



2nd Zambia Economic Growth Forum 2024 “Pathways to Growth”

Event Agenda

21st – 22nd February, Mulungushi International Conference Centre (Kenneth Kaunda Wing)

Day 1: 21st February 2024

Welcoming Remarks	Mr Felix Nkulukusa (Secretary to Treasury)	09:00-09:10
	Dr. Costa Christou (Deputy Director, African Department, IMF)	09:10-09:20
	Professor Jonathan Leape (IGC’s Executive Director)	09:20-09:30
	Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, MP (Minister of Finance & National Planning)	09:30-09:40

Tea break 9:40-10:00

Session I: Zambia’s Pathway to Macroeconomic Stability

This session will discuss the key issues facing Zambia in its quest for macroeconomic stability. Focus will be placed on the progress made in debt restructuring and its potential impact on the macroeconomy coupled with the 2024 National budget presented in October 2023.

Economic growth in Zambia: key issues and trajectory <i>Presentation</i>	Dr. Mercedes Vera Martin (IMF Zambia Mission Chief)	10:00-10:30
Panel and Q&A	Mr. Felix Nkulukusa (Secretary to the Treasury) Dr. Mercedes Vera Martin (IMF Mission Chief) Ms. Lowani Chibesakunda (CEO, Citibank Zambia) Professor Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC) Dr. Denny Kalyalya (Governor, Bank of Zambia) <i>Chair: Eric Lautier, IMF Resident Representative for Zambia</i>	10:30-12:30

Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30

<p>Delivering better local governance <i>Fireside chat</i></p>	<p>Professor Katherine Casey (Professor of Political Economy at Stanford University) Hon. Mr. Gary Nkombo, MP (Minister of Local Government and Rural Development)</p>	<p>13:30-14:20</p>
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Tea break 14:20-14:30

Session II: Harnessing Zambia's Agricultural Potential

What are the core challenges that constrain agricultural productivity in Zambia? The session will shed light on important topics such as improving financial accessibility for farmers, promoting sustainable and efficient farming technologies, enhancing market accessibility, and strengthening agricultural value chains.

<p>Climate adaptation and agriculture <i>Presentation</i></p>	<p>Professor Namrata Kala (Associate Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology)</p>	<p>14:30-15:00</p>
<p>Panel and Q&A</p>	<p>Mr. Chance Kabaghe (Executive Director, Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute) Ms. Faith Mukutu (CEO, Zambeef Products PLC) Ms. Kusobile Kamwambi (Head, Presidential Delivery Unit) Dr. Achim Fock (World Bank Country Manager, Zambia) Hon. Mr. Mtolo Phiri, MP (Minister of Agriculture)</p> <p><i>Chair: Namrata Kala (Associate Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology)</i></p>	<p>15:00-17:00</p>

Day 2: 22nd February 2024

Guests to be seated at 08:30

An Agenda for Green Industrialization in Zambia <i>Fireside chat</i>	Professor Robin Burgess (Professor of Economics at the LSE and Director at IGC) Mr. Ashu Sagar (President, Zambia Association of Manufacturers) Hon. Collins Nzovu (Minister of Green Economy and Environment)	08:45-9:45
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Tea Break: 09:45 – 10:10

Presidential Ceremony	Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, MP (Minister of Finance & National Planning)	10:10-10:15
	Dr. Costa Christou (Deputy Director, African Department, IMF)	10:15-10:35
	Professor Jonathan Leape (IGC's Executive Director)	10:35-10:55
Keynote by His Excellency Mr Hakainde Hichilema (President of The Republic of Zambia)		10:55-11:30
Positioning Zambia for Resource Boom <i>Presentation</i>	Sir Paul Collier (Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford and Director at IGC)	11:30-12:15

Lunch Break: 12:15-13:15

Session III: Unlocking the Mining Sector for Growth

This session will explore crucial aspects of the mining industry, emphasising approaches to enhance local community well-being and production levels. It will discuss initiatives for empowering communities through job creation, skills advancement, and fair resource allocation within the mining sector. Additionally, it will cover strategies to optimise production efficiency, thus solidifying the mining sector's vital contribution to Zambia's economic advancement.

Panel and Q&A	Dr. Hapenga Kabeta (Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Development) Mr. Sokwani Chilembo (CEO Chamber of Mines) Professor Robin Burgess (Professor of Economics at the LSE and Director at IGC) Mr. Owen Silavwe (CEO Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)) <i>Chair: Eric Werker, William Saywell Professor at the Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University)</i>	13:15-14:45
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Tea Break: 14:45 – 15:00

Session IV: Using Data for Policy

This session will explore how data can become a powerful tool for policymakers to promote evidence-based decision-making. We will illustrate potential use cases demonstrating current applications of data in policy development and execution. Furthermore, the session will evaluate the role of researchers in partnering with government bodies to monitor and assess large-scale policies, measuring both impact and unintended consequences. As a final point, we will discuss strategies to enhance data collection practices, ensuring optimal support for improving data utilisation in the government.

Panel and Q&A	Hon. Sylvia Masebo (Minister of Health) Mr. Mulenga J.J. Musepa (Statistician General) Mr. Danies Chisenda (Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning) Dr. Herrick Mpuku (Executive Director, ZIPAR) Dr. Lobna Ahmed (Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank) <i>Chair: Torsten Figueiredo Walter (Assistant Professor of Economics at New York University Abu Dhabi)</i>	15:00-17:00
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Concluding Remarks

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