



Speaker Mutti confers with Speaker Shri Om Birla of Indian Parliament



Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Rt. Hon. Dr. Nelly B.K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA and Speaker of the Indian Parliament, Mr. Shri Om Birla, after signing the Visitors book.

By Situtu Tobolo

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, the Right Honourable Nelly B.K Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA, conferred with the Speaker of the Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha), Om Birla, on the sidelines of the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC).

Dr. Mutti expressed delight that Zambia and India have continued to enjoy cordial bilateral relations for over 60 years, which she said reflects the strength and resilience of the partnership between the two countries.

She also expressed gratitude to the Government of India for the support rendered to Zambia, particularly the donation of 2,500 metric tons of maize following the drought that affected the country in 2024.

Dr. Mutti further thanked the Indian Government for supporting Zambia's development agenda, including health support extended to Zambian patients who travel to India for specialised medical treatment.

She explained that the planned construction of a drug manufacturing plant



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through a partnership between Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals and the Zambian Government at the Lusaka Multi-Facility Economic Zone will significantly reduce Zambia's dependence on imported medicines.

The Speaker also commended Indian companies for their notable contribution to Zambia's Foreign Direct Investment, which is estimated at more than four billion United States dollars.

During the meeting, Mr. Birla congratulated Dr. Mutti on her historic role as Zambia's first female Speaker of the National Assembly and commended her leadership in advancing parliamentary reforms.

"I congratulate you on your historic appointment as the first woman Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia," Mr. Birla said.

"Your leadership in advancing Parliamentary reforms and promoting women's empowerment is commendable and reflects the growing role of women in



Speaker Mutti and Speaker Om Birla shake hands after signing the visitors book.

strengthening democratic institutions."

Mr. Birla said he and Dr Mutti share common views on promoting development-oriented partnerships, youth participation, capacity building and strengthening people-to-people relations.

He expressed hope that the dialogue between the two Parliamentary leaders would give renewed momentum to cooperation between the two Parliaments.

The two leaders also exchanged views on strengthening Parliament-to-Parliament cooperation, including promoting regular Parliamentary exchanges and leveraging digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance transparent and citizen-centered parliamentary functioning.

The 28th CSPOC conference was hosted by the Parliament of India in New Delhi, India, from 14th to 16th January 2026.



Speaker Mutti signing the visitors book.



Second Deputy Speaker Hon Moyo leads the FP-ICGLR Electoral Observation Mission to Uganda



Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Hon. Moses F. Moyo, MP (In Blue suit), poses for a photo with a delegation from the FP-ICGLR Electoral Observation Mission.

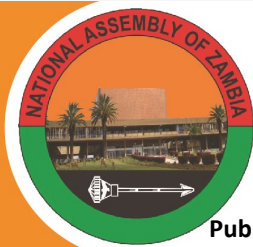
By Temwa Nyirenda

The Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Honourable Moses F. Moyo, MP, leads the Electoral Observation Mission of the Forum of Parliaments of the Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR) to Uganda to observe the January 15, General Elections.

Speaking during a press statement in Kampala, Uganda, Hon. Moyo said the focus of the Mission is to ensure that a conducive environment is created for free and fair elections.

Hon. Moyo added that the 2026 general election cycle is crucial in ensuring that the political stability

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which the country has consistently upheld is maintained.

He explained that the Mission has been organised in line with the Inter-Parliamentary Accord of the Forum of Parliaments and is mandated to assess the electoral process against regional and international standards, including the 2006 Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance and other relevant legal instruments, as well as Uganda's constitutional and electoral framework.

Hon. Moyo said the Mission comprises 26 high-profile personalities and experts drawn from Member States of the Forum.

He added that, in preparation for the exercise, the Forum conducted a Pre-Election Analysis Report to assess the country's level of preparedness ahead of the polls.

“As a Mission, we fully commit and pledge to ensure that our assessment and recommendations on the credibility, transparency, fairness and effective organisation of the elections shall be based on established regional benchmarks.”

He appealed to political parties and Government institutions to avoid confrontations, hate speech and violence, urging all stakeholders to engage in dialogue to enable the Ugandan people to freely choose their leaders in accordance with the Constitution.

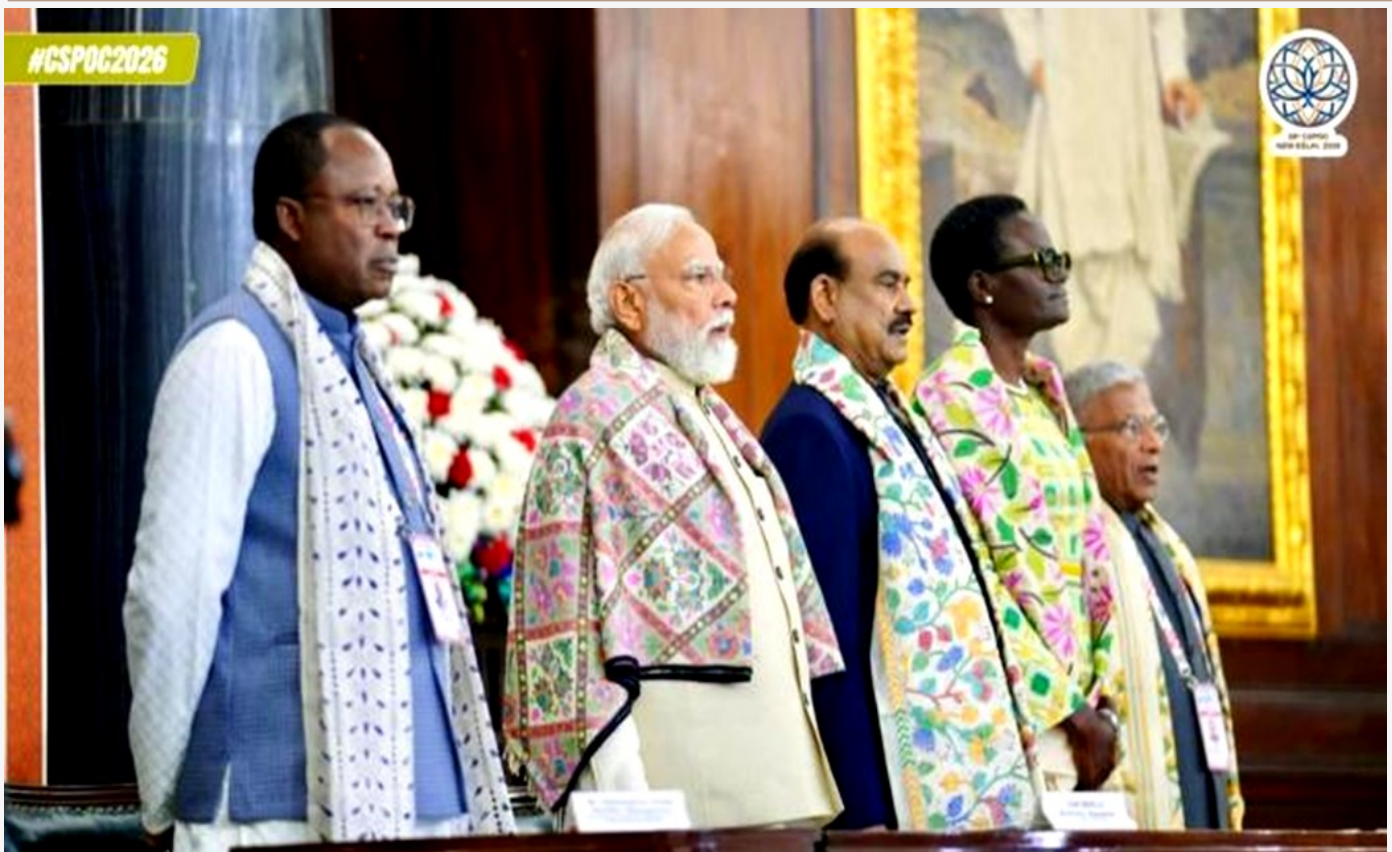
The Zambian delegation on the Electoral Observation Mission of the FP-ICGLR included Ms. Sibeso Sefulo MP, Brig.Gen.(Rtd) Morgan Sitwala, MP, Mr. Antony Kasandwe, MP, Fred Chaatila, MP, Ms. Melesiana Phiri, MP and Acting Deputy Clerk – Administration, Mr. Sage Samuwika.



Second Deputy Speaker, Hon Moses F Moyo, MP, shares a light moment with Kaoma Central Member of Parliament, Rtd Brig Gen Morgan Sitwala.



Speakers and Presiding Officers vital to upholding Constitutional Order – CPA Chairperson - Kalila



Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Chairperson, Dr. Christopher Kalila, MP (left), at the official opening of the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) in New Delhi, India.

By Sibonelo Jere

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Chairperson, Dr. Christopher Kalila, MP, says speakers and presiding officers play a vital role in upholding constitutional order.

He said they safeguard Parliamentary independence and ensure that Parliaments remain effective, inclusive and respected by the citizens they serve.

Dr Kalila said this during the official opening of the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Common-

wealth (CSPOC) in New Delhi, India.

He noted that their commitment and dedication to the work of the organisation is what drives and keeps the CPA relevant among its Member Parliaments and at the global stage.

Speaking at the same event, the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Shri Narendra Modi also stressed the important role of Speakers and Presiding Officers in Parliamentary democracy.

The Prime Minister explained that in India, democracy delivers and that the



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country's diversity is the strength of their democracy.

He cited the 2024 election among others as an astounding example of India's working democracy which yielded 980 million registered voters and the participation of over 700 political parties.

CSPOC is a conference that brings together the Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth.

The conference aims to maintain, foster and encourage impartiality and fairness on the part of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments; to promote knowledge and understanding of democracy in its various forms; and to develop parliamentary intuitions. The 28th CSPOC attracted the highest number of Speakers and of Presiding Officers in the history of CSPOC.



Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Chairperson, Dr. Christopher Kalila, MP, giving his remarks at the official opening of the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) in New Delhi, India.



CONSTITUENCY CORNER

Chainda School gets modern ablution block

Pictures courtesy of Munalu Constituency Parliamentary Office



The interior of the newly constructed ablution block at Chainda Community School.



The exterior of the newly constructed ablution block at Chainda Community School.

By Mukoba Ngulube

Chainda Open Community School has received a modern ablution block constructed using the 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) at a cost of K1,000,582.80.

The modern ablution block has replaced pit latrines and other unsafe sanitation facilities that previously posed health risks to learners.

Minister of Green Economy and Environment Honourable Mike Mposha said the commissioning of the modern sanitation system has restored dignity to learners by providing a clean, safe and inclusive sanitation environment that supports improved public health and quality education.

Speaking during the ceremony held on Friday, 12 January 2026, at Chainda Community School, Hon Mposha, who is also Munalu Member of Parliament, stated that access to modern sanitation facilities is critical in ensuring that learners attend school in a healthy and conducive environment.

He explained that the new ablution block will particularly benefit girls and learners with

special needs by providing the privacy and hygiene required for consistent school attendance.

The Minister further disclosed that the sanitation block has been fitted with modern flush toilets and shower units, providing a lasting solution to sanitation challenges and reducing the risk of waterborne diseases such as cholera.

He reiterated that the project demonstrates the success of the decentralisation policy, explaining that the utilisation of CDF resources continues to transform community schools and extend quality public services to vulnerable communities.

Hon Mposha applauded all stakeholders involved in the successful implementation of the project.

He said such developments are key to improving the wellbeing of learners and the surrounding community.



Kayembe Cooperative records first fish harvest in Mansa Central Constituency

Pictures courtesy of Mansa Municipal Council



Some of the harvested fish from the Kayembe Multi-Purpose Cooperative fishpond.

By Malanda Chomba

Kayembe Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Lwingishi Ward of Mansa Central Constituency has recorded its first fish harvest under the 2025 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) grants.

Speaking during the harvest on 16th January, 2026, Kayembe Multi-Purpose Cooperative Chairperson, Mr Darius Kayembe, said the group received K30,000 in CDF support, which was invested in fish farming.

Mr Kayembe explained that the cooperative, which has 45 members, also received technical training from the Mansa Municipal Council's Department of Fisheries and Livestock to enhance their skills.

He stated that the cooperative has since expanded its activities to include chicken rearing and maize farming to strengthen household incomes.



Kayembe Multi-Purpose Cooperative members harvesting fish from their fishpond.

And Mansa Municipal Council Public Relations Officer, Rebecca Mawere, said the development demonstrates the positive impact of CDF on communities.

Ms Mawere noted that the initiative supports Government's objectives on food security, job creation and poverty reduction.



New boarding facilities at Nangula to improve access to quality education — Luena MP

Pictures courtesy of Limulunga Town Council



The newly constructed boarding dormitory at Nangula Secondary School.



The new dormitory facility and ablution block

By Makani Kabeta

Member of Parliament for Luena Constituency, Mr. Mubita Anakoka says the completion of boarding facilities at Nangula Secondary School is a clear demonstration of Government's commitment to expanding access to quality education.

Mr. Anakoka said the newly constructed boarding dormitories and ablution blocks, built at a cost of approximately K1.9 million using the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), have transformed Nangula Secondary School into the first boarding secondary school in Limulunga District.

He explained that the availability of boarding facilities is expected to improve learner retention and contribute positively to academic performance.

Mr. Anakoka further stated that the project which aligns well with the Presidential agenda of promoting inclusive and equitable access to education, will help ensure that learners in rural areas are not denied education due to long walking distances.

Limulunga Town Council Director of Engineering, Mr. Hinji Rudge Malesu, expressed satisfaction with the successful completion of the project. He said the local authority has successfully implemented the project in line with the required standards and specifications.

Town Council Director of Planning, Mr. Mukosi Mabushe said the introduction of boarding facilities in

the district, will increase the school's capacity to enroll learners from different parts of the Constituency.

Speaking at the same event, Nangula Ward Area Councillor, Mr Simbuwa Sicacani applauded the development, stating that the project positions the school as a key education institution within the district.

He said the community had long anticipated the establishment of boarding facilities at the school.

Meanwhile, Area Chief Induna, Lubinda Tanga said the new infrastructure will promote structured learning and improved attendance among learners within the district.

Speaking on behalf of the Limulunga District Education Board Secretary, Mr Wakung'uma Mwangala, said the boarding facilities will not only support effective school management for the learners but also create a more conducive teaching and learning environment.

And Nangula School Representative, Mr Mwiinde Douglas noted that the availability of boarding accommodation will enable the school to enroll and retain learners who previously struggled to access education due to distance related challenges.



Nchanga MP commissions CDF projects worth over K2 Million

Pictures courtesy of Ndola City Council



By **Jessy Mtonga**

Nchanga MP, Mr. Chilundika with scissors commissions the projects and samples water from the community borehole.

Member of Parliament for Nchanga Constituency, Mr Derricky Chilundika says the commissioning of ten Constituency Development Fund (CDF) projects in the constituency marks an important step towards improving livelihoods and advancing community development.

Mr Chilundika said the projects, valued at over K2 million and funded under the 2024 and 2025 CDF allocations, demonstrate Government's commitment to delivering development at grassroots level.

Speaking during the commissioning of the projects at Kasala Primary School on 13th January 2026, Mr Chilundika described the developments as initiatives that will benefit both current and future generations. He explained that the projects include the installation of solar power systems and water reticulation in schools to ensure access to reliable energy and clean water.

He stated that the water systems are aimed at ensuring that learning institutions have consistent access to running water, adding that schools should utilise the facilities not only for sanitation but also for gardening activities to support school feeding programmes.

Mr Chilundika further explained that the construction of charcoal, chicken and meat shelters at Chilemba Market is

intended to empower traders by providing safe and structured trading spaces, while improving food handling standards.

On the health front, the lawmaker noted that the construction of a mortuary facility will improve access to services for surrounding communities that previously travelled long distances.

Mr Chilundika also disclosed that 40 solar kits have been approved under the 2026 CDF allocation for installation in places of worship. He added that the water reticulation programme will be extended to other public institutions within the constituency.

Meanwhile, Chililabombwe District Commissioner Mr Kelly Jibinga applauded the district leadership for the prudent use of public resources, noting that the projects reflect ongoing development in the area.

And Chingola Mayor Mr Johnson Kang'ombe urged beneficiaries to safeguard and maintain the infrastructure to ensure long-term benefits for the community.



CDF expands access to health services in Bweengwa Constituency



CDF projects commissioned across different wards in Bweengwa Constituency.



By Chileshe Chirwa

Monze District Director of Health Services, Dr Gocho Kapoba says the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) is steadily improving access to quality health care in Bweengwa Constituency through the construction and upgrading of rural health facilities in Monze District.

Dr Kapoba said four health facilities have been established across different wards, reducing the long distances that residents previously travelled to access medical services.

He disclosed that in Choongo West Ward, Gonhwe Rural Health Centre, located about 33 kilometres from Monze, has been upgraded with a staff house, ablution block and a borehole, with plans under-way to mechanise the water system. The facility is currently operating from a temporary outpatient department and is expected to serve nine surrounding villages, including Maambo, Micheelo and Sikanzwa.

He further noted Munyenze Rural Health Centre in Kaira Ward has been completed and will serve a population of over 2,000 people across 23 villages.

The facility, supported by World Vision, includes a clinic building, staff housing, ablution facilities and a water reticulation system.

Dr Kapoba said Chuungu Rural Health Centre in Kemba Ward has also been completed and is ready for handover. The facility will serve about 1,200 people from 10 villages and is equipped with a clinic building, staff house, ablution block and a functional water system.

He said in Bweengwa Ward, Mutanzyi Rural Health Centre is undergoing upgrades, with staff housing and ablution facilities already completed, while construction of the main clinic building is ongoing. Efforts to establish a reliable water supply are in progress despite challenges in sinking a borehole.

Dr Kapoba explained that the projects demonstrate Government's commitment to decentralisation and community-driven development. He noted that investments in health infrastructure, staff accommodation and water systems will enhance service delivery and improve working conditions for health personnel.



Chief Mumbi receives CDF motorbike

Pictures courtesy of Petauke Town Council



Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Brian Musama hands over motorbike to His Royal Highness Chief Mumbi

By Lomthunzi Simpemba

His Royal Highness Chief Mumbi has received a Constituency Development Fund (CDF) motorbike from Petauke Town Council aimed at improving mobility for the Chief's Retainer and enhancing service delivery in remote communities within the chiefdom.

The motorbike was officially handed over on Thursday, 12th February 2026, by Chief Administrative Officer Mr Brian Musama, who officiated on behalf of the Council Secretary during a short ceremony.

Chief Mumbi expressed gratitude to Government for the support, stating that the motorbike will help address transport challenges and improve operations within the chiefdom.

He added that the motorbike will assist the Chief's Retainer in reaching hard-to-access areas and responding to community matters more efficiently.

The traditional leader noted that the gesture demonstrates continued cooperation between local authorities and traditional leadership in advancing development in rural communities.

He reiterated the important role played by chiefs and their retainers in supporting community-based initiatives.

Chief Mumbi assured the council that the motorbike will be used responsibly and strictly for the benefit of the people in the chiefdom.

Meanwhile, Mr Musama said the handover forms part of Government efforts to strengthen traditional leadership in line with Presidential directives to capacitate local authorities.

He added that projects such as the construction of Chiefs' palaces in Mwanjawanthu and Mumbi chiefdoms are also underway.



Kapiri Mposhi MP Mr Stanley Kakubo hands over newly built Soweto Clinic

Pictures courtesy of Kapiri Mposhi Town Council



Mr. Stanley Kakubo, MP (2nd left) with Former Kapiri Mposhi Council Secretary, Mr. Collins K Ndilema (right), cuts the ribbon to officially hand over Soweto Clinic, as community members gather in celebration.

ensure that the facility continues to serve the community for many years.

And Kapiri Mposhi Council Secretary, Collins Ndilema, said the completion of the clinic demonstrates Government's commitment to delivering infrastructure that responds to the needs of communities.

Mr Ndilema stated that CDF resources will continue to be managed transparently and directed towards projects that reflect community priorities.

He added that several other public service initiatives are already underway in the district.

Mr Ndilema said the Council remains committed to promoting inclusive and sustainable development.

By Gwennie Shamizhinga

Member of Parliament for Kapiri Mposhi Constituency, Mr. Stanley Kakubo, on 2nd January, 2026 officially handed over the newly constructed Soweto Clinic to the community.

Mr Kakubo said the project, funded through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), is an important step towards improving access to health services for residents of Soweto and surrounding communities.

He stated that the clinic will help reduce congestion at other health facilities in the district by bringing essential medical services closer to the people.

Mr Kakubo explained that the facility will also reduce the long distances residents previously had to travel to seek healthcare services.

The lawmaker called on community members and health workers to take responsibility for safeguarding the clinic. He said proper maintenance will



The newly commissioned Soweto Clinic in Kapiri Mposhi Constituency .



CDF boreholes commissioned in Mufumbwe Constituency

Pictures courtesy of Mufumbwe Town Council



Residents of Shukwe Ward drinking water from one of the newly commissioned boreholes

By Thiloleko Lungu

Member of Parliament for Mufumbwe Constituency, Mr. Eliot Kamondo has commissioned three boreholes funded under the 2025 Constituency Development Fund (CDF), aimed at improving access to clean and safe water in Shukwe Ward.

Speaking at the event held on 12th January, 2026, Mr. Kamondo said access to clean water is essential for community development and improved living standards.

He explained that the provision of safe water will contribute to better hygiene, sanitation and overall public health in the area.

The lawmaker noted that the project is expected to ease the burden on residents who previously faced challenges in accessing reliable water sources.

He added that improved access to water will allow families to focus on productive activities while supporting consistent school attendance among children.



Mr. Elliot Kamondo, MP, during the commissioning of the boreholes.



A Resident of Shukwe Ward drinking water from one of the newly commissioned boreholes

Mr. Kamondo applauded Government and the community for their participation in the implementation of the project, stating that cooperation and regular monitoring are key to the success of CDF initiatives.

He further reiterated the need for continued collaboration between the office of the Member of Parliament, local authorities and the community to ensure that development projects remain sustainable and beneficial to the people.

The event was attended by community members, local leaders and project implementers.