Stacker who has spent many years in Africa before returning to Germany.

Launched 65 years ago, DW broadcasts in 30 languages to a weekly global audience of 160 million people, with a third of the audience based on the African continent.

For the distribution of its content, DW relies on satellites, on about 5000 partner stations, on the Internet and mobile devices. DW is also ranked among the top ten media giants globally alongside institutions such BBC, VOA and CNN to mention but a few.

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CAPTION: DW Director General Peter Limbourg, H.E Anthony Mukwita, First Secretary Press Kellys Kaunda, Claus Sacker and Gelder Moyer. Other pictures Ambassador Mukwita giving GD Limbourg a signed copy of the book he authored on President Edgar Lungu. **DD**

Support First Lady charity work for the poor

...Ambassador Mukwita says, dispatches 40-foot container

Berlin, June 06, 2019



First Lady Esther Lungu with Esther Lungu health Centre nurse-in-charge Sheilla Becky-Moonga during the Commissioning of the Esther Lungu Health facility and the Esther Lungu Primary School constructed by MGC Power Cooperation in partnership with the Esther Lungu Foundation Trust in Ndewe Village, Petauke District.

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany H.E Anthony Mukwita says the First Lady needs all the support she can get from 'good Samaritans' in order to help as many vulnerable people in rural areas as possible.

"Those that have plenty must come to the aid of First Lady Esther Lungu as she does her charity work that is benefitting the most vulnerable and desperate people in rural Zambia," said Ambassador Mukwita.

This was after the senior diplomat dispatched a 40-foot container for the Esther Lungu Foundation Trust organized in collaboration with businessman and honorary consul Heinz Messinger of Austria by the embassy of Zambia in Berlin.

The donation comprises invaluable



equipment such as ultra sound machines, feeding pumps, hospital electric beds, ICU beds and almost one dozen infusion pumps and syringe pumps.

Ambassador Mukwita commended Mr Messinger for responding to the 'SOS' and hoped other honorary



counsuls and business people in six other countries of his representation could make similar donations.

"The First lady like we always state would have chosen to sit back and enjoy the trappings of State House but instead she stretches herself thin to help donate a wheel chair where there was none or a bed etc.," said Ambassador Mukwita.

This is the second time the embassy of Zambia is collaborating with the First Lady: the first time being earlier in the year through a donation of 250kgs of medical equipment for Nangoma Hospital in Mumbwa which her charity transported to the mission facility.

Ambassador Mukwita said he is already reaching out to organizations in Poland and Hungary including federal states in Germany for further help for the work of the First Lady Lungu. He said the Berlin mission takes pride in being associated with the First Lady's good Samaritan work that is now gaining traction. The equipment left Vienna on a ship to Zambia on 21st June and is expected to be delivered to the Esther Lungu Foundation by 5th August via the Dar es Salaam port.

The First Lady told Ambassador Mukwita she would continue working for the poor and welcomes every well-intentioned donation she can get to help change the lives of as many vulnerable people as possible. "we want to reach as many people as possible," said Mrs. Lungu. **DD**

Africa GreenCo shines light on Zambia energy sector



L to R Alex Simalabwi, Anna, Hadjuka, Minister of Finance Dr. Bwalya Nga'ndu and Commercial Director ZESCO Chiti Mataka at EAZ business summit in Livingstone

On 28th May, the guarantee being provided to GreenCo by AFD and the European Commission was presented at the EU External Investment Plan outreach event in Lusaka - showcasing the significant benefits GreenCo will deliver in the Zambian and wider regional energy sector by acting as a renewable energy credit-worthy buyer of power. The EU External Investment Plan seeks to drive economic development in Africa by raising €44bn from financing institutions, the private sector and member states.

Africa GreenCo also met with Dr. Lubinda Haabazoka, president of the Economics Association of Zambia, with whom they worked on Africa GreenCo's launch during the Zambian Economic Summit on "The Future of Economic Diplomacy: Support-

It will not own any grid infrastructure or seek to replace existing utilities. Rather than replacing existing structures, it complements them and facilitates the implementation of wider utility rehabilitation and balance sheet optimisation objectives.

ing Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa". The Economics Association of Zambia hosted the first ever regional sum-

mit, which was held in Livingstone, Zambia from Thursday 25th to Friday 26th July 2019. His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Edgar Lungu, graced the event alongside other Excellencies including Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta and former President of Tanzania. This Summit was a significant event aimed at contributing to the African Union Agenda 2063, "the Africa we want".

GreenCo will act as intermediary offtaker for renewable energy projects only and will not control the physical generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. It will not own any grid infrastructure or seek to replace existing utilities. Rather than replacing existing structures, it complements them and facilitates the implementation of wider utility rehabilitation and balance sheet optimisation objectives. GreenCo have worked extremely closely with ZESCO, IDC and ERB who are all very supportive of the model. MD ZESCO specifically referred to Africa GreenCo in his key note speech at the Economic Summit. IDC took a lead due diligence role on the value add of the proposed business model and is interested in becoming a government shareholder in the proposed PPP structure. **DD**

The Author Anna Hadjuka is co-founder and CEO of AfricaGreenCo



Walvis Bay: Gateway to the SADC Economic Region

With the opening and especially the new extension of the Walvis Bay Port Namibia has moved closer to the vision of a gateway for the SADC area. The SADC is an alliance of 16 member states, most of which are located in East Africa and South Africa. All member states together cover an area of 10.24 million km² and about 360 million people. This is 6.8 percent of the world's habitable area and 4.8 percent of the world's population.

The Walvis Bay Corridor Group (WBCG) is a Private-Public-Partnership (PPP) established in 2000, and is now pursuing its aim of making Namibia the new gateway to the SADC region. With its modern infrastruc-

ture, Walvis Bay offers a good alternative to the ports on the east side of the African continent, which are all considered overloaded and outdated.

A few years ago, Namport deepened

the harbour to 12.8 metres, laying the foundation for an increase in traffic. Ships with a larger cargo capacity that had previously had to call at ports in the Republic of South Africa were now able to moor in Walvis Bay. The route to the attractive markets of



tion and Namport, which operates the port of Walvis Bay.

What was launched in Walvis Bay was completely new, the creation of a PPP was a challenge for the WBCG. Planning and construction took a long time to involve all partners and it took 19 years for the new port to become the gateway to the SADC.

The port and its corridors will provide links with Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Malawi and South Africa.

Hinterland connections:

The Walvis Bay Corridors are an integrated system of well-maintained tarred road and rail networks - accommodating all modes of transport - from the port of Walvis Bay via the Trans Kalahari, Walvis Bay-Ndola-Lubumbashi Development Corridor (formerly known as Trans-Caprivi), the Trans-Cunene and the Trans-Oranje Corridor, which provides access to transatlantic markets for SADC

the SADC region is thus significantly shortened. Container ships, for example, only need 16 days from Antwerp to Walvis Bay. Thanks to good hinterland connections, their cargo will be able to reach the South African industrial region of Gauteng or Gaborone (Botswana) 48 hours later.

The composition of the WBCG Group is remarkable. It consists of the Namibian Transport Association, Air Namibia, the Ministries of Finance, the Interior, Trade and Industry as well as Construction and Transport, the Road Authority, the Container Liner Operators Forum, the Namibian Logistics Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Port Users Associa-

Mrs. Kiwala explained that the initial plan only included widows but soon she realized that unless and until a widow was able to generate an income, she would need assistance in putting her children through the education system.

landlocked states.

The Trans Kalahari Corridor connects the port of Walvis Bay with Gaborone and Gauteng in South Africa. From there, this corridor connects with the Maputo Corridor on the east coast of southern Africa. The Walvis Bay-Ndola-Lubumbashi Development Corridor connects the landlocked countries Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Trans-Oranje Corridor connects the Port of Lüderitz with the North Cape Province of South Africa.

The most important organisational strength of the Walvis Bay Corridor Group is its unique public-private partnership (PPP) institution of transport and logistics players from the public and private sectors. The partnership enables the pooling of resources, expertise and authorities of both regulators and operators to form an integrated transport and logistics service for potential customers.

The Group's organisational structure as a PPP allows it to rely on the public sector for issues such as customs, traffic regulation and infrastructure development, while the private sector can focus on business development such as marketing and providing practical operational proposals and logistics solutions. Both arms contribute to job creation, the institutions themselves and the related infrastructure.

The Walvis Bay Corridor Group has offices in Lusaka Zambia, Johannesburg South Africa, Lubumbashi DRC and Sao Paulo Brazil.

Courtesy of Embassy of Namibia in Berlin Germany Ambassador Andreas Guibeb. **DD**



First Secretary Tourism – Susan Katema

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have served mother Zambia as First Secretary Tourism at the Zambian Embassy in Berlin, Germany. Words cannot express what an immense pleasure it has been for me to serve at this mission and the immeasurable support of the Ambassador H.E. Anthony Mukwita and Embassy colleagues for which I will remain greatly indebted.

In terms of promoting and marketing Zambia as a preferred destination of tourism in Germany and our other countries of extra accreditation, which are Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic, we have had great success aggressively marketing Zambia in these countries.

Some of the highlights were in 2017. After lobbying and having great talks



with the organizers of Messe Berlin, Germany, Zambia through our Embassy in Berlin and the Zambia Tourism Agency, managed to convince our Honourable Minister of Tourism and Arts, Hon Charles Banda to take on the challenge of being Convention & Culture Partner” at the World’s largest and most significant Tourism fair in the world, ITB Berlin, Germany.

Not only did this give us the opportunity to showcase our magnificent tourism and culture but it also gave us that chance at the business platform for showing global touristic offers. It was an excellent ITB and a great media event. Zambia indeed pulled off our partnership with ITB Messe Berlin the following year in 2018.

Furthermore, I have enjoyed every Familiarization trip organized by my desk to visit the Victoria Falls in Zambia, South Luangwa National Park, Lower Zambezi National Park and various other significant tourism sites; taking media officials and top tourism players in Germany and Austria to witness these sites. Following these efforts in marketing Zambia’s tourism product, it is now imperative to « keep the buzz and momentum » going and transform the increase of brand awareness into concrete business and tourist arrivals.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the persons that I have interacted with both professionally and personally during my tour and sincerely pray that Zambia will remain a part of you in the years to come. **DD**



Zambia Embassy gets new deputy head of mission

One of Zambia's female veteran journalists Dorcas Ilunga Chileshe joined the Zambian Embassy Berlin team as Minister Counsellor on 8th April 2019. Ms Chileshe is the first female Zambian Journalist to rise to this high level diplomatic appointment.

Prior to this appointment she served as Deputy Chief of Protocol (State Functions and Ceremonies) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. a portfolio, which mandated her to serve as Chief of Protocol for the Vice President of the Republic of Zambia.

Ms Chileshe has risen through the ranks from trainee reporter, Sub editor and Editor under the then Zambia Information Services (ZIS) for 18 years .

She was the first female Zambian Journalist to be appointed First Secretary Press in diplomatic service and served in Addis Ababa Ethiopia from 2007 to 2014 and there after Public Relations Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is happy that her appointment as Press Secretary opened a door for many other vibrant Zambian female Journalists currently serving in other Missions abroad.

Ms Chileshe values team work and eager to run with Berlin Mission team to promote Zambia s interests in Germany as well as in the six countries of extra accreditation namely; Poland, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Slovak Republic.

"Zambia is one of the most peaceful countries in the world , you cannot successfully champion economic diplomacy without peace and this why the entire world must know that our country is a haven of



New Deputy head of mission Mrs. Dorcas Ilunga Chileshe is welcomed by Ambassador Anthony Mukwita in Berlin

peace," she stressed.

Ms Chileshe strongly believes in the power of networking and believes that the team at Berlin Mission will continue to be vibrant in searching for opportunities which Zambia can benefit from.

She also encourages Zambian Missions abroad to create a platform where they can learn best practices share experiences on how to champion economic diplomacy effectively.

Asked on her major achievement during her link with the African Union in Ethiopia , Ms Chileshe said she initiated the establishment of the AU Network of Press Attaches ,a body whose objective is to intensify coverage of the AU development agenda in all Member States.

This initiative helped her to qualify for an AU scholarship to pursue a Masters Degree in Managing Peace and Security in Africa at Addis Ababa University in 2013.

Ms Chileshe who is married with four children and 3 grandchildren strongly believes in the power of prayer.

She says that life has taught her that God answers prayer and that there is nothing too hard for God hence the need for Zambians to rise and pray for the nation, families, unity and peace.

Zambian Missions abroad need to pray and ask for wisdom and God's guidance as they strive to promote Zambia's interest abroad.

"Prayer opens doors of opportunities", she says. **DD**

A well-deserved thumbs up for EAZ board

...for raising the Zambian economic conversation says Amb Mukwita



Dr Lubinda Habazoka shares a moment with Zambia's Ambassador to Germany H.E. Anthony Mukwita at the Avani Sun Resort Hotel in Livingstone.

The Economic Association of Zambia or EAZ deserves commendation for organising the debut business summit in the resort town of Livingstone that brought together almost 1000 business leaders, diplomats and Presidents under the same roof said Ambassador Anthony Mukwita.

The Zambian representative to Germany said it must be appreciated that organising an event of this magnitude requires a lot of work and resilience which can be scarce in Zambia sometimes, especially when it is a 'non-government' initiative, that nevertheless requires government support at Presidential level.

"Dr Habazoka, Executive Director Miriam Nachilima and the entire EAZ board deserves great commendation for putting together the just ended event that brought together people under one roof from diverse political affiliations to have a positive Zambian narrative," said Ambassador Mukwita.

Ambassador Mukwita said, "we would fail in our duty if we did not recognise the pivotal role President Edgar Lungu played in icing the



whole event because without him President Uhuru Kenyatta and H.E Jakaya Kikwete would have not graced the event.”

Presidential support according to Ambassador Mukwita always counts for a lot at an Economic Diplomacy event, “because after all H.E Lungu is the chief diplomat of Zambia.”

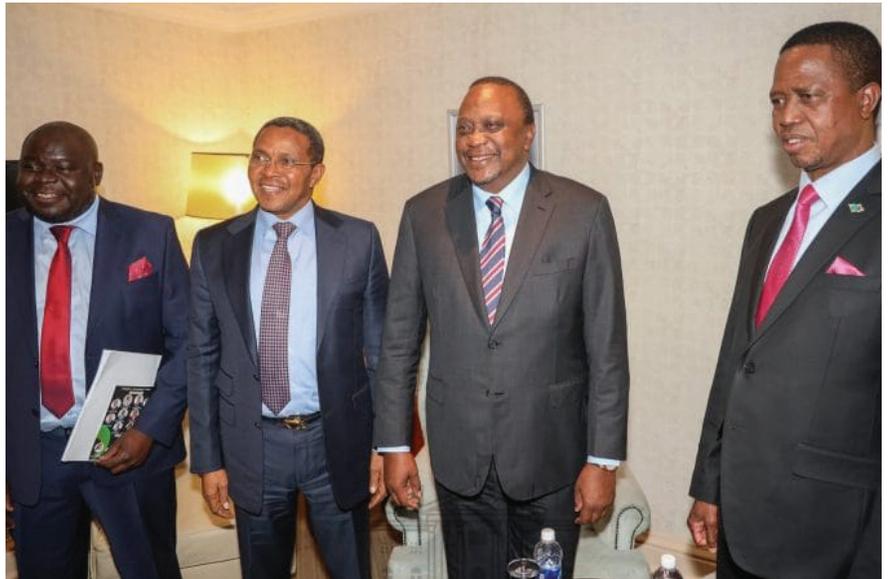
Dr Habazoka and his team managed to bring together all commercial banks in Zambia, Central Bank Governor Denny Kalyalya, Finance Minister Dr Bwalya Nga’ndu and Ministers and parastatal chiefs as well as ordinary Zambian and international business leaders under one roof for 48 hours in a rare feat.

Issues ranging from energy, agriculture, mining and diversification were thrashed out in a candid manner with various solutions being suggested as well as time tables for action being put in place by organisers of the event.

Dr Lubinda said, “We also deliberately opened all deliberations to the Zambian media totally and foreign media such as SABC to cover and analyse the event in the most professional way they could...we gagged no one, neither did we bar anyone from attending the event from the media fraternity as we appreciate the crucial role they play.”

Ambassador Mukwita, one of the many participants that attended the event at “No Cost to government” said the mission in Berlin that contributed to a number of crucial participants will continue supporting Dr Habazoka and team in their stellar national duty.

“As Dr Habazoka and team escalate economic diplomacy our mission shall give them all the support they



While commending Dr Habazoka and EAZ team, Ambassador Mukwita said “it is important to ensure more action is taken to slashing poverty and growing and diversifying the economy as EAZ prepares for the next event to avoid rhetoric.”

need by encouraging German business to participate,” said Ambassador Mukwita.

The next EAZ business event promising to be yet another success is billed for April 2020 in the resort town of Livingstone on the banks of the Zambezi river and the mighty Mosi O Tunya Falls or Victoria Falls said Dr Habazoka.

“The push President Lungu put on the event made it assume a life of its own and is testimony President Lungu wants to see economic diversification become a reality to spur GDP growth,” said Ambassador Mukwita.

Ambassador Mukwita urged Zambian media that covered the event to start interrogating the various undertakings made by participants so that they can question them ahead of next year instead of always waiting for a press release.

While commending Dr Habazoka and EAZ team, Ambassador Mukwita said “it is important to ensure more action is taken to slashing poverty and growing and diversifying the economy as EAZ prepares for the next event to avoid rhetoric.”

Some pundits said Dr Habazoka and team are now an inspiration that shows that with resilience and team work you can achieve a lot than when you work alone with a negative attitude.

The event dubbed National Economic Summit of EAZ took place on 26th and 27th July 2019 and was attended by some 780 business identities from Zambia and beyond, including some members of the diplomatic Corps. **DD**

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An Assembly line for Electric Cars that could need Zambian cobalt and copper or lithium

Zambia eyes electric car market to boost economy

...EAZ business indaba learns

From The Royal Livingstone, July 2019

Zambia is ramping up plans to make economic gains out of the booming electric car industry the EAZ organised National Economic Summit has learnt in the resort town of Livingstone.

The revelation was made by Ms Kayula Siame, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce and Trade following a question from Zambia's Ambassador to Germany H.E Anthony Mukwita who wanted to know what Zambia is doing to tap into the growing electric car industry in Europe, USA and Asia.

XA latest Polaris Market Research finding says the electric car industry will hit an all time US\$912 billion by 2026 globally and those that invest in the market now could hit a jackpot.

"As Africa's number two top copper producer I am interested in knowing how we are positioning ourselves to gain from the growing lucrative electric car vehicles industry that depends on copper and cobalt," said Ambassador Mukwita.

Ms Kayula said two companies from abroad were already discussing the



matter with Zambia on ways to get into the future electric cars business and, “we have to get several government departments that could be involved on board.”

Dr Wala Chabala, a prominent Zambian economic consultant and former Securities Exchange Commission CEO told event participants that, “as a copper producing nation this question raised by Ambassador Mukwita must be taken on board. I feel we need to plan on how to make gains from this now.”

Conversely, Ambassador Albert Muchanga, the Trade Commissioner to the African Union said without a doubt: “electric vehicles are the future and we must start investing in that future now as Zambia because other African countries already are.”

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“The market is maturing at a fast rate due to increasing demand,” said the report adding that some governments, “initiatives to accelerate the shift of their nations vehicle fleet from combustion to electric drive has led to rapid growth in the sale of electric vehicles.”

Ambassador Mukwita said, “I cannot see any other African country that could gain more from this growth in the electric car zone than Zambia given our huge copper and cobalt deposits.”

On the side-lines of the same event that has drawn in participants from industry leaders, corporate heads, diplomats and government ministers televised live by ZNBC, Dr Roland Msisika expressed positive enthusiasm about developing an industry around electric cars in Zambia.

“An electric car is 70 percent copper therefore Zambia has to get into this market as soon as possible,” Dr Msisika who heads the nuclear agency in Zambia said.

Ambassador Mukwita said he would start seeking out German companies that can partner with Zambia to add value to copper and cobalt for electric cars.

President Edgar Lungu and his Kenyan counterpart President Uhuru Kenyatta and former President of Tanzania Mzee Jakaya Kikwete are expected to attend the event today. **DD**

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Congratulations Hon. Ronald Chitotela



The Ambassador and embassy staff in Berlin would like to congratulate hon. Ronald Chitotela for his transfer to the Ministry of Tourism. Every year, the embassy collaborates with the Ministry of Tourism and Zambia Tourism Agency to participate in the premier tourism event in Berlin, the ITB Berlin. We are also grateful for the great times we had with Dr Charles Phiri when he was Tourism Minister.

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Diplomatic Meet Up

At a recent diplomatic event in Berlin, Zambia's Ambassador Anthony Mukwita is flanked by colleagues on left Ambassador of Rwanda to Germany H.E Igor Cesar and outgoing Ambassador of Kenya to Germany H.E Joseph Magutti, miss you but see you soon Balozi. Pic courtesy of the Embassy of Zambia in Berlin.





Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Joseph Malanji

...happy with increase in high level visits to Zambia

The number of visits at the highest national level to Zambia from other foreign countries spiked up to 11 within a yearly period of 2017 and 2018 said Minister of Foreign Affairs hon Joseph Malanji at business event in Livingstone in July.

“Zambia has experienced about 11 high level visits at Presidential level during the period of 2017 to 2018,” hon Malanji said, “we also signed several MoUs during the high-level visits which is positive for economic diplomacy.”

Hon Malanji said this in a statement read for him by Permanent Secretary Ambassador Chalwe Lombe who is responsible for International Relations and Corporation at the ministry.

The Minister said as a consequence of one of the dozens MoUs signed through escalated economic diplomacy being championed by the ministry at Headquarters and various missions abroad, Turkish Airlines is now flying to Zambia among a myriad other.

Hon Malanji said escalated economic diplomacy the ministry is encouraging under President Edgar Lungus government will contribute to massive reductions in poverty and job creation in the long term.



Foreign Affairs Minister Joseph Malanji is happy with increase in Presidential Visits to Zambia that have resulted in the signing of more than a dozen business MoUs.

The business event dubbed National Economic Summit and themed: The Future of Economic Diplomacy supporting inclusive Growth and Sustainable growth and Development has attracted top notch participants from Zambia and abroad.

Among those present today are the Minister of Finance Dr Bwalya Ngandu, Minister of Commerce and Trade Minister hon. Christopher Yaluma and Bank of Zambia Governor Dr Denny Kalyalya to mention but a few.

Others are diplomats from Zambian missions abroad such as Ambassador Anthony Mukwita from Germany, Emmanuel Mwamba from Ethiopia and H.E Martin Mwanambale.

Ambassador Mukwita described the first day of the major EAZ event

as, “insightful because of the various discussions placed on the table regarding economic diplomacy by various experts.”

EAZ has disclosed that President Edgar Lungu will grace the event along with his colleague from Kenya President Uhuru Kenyatta and former President of Tanzania Mzee Jakaya Kikwete on Friday.

EAZ President Dr Lubinda Habazoka said he is humbled by the turnout of participants at the first ever of its kind by EAZ and is planning another one for next April.

Ambassador Mukwita said the increase in the number of heads of states visiting Zambia either at the business summit or before is testimony that the country is on the right path of escalated economic diplomacy. **DD**

The China Africa story in new twist

...from former President of Tanzania Kikwete



His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete, the former President of Tanzania says the theory popularised by the western media regarding China allegedly laying a debt trap for African countries such as Zambia may lack substance.

President Kikwete said the stark economic reality based on verifiable studies shows that the West benefits more from China than the entire African continent when it comes to Foreign Direct Investment or FDI.

“Studies show that more billions in terms of investment from China

have currently gone to Europe than to Africa,” said former President Kikwete when he spoke at widely followed EAZ summit at the Avani Hotels Resort in Livingstone during a panel discussion.

President Kikwete gave a ball park figure of 30 billion pounds which he said has been invested in UK alone

in recent years by China compared to only 60 billion pounds for the entire African continent of 54 countries over the same period.

This confirms the concerns of many pundits that feel China’s relationship with Africa regarding debt or investment are often mischaracterised or skewed in western media.

President Kikwete amidst nods of agreement at the EAZ conference could not be drawn into rebuking China’s relationship with Africa.

Last year, President Edgar Lungu cautioned against ‘malicious media



reports' aimed at creating a rift between China and Zambia over debt or FDI.

President Lungu said, "Zambia will choose its friends on its own terms" not based on foreign media theories of 'debt traps and dishonesty.'

Zambia like Tanzania has enjoyed a 55-year undisrupted relationship with China from building the TAZARA in the 1960s to currently completing the ultra-modern Kenneth Kaunda International airport plus thousands of kilometres of roads in Zambia today.

Criticism abound from the Western media regarding the China Zambia relationship but President Lungu has remains unequivocal Zambia's international relations.

What the studies show on FDI in Africa and West

While the hype is that Africa was getting huge amounts of development money from China, studies show the exact opposite is the reality with the West actually getting a lion share of China money.

The "Big Three" EU countries, and not Africa, got most of Chinese money in 2018 alone: United Kingdom bagged 4.2 billion euros, Germany 2.1 billion euros and France 1.6 billion euros.

That's a far cry for projects such as Zambia's KKIA or indeed the road works according to studies.

In fact the same study from Rhodium Group and Mercator Institute of China studies or MERICS says the



President Kikwete at the July EAZ National Economic Summit in Livingstone shares a moment with Ambassador Anthony Mukwita

two 'new top recipients' of huge Chinese money now are still not Africa or from Africa, they are: Sweden and Luxembourg.

A Forbes study shows that contrary to popular belief, China money is not even as far out spread in Africa as is in the west, with for instance Chinese investment in Africa being lower on average than in other regions away from Africa.

Forbes study says Chinese investment in Africa averages 1.78 people for every \$1million compared to 2.24 people for every \$1 million in regions other than Africa.

The business forum dubbed National Economic Summit at Avani on the banks of the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls under the auspices of the Economic Association of Zambia was graced by President Edgar Lungu, Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta and President Kikwete.

Zambia's Ambassador to Germany H.E Anthony Mukwita who followed

the discussion closely as a participant described the summit as a start to greater practical economic solutions.

Zambia's Finance Minister Dr Bwalya Ngandu said if more action and less talking occurs after the event, Zambia could be on the right and positive economic path.

Others that attended the event from Zambia's diplomatic corps are Zambia's Ambassador to Ethiopia H.E Emmanuel Mwamba and Ambassador to Israel H.E Martin Mwanambale.

Dr Lubinda Habazoka, the EAZ boss says the next business event will be held in Livingstone next April after describing the first event as a success.

Albeit China was not the elephant in the room, it sure provided the discussion line for the event once the topic was raised to President Kikwete by veteran broadcaster and former diplomat Frank Mutubila. **DD**



(CNN) — Apart from Victoria Falls -- the world's largest waterfall -- Zambia remains a mostly unknown entity even to more intrepid travelers.

On the one hand, this is a terrible injustice to this exciting, enigmatic and unfailingly welcoming country.

On the other hand, it's a significant part of the appeal.

However, the Zambian government has recently reiterated its intention to put tourism at the top of its agenda.

The visa process for international visitors has been simplified in 2015 and the World Health Organization also came to the party and declared Zambia a yellow-fever-free zone.

As the often ill-informed furor around Ebola slowly peters out, Zambia is sending an increasingly loud message to the world that it is very much open for business.

So the best time to explore Zambia is

right now, before everyone else cottons on.

1. The Valley of the Leopard

Zambia is one of the few African countries that can pretty much guarantee the full pantheon of Africa's wildlife without having to be inside a fenced area.

All of Zambia's national parks and almost all of its accommodations are unfenced, and elephants, hippos, giraffes, buffaloes, hyenas and even lions are regular visitors to many towns, villages, lodges and camps even outside of national parks.

This park has one of the highest densities of big game anywhere in Africa, but vast swathes remain largely unexplored.

Even in the "busier" sections along the Luangwa River visitors are un-

likely to be jostling with an army of other game vehicles to get the best view of the action.

Above all else, South Luangwa has become feted for its leopard sightings -- anyone who comes here and doesn't see any leopards needs their eyes tested.

2. Zambia's French Riviera

The fashionable Lake Kariba is the largest man-made body of water in Africa, a veritable inland ocean.

Visitors could be forgiven for thinking they're in Mediterranean Europe at times here, but when the sun sets there's no doubt they're in Africa.

Aside from the stellar African sunsets, the order of the day at Lake Kariba tends to be as follows: sunbathing, watersports, fishing, fresh crayfish, ice-cold sundowners and general relaxation.

Otherwise there are numerous reasonably priced lodges, self-catering villas or campsites along the edge of the lake in and around the pretty town of Siavonga, many of which in some way capture the French Riviera feel of the area.

An increasing number of Zambia's wealthy elite own second or even third homes in Siavonga, with the lake just an easy 200-kilometer jaunt from the capital of Lusaka.

3. A walk on the wild side

Among safari aficionados, Zambia is feted for its guided bush walks and walking safaris.

Though these activities aren't unique to Zambia, the level of knowledge of the guides generally is.

With the density of wildlife, dearth of fences and continued prevalence of traditional rural living, one of the arguments is that Zambia's guides grow up in closer proximity to the



For the 2019 half marathon, the finish line was at the Brandenburg Gate, which once served as a dividing line between West and East Germany.

wonders of the African bush than most.

Whatever the case, there's probably nothing more exhilarating than tracking lions through the bush on foot, and Lower Zambezi National Park has to be the best place in Zambia to do this.



Lower Zambezi National Park, Sud di Lusaka, Lusaka Zambia;

Just a few hours' drive from Lusaka or a 30-minute chartered flight, the park is astonishingly remote and the landscapes are striking.

The green banks and elephant-filled islands of the mighty Zambezi flank the park on one side and a high and densely forested escarpment on the other.

A morning bush walk can be coupled with an afternoon or even overnight canoe safari down the Zambezi for a truly special Zambian combination.

4. A fascinating colonial heritage

For those with a soft spot for colonial nostalgia or in need of a quick cultural fix, a visit to the picturesque and spectacularly incongruous Shiwa Ng'andu manor house should do the trick.

This was the former home of a young British colonial officer by the name of Stewart Gore-Browne who came to the area in 1911 to determine the border between Northern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo.

Shiwa Ngandu, Mpika, Mpika Zambia;

Gore-Browne developed a deep affinity for the area and determined that when his work was finished he would return and settle in this part of Africa.

He came back in 1914 looking for a piece of land to buy.

The huge and elaborate manor house that he built, overlooking a lake and surrounded by pristine gardens, gives a number of fascinating insights into both the eccentricity and determination of its creator and the colonial heritage of Zambia in general.

5. The mighty Zambezi in full force

While we've aimed here to shine a spotlight on some of Zambia's lesser-known highlights, it's impossible to leave Victoria Falls off this list altogether.

Over the years this incredible natural wonder has exhausted all the superlatives in the dictionary in attempts to describe it, but none manage to do it justice.

Known to locals as "Mosi-oa-Tunya" ("The Smoke that Thunders"), spray from the falls can be seen rising high above the deep Batoka Gorge from literally kilometers away.

Once jaws have returned to their usual positions and eyes have stopped popping out of heads, there are an unprecedented number of adrenaline activities on offer in and around the falls.

These can all be washed down with a stiff drink on the banks of the Zambezi at the decadent colonial-themed Royal Livingstone, while zebra and giraffe graze on the perfectly manicured lawns nearby.

Royal Livingstone, Mosi-Oa-Tunya Road, Livingstone Zambia **DD**



Dr Bwalya Ng'andu is new Minister of Finance of Zambia

...his appointment by President Edgar Lungu pushed up dollar bond prices

Monarch Business School Switzerland is proud to announce that Monarch Graduate Dr. Bwalya Ng'andwe has been appointed Minister of Finance for Zambia. The announcement was made public on the 15th of July, 2019. Monarch wishes Dr. Ng'andwe the very best in his new position.



The university statement said, "we are confident that Dr. Ng'andu's academic and professional experience will be a great asset to the ministry of finance and government. Markets re-

acted "positively" to his appointment as reported by Bloomberg (see story below).

Dr. Bwalya Ng'andwe holds a M.Phil. in Economics from Monarch Busi-

ness School. He also holds a Ph.D. in Applied Psychology from Cranfield University, UK; a M.Sc. in Ergonomics from The University of London as well as a BA in Psychology and Business from the University of Zambia.

Dr. Ng'andwe is a Zambian Rhodes Scholar who also holds professional qualifications in a number of institutions, including: Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, UK; Fellow of the Zambia Institute of Banking and Financial Services, Fellow of the Zambia Institute of Human Resources as well as a representative of the Zambia stock exchange as well as being a former Economics Association of Zambia President.

Before his appointment as Minister of Finance, he held the position of Deputy Governor of the Bank of Zambia where he has also held the position of Managing Director of the Development Bank of Zambia.

He has held various board positions across numerous sectors of the Zambian economy. Beyond his board appointments he has held positions as: Chairman of the Banking and Finance Task Force, he has sat on the Lusaka City Council board,



He is President Edgar Lungu's third Minister of Finance since 2016 preceded by hon Felix Mutati and lately Mrs. Margarete Mwanakaywe MP. President Edgar Lungu received plaudits from various sectors for making "the right choice" at the right time.

he served as President of the Zambia Institute of Banking & Financial Services, and sat as member of the executive committee of the Zambia Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Ng'andwe is well published in a number of commissions including: The Economic Commission for Africa, Caritas Zambia and The United Kingdom Commission for Africa.

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Dr Ng'andu's agenda is to bring Zambia back on track on an IMF programme that could unlock up to US\$1,5 billion and further boost Zambia's international attractiveness economically.

Zambia's Ambassador H.E Anthony Mukwita in a congratulatory letter wished Dr Ng'andwe well and expressed confidence that the acclaimed economist would do as delegated by President Lungu to the best of his ability. **DD**

Source: Bloomberg/Monarch/ Zambia Embassy, Berlin

USA and Zambia diplomatic exchange in Berlin

The Ambassador of the United States of America accredited Germany H.E Richard Allen Grennel graciously hosted his Zambian counterpart H.E Anthony Mukwita at the sprawling American embassy located next to the historic Brandenburg

Gate and Hotel Adlon Kempinski. The two discussed various diplomatic issues and ways of escalating greater relations for mutual benefits ranging from human rights to the economy.

Picture courtesy of US Embassy in Berlin. **DD**





Africa Peace Diplomacy Milestone in Mozambique

President Edgar Lungu recently visited Mozambique and met counterpart H.E Filipe Nyusi in the capital Maputo in order to witness a historic peace signing event between the ruling party of Mozambique and the former rebel opposition party.

The signing is seen as one of the most progressive political actions in Moze as Africa continues to democratise. This was on 6th August 2019. **DD**



Picture courtesy of State House Eddie Mwanaleza in Maputo.

Zambia toasts 54 years at glam Berlin embassy event

Berlin based Ambassadors toast Zambia Independence

In October last year, the embassy of Zambia in Berlin Germany held its 54th independence anniversary at Maritim Hotel. Dozens of Ambassadors based in Berlin accredited to Germany attended the event. In this picture is the Ambassador (s) of Rwanda from left H.E Igor Cesar, H.E Anthony Mukwita, Nigerian envoy H.E Al Haji Yusuf Tuggar and the Ambassador of Namibia H.E Andreas B.D Guibeb. **DD**



Picture courtesy of Mohammed El Sauf in Berlin.