



ZIPAR/NEAC/IGC National Economic Development Conference Programme

Government Complex

Thursday 5th December 2013

Theme: Growth, Poverty and Inequality: Creating Opportunities for All

TIME	ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	Secretariat
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Webby Wake –Executive Secretary -NEAC - Alan Hirsch – Country Director - IGC - Dr. Pamela Kabaso – Executive Director -ZIPAR <p>Opening Address by Guest of Honour –Hon. Alexandar Chikwanda Ministry of Finance</p>	Chibamba Kanyama
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Key note address – Overcoming the Challenges of Inclusive Growth in Zambia</p> <p>Tobias Rasmussen – Resident Represent -IMF</p> <p>The Country has experienced consistent growth in the recent past with the rate of growth of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) averaging 6%. The country has also contained inflation rates to single digit levels and has been recording positive trade balance.</p> <p>Poverty levels have however, remained high especially in rural areas. This is an indication that the growth being experienced is not being enjoyed by the majority of the citizens. To address this challenge, Government has been putting emphasis on inclusive growth and social justice. Government has indicated that its main goal is to ensure that the benefits of growth that the country is experiencing lead to a better life for all.</p> <p>This keynote address will endeavour to put into perspective the challenges of inclusive growth and explore ways in which these can be overcome. The presentation will among other issues answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the drivers of inclusive growth - What has been the challenges to inclusiveness - What should be done to overcome these challenges and make growth 	

	<i>accrue to all</i>	
10:00 – 10:30	Health Break	
10:30: 12:50	<p>Parallel Sessions:</p> <p>Session ONE: Growth dynamics</p> <p>i) SMMEs and Banking</p> <p>Presenter: Joseph Simumba (20 min) Discussant: TBA (10min)</p> <p>ii) Optimal rate of Inflation in Zambia</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Nyamazana (20 min) Discussant: BoZ –Peter Zgambo (10min)</p> <p>iii) The Birth, Death and Survival of Exports in Zambia</p> <p>Presenter: Bernard Banda (20 min) Discussant: Caesar Cheelo (10min)</p> <p>Discussion (60 min)</p> <p>About the session</p> <p>This session will take an analytic view on the key drivers for growth. The session will consider some key factors that constraint growth which includes access to finance for SMMEs, exports and inflation. With access to finance being an important challenge for SMMEs in Zambia, SMMEs and Financing paper will examine this issue in detail and provide plausible options for addressing this challenge. The Birth, death and Survival of Exports in Zambia explains the fact that despite exports being part of the main drivers of economic growth in Zambia, the survival rate of exporting firms is very low bringing into question the sustainability and competitiveness of Zambia’s exports especially that the country aims at diversifying from copper. The paper on the optimal level of inflation estimates the optimal rate of inflation in Zambia that would sustain positive economic growth.</p>	Dr. Pamu BOZ
10:30: 12:50	<p>Session TWO: Poverty and jobs</p> <p>i) Social security systems in Zambia</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Lawrence Mukuka (20 min) Discussant: Bryson Hamazuka – Benefits Consulting (10 min)</p> <p>ii) Food Constraints, Yield Uncertainty and Ganyu Labor</p>	George Lwanga UNDP

	<p>Presenter: Dr. Felix Masiye (20 min) Discussant: Ballad Zulu (10 min)</p> <p>i) The face of poverty – An alternative approach to poverty measurement</p> <p>Presenter: Gibson Masumbu (20 min) Discussant: Goodson Sinyenga - CSO (10 min)</p>	
	<p>About the session</p> <p>This session puts poverty under the microscope by taking a detailed look at poverty and some of the means through which people can be lifted out of poverty. The first paper is a review of social security systems in Zambia which addresses the gap in knowledge regarding the effectiveness and efficiency, contingencies covered and adequacy of benefits of the existing social security systems in Zambia. The second paper is based on a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) in Chipata, Eastern Zambia. The main focus of the paper is to assess why small-scale farms fail to achieve higher yields and also whether the part time jobs (Ganyu Labor) that small scale farmers get in big farms during the rainy season does affect the farm productivity. The last paper provides an alternative lens through which poverty can be viewed and understood in Zambia. Rather than using income measurement alone, poverty is also measured based on deprivations that people face.</p>	
<p>10:30: 12:50</p>	<p>Session THREE: Entrepreneurship and skills</p> <p>i) The Enterprise Map of Zambia: What do the book findings mean for the Zambian Economy?</p> <p>Presenter: Felix Mwenge – IGC (20 min) Discussant: Roseta Mwape – ZAMEFA (10 min)</p> <p>ii) Education and Training</p> <p>Presenter: Neil Ranking (20 min) Discussant: Catherine kanyensha – TEVETA (10 min)</p> <p>iii) Capacity Assessment of public TEVET institutions</p> <p>Presenter: Mukuka Nunkwe (20 min) Discussant: Mrs. Banda (TEVETA) (10 min)</p> <p>Discussion (30)</p> <p>About the session</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity for the IGC and NEAC to share findings of studies around entrepreneurship and skills. The first presentation will highlight some useful insights from the Enterprise Map book which profiles firms in selected industries such as agro-processing, construction and manufacturing. While the book is more descriptive than analytical it provides</p>	<p>Dr. Mungule NEAC</p>

	<p>great insights regarding the sources of capabilities, export survival and employment creation of firms like never before.</p> <p>The second paper discusses the perception that exist in Zambia that despite the increase in the numbers of those with more education, the education system is not meeting the needs of the changing economy. Among many things, the paper concludes that while the quality of the Zambian school system is poor compared to other countries within the region, businesses are unlikely to report that skills are a constraint for them. The third paper provides the key issues arising from the capacity assessment of Technical and Vocational Education and Training TEVET institutions in Zambia. The papers creates awareness that Government cannot grapple with youth empowerment, wealth and employment creation on the state of technology obtaining in the vocational and technical training institutes and colleges.</p>	
13: 00	Lunch	
14:00 –15:30	<p>Policy Dialogue: Raising Domestic Revenue – Prospects and Challenges</p> <p>Main Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <i>Government: MOF (10 min)</i> ii) <i>Private Sector: Maybin Nsupila – CEO- ZAM (10 min)</i> iii) <i>Civil Society: Isaac Ngoma - EAZ (10 min)</i> iv) <i>Academia – Donald Chanda - UNZA (10 min)</i> <p>Discussion (30)</p> <p>In the last two years, Government has increased its expenditure largely due to its ambitious infrastructure development programme. Infrastructure projects cover the road, health, education and new districts. In 2013, Government also increased salaries for civil servants. The resultant effect of these undertakings is the 8.5% deficit in 2013 which Government intends to reduce to 6.6% in 2014. This means then that Government will need to look to other avenues in order to raise the monies needed to cover its expansionary policy.</p> <p>This dialogue will therefore bring together stakeholders from Government and non-government institutions to explore the prospects and uncover the challenges of raising revenue. The speakers will endeavour to bring to the fore viable options that Government should consider as it formulates its revenue measures.</p>	Bob Liebenthal IGC
15:30 – 15:45	Health Break	
15:45 – 16:05	<p>Feedback from sessions:</p> <p>Presenters: Chairpersons of sessions</p>	
16:05 -1635	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>ED – ZIPAR/NEAC/IGC PS - Ministry of Finance</p>	

17:00	Cocktail Reception	
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