



ZAMBIA INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

PRE-AGM WORKSHOP OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ZAMBIA INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (ZICA), MRS. CECILIA ZIMBA AT THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ZAMBIA INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (ZICA) HELD AT AVANI VICTORIA FALL RESORT IN LIVINGSTONE

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ALL MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE,

ZICA MANAGEMENT AND STAFF,

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

GOOD MORNING!

I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE PRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WORKSHOP OF THE ZAMBIA INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (ZICA).

THE 2022 PRE AGM WORKSHOP IS BEING HELD UNDER THE THEME “**RESILIENT LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH**”. FOR US AT ZICA, THIS APPROPRIATE THEME REMINDS US OF THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS OF RESILIENCE:

1. IN THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, WE – AS A SOCIETY – HAVE TO TAP INTO THE BEST OF OURSELVES IN ORDER TO

WITHSTAND THE PAIN AND SHOCK THAT INEVITABLY COMES WITH PROFOUND CHANGE. OUR ECONOMY NEEDS PROFOUND CHANGE FOR IT TO SERVE ALL OUR PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY. OUR EMERGING ECONOMY HAS TO DELIBERATELY SEEK OUT AND USE THE TALENTS THAT LIE IN ALL OUR PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS OURS AND MANY MORE.

2. RESILIENCE ALSO MEANS IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGE; WE SHOULD NOT LET ANYONE IN OUR SOCIETY FALL BY THE WAYSIDE. IT IS CHOOSING NOT TO LEAVE ANYONE OF OUR CITIZENS BEHIND. SUCH A STANCE IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE CALLS US TO COLLABORATE IN THE MANNER WE MAY NOT HAVE DONE BEFORE SO THAT WE CAN MOBILISE THE LIMITED MEANS WE HAVE TO CREATE NEW EFFICIENCIES. BY SO DOING, WE WILL ALLOW OURSELVES TO FIND THE RESOURCES NEEDED FOR SUPPORTING THOSE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD FALL BY THE WAYSIDE. WHEN AN ECONOMY HAS TOO MANY CASUALTIES, IT DESTROYS THE VERY FABRIC IT NEEDS TO ARISE. TO CREATE NEW EFFIECIENCY, RADICAL TRANSPARENCY IN OUR SYSTEMS IS REQUIRED. OUR ECONOMY NEEDS TO BE SUPER SIGHTED TO SPOT ANY AREAS WHERE WASTAGE AND INEFFICIENCIES ARE HAPPENING. ZICA, AMONG OTHERS, IS A NATURAL PARTNER IN SUCH UNDERTAKINGS.
3. WHILE RESILIENCE MEANS TIGHTENING THE BELT, IT ALSO MEANS PUTTING A PREMIUM ON AREAS OF OUR ECONOMY THAT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BREATHE NEW AIR IN THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES WHILE BEING ALERT TO THE NEED TO PROMOTE THE WELLBEING OF OUR PLANET. THIS MEANS WE CREATE CONDITIONS FOR INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY. FOR INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY TO HAPPEN, THE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE CONDUCIVE. HERE, WE NOTE THAT GOVERNMENT IS SPEEDILY CREATING THIS ENVIRONMENT THROUGH POLICY SHIFTS AND MAKING AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND SECTORS ARE SHOWING THE RIGHT SIGNS.

IT IS BEYOND DOUBT THAT MOST ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN STEADFAST IN CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT AIMED AT STAYING AFLOAT, CUTTING COSTS AND DELIVERING SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESSES TO THRIVE AMIDST THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES. IN ADDITION, IT IS UNQUESTIONABLE THAT THE NEW DAWN GOVERNMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF HIS EXCELLENCE PRESIDENT HAKAINDE HICHILEMA IS WORKING TIRELESSLY TOWARDS ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION OF OUR COUNTRY.

I WISH TO STATE THAT AS WE NAVIGATE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF OUR SOCIETY, THE MANTRA OF "RESILIENCE" SHOULD NOT JUST BRING ABOUT THE FEELING OF SACRIFICE IN ALL OF US, BUT ALSO INVITE US TO CAST OUR EYES ON THE POSITIVE FUTURE THAT IS ON THE HORIZON. WE ARE SACRIFICING TODAY IN ORDER TO REAP AND CELEBRATE IN THE FORESEABLE FUTURE. THIS WAY OF THINKING MAKES RESILIENCE A NECESSARY HUMAN QUALITY FOR BUILDING THE SOCIETY WE ALL LONG FOR AND KNOW IS POSSIBLE.

GUEST OF HONOUR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO WELCOME THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE INSTITUTE MR. ANTHONY BWEMBYA WHO JOINED THE INSTITUTE ON 3RD JANUARY 2022.

MAY I ALSO EXTEND MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE ORGANISERS, SPEAKERS, MODERATORS AND SPONSORS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESSFUL HOLDING OF THE PRE-AGM WORKSHOP, I HOPE THAT THE PRESENTATIONS TODAY WILL MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE BEST PRACTICAL WAYS AND ENCOURAGE US TO BE LEADERS THAT SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES BY CREATING A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE AND A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY. WE ARE ZICA, WE ARE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, WE ARE THE PROFESSION THAT COUNTS, LETS MAKE IT COUNT YOU CAN COUNT ON US!

IT IS MY SINGULAR HONOUR TO DECLARE THIS WORKSHOP OFFICIALLY OPEN THE PRE-AGM WORKSHOP.

THANK YOU.