



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

**THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF KEEP ZAMBIA CLEAN CAMPAIGN  
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**Mr. Speaker,**

I wish to submit progress report regarding the implementation of the **Keep Zambia Clean Campaign** and the challenges that have been faced.

**Mr. Speaker,**

I will first deal with progress on remedial measures in the **Keep Zambia Clean Campaign**. The progress on various refuse collection and clean-up activities being undertaken as part of the **Keep Zambia Clean Campaign** in the immediate term are as follows:

- My Ministry has directed all Local Authorities to enforce the Statutory Instrument No. 100 of 2011 which compels residents and institutions to take responsibility of the waste they produce.
- In addition, my Ministry has directed all Local Authorities and Provincial Administrations to identify the cleanest premises such as households, schools, markets, health facilities, bus stations and business trading areas which His Excellency, the President, will personally award certificate of excellence every year.
- My Ministry is also working with other line Ministries and the private sector to observe and ensure that every first Saturday of every month is reserved for community work of cleaning our premises and surroundings.
- My Ministry, with the Councils, is institutionalizing the programme by working with key stakeholders such as the United

Street Vendors Foundation, Marketeers and Community structures in garbage collection and general cleanliness of their surroundings. In supporting the Vendors Association, the Ministry provided a total of **150 wheelie bins** for their refuse collection services.

- The Ministry is encouraging Local Authorities to outsource municipal waste collection services to private waste companies.
- My Ministry is developing Public Media Awareness Campaign to sensitize the Zambian citizenry in cleaning premises and surrounding areas at workplaces and communities. The programme will commence airing on the National broadcaster in the second quarter of 2016.
- My Ministry is formulating a National Water Supply, Sanitation and Solid Waste Policy to elaborate and strengthen the policy, legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks for efficient and effective provision of water supply, sanitation and solid waste management in Zambia. The development of the Policy has now reached an advanced stage and will be submitted to Cabinet by end of first quarter 2016.
- My Ministry working with Lusaka City Council is seeking to establish a waste-to-energy plant under a public private partnership to address the management of solid waste in Lusaka and contribute to minimizing the energy deficit. This will later be scaled up to other major cities. To this effect, the private sector were invited to express interest to establish the Facility, and the engagement of a developer is at procurement stage.

- The Government intends to ban the production, distribution and use of plastic bags in the country as they are leading to post-consumer waste that is not only destroying the aesthetic beauty of the national landscape, but are posing as a threat to the general environment. Considering that banning their use, may instantly have negative impacts on the socio-economic standing of the country, the Government is taking a precautionary principle. A Steering Committee on Street Vending and Keep Zambia Clean at Cabinet Office has constituted a Sub-Committee comprising of key stakeholders from line Ministries and quasi Government institutions with the key objective of coming up with options for banning the use of plastic bags in the country.
- My Ministry has developed a roadmap which proposes a Phased Approach on banning the use of plastic bags in the country. In addition, my Ministry, working with the Zambia Environmental Management Agency, will review the draft SI on "the Extended Product Responsibility Regulation" to strengthen it further before approval.
- In view of the cholera outbreak in some parts of Lusaka province, Government has directed the Lusaka City Council and other affected councils to step up the removal of accumulated waste from different communities as measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic to non-affected districts. In addition, awareness campaigns and enforcement of public health laws will continue, so as to sensitize the communities and improve compliance to public health requirements. I therefore call upon the general public to desist from buying food on the streets.

**Mr. Speaker,**

Let me now turn to the challenges in the implementation of the programme of the **Keep Zambia Clean Campaign**. The main challenges that are being faced in the implementation of the programme are as follows:

- Inadequate enforcement of statutes that govern the implementation of solid waste management;
- Increasing growth in the quantity and complexity of waste streams associated with rising urbanization, incomes and economic growth. This requires more investment in the sector for Local Authorities to manage waste efficiently;
- Inadequate waste management equipment and infrastructure such as engineered sanitary landfills for final disposal and treatment of solid waste;
- Inadequate private sector involvement and financing in the sub-sector;
- Inadequate human resources in the Local Authorities to deal with the management of solid waste;
- Weak institutional framework for solid waste that is characterized by the absence of Waste Management Units with the exception of major cities;

- Inadequate adherence by people to proper refuse disposal practices;
- Lack of willingness/ability by waste producers (citizens) to pay for waste collection services in areas where both the Local Authorities and private companies operate.

My Ministry is addressing these challenges with a view to realizing the Vision of His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia articulated in the 2015 Presidential Address to the National Assembly. His Vision is to ensure that some of our cities and towns join the league of Smart Cities of the World within the next five to ten years.

We shall in this respect strengthen inspections, enforcement, partnerships with the Private Sector and other Civil Society Organisations and public sensitization, among others.

In line with the President's Vision, my Ministry is resolutely committed to promoting and maintaining a clean, healthy and safety living and working environment for all Zambians.

**I thank you, Mr. Speaker.**