



Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT FOR

**HIS EXCELLENCY DR. EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

DURING THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR

**PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES
AND LIVESTOCK AND THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL**

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 2019

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RESPECTIVE APPOINTMENTS AS ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, AND PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK.

**1. DR. BENSON MWENYA;
PERMANENT SECRETARY:**

YOU HAVE WORKED IN VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE MINISTRY; YOU WORKED AS A SENIOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH OFFICER, PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH OFFICER, CHIEF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS OFFICER UNTIL YOU ROSE TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT. THESE POSITIONS YOU HAVE HELD FROM **1999** TODATE.

YOUR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WHICH INCLUDE YOUR PHD IN ANIMAL SCIENCES COUPLED WITH YOUR VAST EXPERIENCE IN LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE A CATALYST FOR YOU TO ACHIEVE THE SET GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES SECTOR IN ZAMBIA.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR GOOD ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND VAST EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT, YOU WILL EXCEL AND ENSURE THAT THE MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES PERFORM ACCORDING TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE.

AS YOU TAKE UP THIS POSITION, I WANT YOU TO DILIGENTLY DRIVE THE AGENDA FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND AQUACULTURE.

YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE HAVE A DEFICIT OF FISH IN OUR COUNTRY. HOWEVER, THIS CAN BE ADDRESSED BY PUTTING IN PLACE AN AGGRESSIVE PROGRAMME WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE FISH FARMING.

THIS CALLS FOR YOU TO PLAN WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS TO ACCELERATE INCREASE IN FISH AND LIVESTOCK POPULATION FOR US TO IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND STIR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

I AM GLAD THAT WE HAVE A READY MARKET FOR GOATS IN SAUDI ARABIA. WE SHOULD NOT MISUSE THIS OPPORTUNITY HENCE IN YOUR NEW POSITION ENSURE THAT THE EXPORT OF GOATS TO SAUDI ARABIA IS ACTUALISED WITHOUT FAIL. LETS BEGIN TO SEE RESULTS ON THIS PROJECT RATHER THAN US MERELY TALKING ABOUT A READY MARKET.

SURELY, HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE US TO MAKE THIS A REALITY? THERE IS URGENT NEED FOR US TO MOVE. THIS IS WHY MY GOVERNMENT HAS FACILITATED THE OPENING OF BREEDING CENTRES ALMOST IN ALL THE PROVINCES.

I URGE YOU TO ENSURE THAT THESE FACILITIES ARE USED TO ENSURE QUALITY ANIMAL BREEDS AND AQUACULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLE AND MEETING THE DEMAND FOR EXPORT MARKET.

2. MR KENNEDY MUSONDA; ACCOUNTANT GENERAL:

I HAVE APPOINTED YOU AS ACCOUNTANT GENERAL ON MERIT AND I WANT YOU TO ENSURE PRUDENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES.

THIS POSITION IS NOT ALIEN TO YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL FROM **2008** TO **2012**. THEREFORE, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR VAST EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC OFFICE AND YOUR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR ABILITY TO PROMOTE PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND THAT MY CHOICE OF YOU IS NOT MISPLACED. YOU ARE EQUAL TO THE TASK.

YOU JOINED GOVERNMENT IN **1999** AS AN INTERNAL AUDITOR, WORKED IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO THE POSITION OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL. THEREAFTER, YOU WENT INTO PRIVATE SECTOR, AND ALSO WORKED AS AN EXPERT IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES SUCH AS MALAWI, SIERRA LEONE AND THE KINGDOM OF JORDAN.

YOU ARE A QUALIFIED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT WITH A MASTERS IN FINANCE AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

YOU ARE THEREFORE SEASONED TO EXECUTE YOUR DUTIES TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE. I EXPECT THAT YOU WILL HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.

I WISH BOTH OF YOU WELL IN YOUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN AND GOD BLESS YOU.