

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT
ON
KENNETH KAUNDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPANSION AND
MODERNISATION AND COPPERBELT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE
BY
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Mr Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to deliver a ministerial statement to update the House and the nation on the upgrading and modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (KKIA) and construction of the Copperbelt International Airport in Ndola. I would like to take this opportunity to address rumors that have been circulating on social media and other media platforms that works on the sites have stalled due to non-payment on the part of the Government.

Mr Speaker, rumors are a total fabrication by those that do not mean well and enemies of progress and should be dismissed by Zambians.

Sir, the Government of His Excellency the President, Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, has gone to great lengths to ensure that investment in infrastructure is actualised for the benefit of the country and its people. The investment whether from loans, grants or Zambian taxpayers' money is for the people of Zambia and shall remain owned and managed by the people of Zambia through their Government and its institutions mandated to do so. No amount of lies shall distract this Government from delivering on its promise and mandate to develop this country.

Mr Speaker, the two projects are moving as scheduled and are registering progress as I shall highlight in due course.

Sir, the Government of Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia remains resolute in its agenda of expanding and modernising the transport

infrastructure with the overall objective of transforming the country into a regional transport hub. The development and modernisation of aviation infrastructure is aimed at supporting economic growth through the facilitation of international trade, increased tourist arrivals, increased number of airlines operating out of our airports and easy movements of our people and goods. Modern aviation infrastructure shall contribute towards the attainment of a diversified and export oriented economy as espoused by the Seventh National Development Plan (7thNDP).

Mr Speaker, I now wish to speak to the cumulative progress that has been achieved under each of the two international airports. I beg to begin with KKIA. After the signing of the contract with China Jiangx Corporation for International Economic and Technical Co-operation, the upgrading of KKIA commenced on 21st April, 2015, and works are expected to be completed on 20th April, 2021. The new completion date is an extension from the initial date of 20th October, 2019. The project total cost is US\$360 million.

Sir, the scope of works include the design and construction of the Presidential Pavilion, a new passenger terminal, commercial complex, airport shopping mall, office park, new warehousing facilities, extension of the taxi-way and rehabilitation and conversion of the existing terminal into a new terminal to cater for domestic flights.

Mr Speaker, to execute the project, the main contractor subcontracted some of the works in line with the Government policy of subcontracting works to local contractors. The subcontractors on the project are as follows:

- (a) Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company Limited (LWSC);
- (b) Zulu Development Consultants Limited;
- (c) Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO);
- (d) Asphalt Roads Zambia Limited;
- (e) Zambia Telecommunication Limited (ZAMTEL);
- (f) Department of Water Resources Development;
- (g) Gauff Ingenieure;
- (h) Redland Technologies Limited;

- (i) Davis and Shirliff Limited;
- (j) Electrotec Engineering Limited;
- (k) China ADB;
- (l) Hunan Zhongda Designing Institute Company Limited;
- (m) Hangzhou Jinhui Steel Structure Test Project Company Limited;
- (n) China Airport Construction Group Corporation of CACC; and
- (o) Nel Investments Limited.

Sir, from the start of the implementation, notable deliverables have been registered with the overall progress currently standing at 85 per cent. The progress under each of the specific facilities is as follows:

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Percentage of completion of works</i>
Passenger terminal building	92
Presidential Pavilion	87
Control tower	95
Fire and rescue station	100
Viaduct	100
Taxi-way extension	92
Warehousing facilities	97
Warehousing facilities apron	97
Hotel	90
Shopping mall	95
Air traffic control tower	85
Office park	96
Apron for Presidential Pavilion	100
Water tank and pump house	100
Terminal apron	90

Sir, out of the total loan amount of US\$360 million, about US\$268 million has so far been certified and US\$265 million has been paid to the contractor. The rehabilitation and conversion of the existing terminal to a domestic terminal will only commence once the new facility is completed and operational.

Mr Speaker, allow me to also give an update on the Copperbelt International Airport. I wish to remind the House that the contractor for the Copperbelt International Airport is AVIC International Holding Corporation and the contract sum is US\$397 million with a contract period of thirty-six months. The project commenced on 16th October, 2017 and is expected to be completed in October, 2020.

Sir, the scope of works includes design and construction of the passenger terminal, 3.3 km of runway and associated taxi-ways, air traffic control building, fire and rescue station, car parks and airport roads, fuel farm, cargo terminal, aircraft hangar, business complex, hotel, power supply facilities, water supply facilities, police station and a viaduct.

Mr Speaker, as of 13th of September, 2019, the main contractor had subcontracted some of the works amounting to about US\$15 million to subcontractors as follows:

- (a) Chawe Investments Limited;
- (b) M and N Industrial Merchants;
- (c) Base Building Maintenance Construction Limited;
- (d) CODECO Construction Limited;
- (e) Africos Construction and Supply Limited;
- (f) Davisam Zambia Limited;
- (g) D and H Engineering Consultants;
- (h) Talo Investments Limited;
- (i) Florajack Enterprise Limited; and
- (j) M and E Trading and Construction Limited.

Mr Speaker, further, landscaping and construction works of the 17 km access road from Maposa Substation on the Kitwe/Ndola Road to the new airport and connecting to Ndola through Dag Hammarskjold Memorial Site amounting to US\$19 million will be subcontracted to local contractors. To-date, a total of US\$191 million has been certified and US\$182 million has been paid. The overall cumulative progress of the airport is at 49 per cent. Progress on the specific components is as follows:

<i>Component</i>	<i>Progress (percentage)</i>
Passenger terminal	46
3.5 km runway	96
Air traffic control building	48
Business complex	49
Fire and rescue station	56
Water supply facilities	46
Sewerage treatment station	13
Sewerage discharge shed	55
Garbage incineration station	23
Car park and airport roads	0
Fuel farm	0
Cargo terminal	13
Aircraft hanger	38
Hotel	9

Power supply facilities substation	40
Police station	47
Refrigeration station	54
Dangerous goods store	46
Special garage	58
Quarantine Warehouse	57
Air and Ground Lighting	46
Viaduct	70

Sir, as I conclude, I want to assure the House and the nation at large that my ministry shall continue to provide updates on the progress of the two projects as well as other projects of national significance being implemented by the ministry. This is in line with our obligation to be transparent and accountable.

Mr Speaker, I thank you.