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PRESIDENT LUNGU PREACHES PEACE IN AFRICA

Yokohama, Japan, (30th August, 2019)-----His Excellency President Edgar Lungu has made an Intervention Statement on Peace and Stability at the just ended 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Summit.

President Lungu told the conference that Africa has embraced and adopted frameworks which promote peace and security within the continent and beyond.

"This is because there is no single country or region which can claim to achieve sustainable peace and development on its own without collaboration with other countries.

The President said Africa is faced with various challenges which undermine peace and security.

He cited the challenges as political differences, terrorism, and cross border crimes.

He said in Zambia, peace and security is an area that successive governments had focused on as a prerequisite to development.

"I am sure we all support the view that sustainable development cannot be achieved without peace. As a result, Zambia has continued to be stable, peaceful and its people friendly," the President said.

The President said his administration has created a conducive environment for both local and foreign investment in areas such as Agriculture, Energy, Mining and Transport.

The President said Zambia has been supporting mediatory efforts aimed at peaceful resolutions of disputes in Africa and beyond. The country has continued to host a number of refugees from countries facing instability," the President said.

"Currently, Zambia hosts more than 76,000 refugees, former refugees, and asylum seekers," the President said.

President Lungu said upholding of essential principles of good governance, democracy and the rule of law remains paramount.

The President ended the statement by a recommendation:

"We must all invest in improving our governance structures in order to heed the concerns of our peoples."



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