



**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY, TRADE AND LABOUR MATTERS**

**ON THE**

**ZAMBIA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL, N.A.B. NO. 65 OF  
2026**

**FOR THE**

**FIFTH SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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## FOREWORD

Honourable Madam Speaker, the Committee on National Economy, Trade and Labour Matters has the honour to present its Report on the Zambia Development Agency (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 65 of 2026, for the Fifth Session of the Thirteenth National Assembly. The functions of the Committee are set out under Standing Orders 206 (j) and 207 of the National Assembly of Zambia Standing Orders, 2024.

The Committee held five sittings to consider the Bill. In order to gain insight into the ramifications of the Bill, the Committee sought both written and oral submissions from various stakeholders. The list of the stakeholders is at Appendix II of the Report.

The Report is in three Parts. Part I contains the salient provisions of the Bill. Part II highlights concerns raised by stakeholders, while Part III contains the Committee's observations and recommendations.

The Committee wishes to pay tribute to all stakeholders who appeared before it and tendered both oral and written submissions. It further wishes to thank you, Madam Speaker, for affording it an opportunity to consider the Zambia Development Agency (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 65 of 2026. The Committee also appreciates the services rendered by the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly during its deliberations.



Ms Sibeso K Sefulo, MP  
CHAIRPERSON

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## **1.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee consisted of Ms Sibeso K Sefulo, MP (Chairperson); Mr Joel Chibuye, MP (Vice-Chairperson); Mr Gary Nkombo, MP; Mr Kabwe T Chewe, MP; Mr Davison Mung'andu, MP; Mr Derricky Chilundika, MP; Dr Simon Mwale, MP; Mr Simon Banda, MP; Mr Walusa Mulaliki, MP; and Mr Wesley Kolala, MP.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

The Zambia Development Agency (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 65 of 2026, seeks to amend the *Zambia Development Agency Act, No. 17 of 2022*, so as to revise the composition of the Board of the Zambia Development Agency.

## **3.0 OBJECT OF THE BILL**

The object of this Bill is to:

- a. revise the composition of the Board of the Zambia Development Agency; and
- b. provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

## **PART I**

### **4.0 PROVISIONS OF THE BILL**

The provisions of the Bill are as set out hereunder.

#### **Clause 1: Short Title and Commencement**

This clause provides for the short title and commencement of the Act, once enacted.

#### **Clause 2: Amendment of Section 6**

This clause seeks to amend section 6(1) of the principal Act by the deletion of paragraph (g) and the substitution therefor of the following: (g) three persons from the private sector with knowledge and experience in trade and investment.

## **PART II**

### **5.0 CONCERNS RAISED BY STAKEHOLDERS**

Stakeholders who appeared before the Committee supported the Bill. However, in doing so, they raised the concerns outlined below:

#### **i. Commencement Date**

Some stakeholders submitted that clause 1(2) of the Bill, which provided that the Act would come into effect upon the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of members of the Board holding office prior to enactment, was vague and uncertain, as it did not specify a definite commencement date.

It was, therefore, suggested that the clause be revised to read: "This Act shall come into operation on the date appointed by the Minister by Statutory Instrument."

## **ii. Appointment of Private Sector Representatives**

Some stakeholders submitted that the appointment of members from the private sector with requisite experience and knowledge in trade and investment, as provided under clause 2(g), was expected to enhance competence in the functioning of the Board.

It was, however, suggested that while this inclusion was catalytical to investor confidence, care must be taken in the appointment as the private sector representatives might be driving unnecessary private sector interests through sector regulation or deregulation, over-soliciting of investment incentives, and abuse of preferential access to information.

## **PART III**

### **6.0 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee supports the Bill and in doing so, makes the observation and recommendation below.

#### **Appointment of Private Sector Representatives**

The Committee observes that the appointment of members from the private sector with requisite experience and knowledge in trade and investment, as provided under clause 2(g), is expected to enhance competence in the functioning of the Board.

However, the Committee recommends that while this inclusion is catalytical to investor confidence, care must be taken in the appointment, as the private sector representatives may be driving unnecessary private sector interests through sector regulation, over-soliciting of investment incentives, and abuse of preferential access to information.

### **7.0 CONCLUSION**

The Committee supports the enhancement of private sector representation on the Board, while emphasising the need for robust safeguards to mitigate potential conflicts of interest and ensure that public policy objectives remain paramount.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee supports the enactment of the Zambia Development Agency (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 65 of 2026, into law.



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## **APPENDIX I – List of National Assembly Officials**

Mr Stephen Chiwota, Director (Financial Committees)  
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Ms Chitalu R Mulenga, Senior Committee Clerk (FC2)  
Mr Moses Chuba, Committee Clerk  
Mrs Racheal M Kanyumbu, Administrative Assistant  
Mr Daniel Lupiya, Senior Committee Assistant  
Mr Muyembi Kantumoya, Committee Assistant  
Ms Debora Mbewe, Intern

## **APPENDIX II – List of Witnesses**

Anti-Corruption Commission  
Ministry of Finance and National Planning  
Ministry of Justice  
Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry  
National Economic Advisory Council  
Zambia Development Agency  
Zambia Revenue Authority  
Zambia Institute for Policy Research and Analysis