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# NEWSLETTER

## FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ZAMBIA'S IMPACT WITHIN THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY



Dr Chola Milambo (right), Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia, to the United Nations with H.E Ms. Amina Mohammed (centre), UN Deputy Secretary-General and H.E Mr. Héctor Gómez Hernández (left), Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN at a press briefing at UN Headquarters on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### UN MEMBER STATES ADOPT FFD4 OUTCOME DOCUMENT BY CONSENSUS, ZAMBIA EMPHASIZES NEED FOR SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION

On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the United Nations Member States adopted the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) outcome document, the Seville Commitment, which presents a bold and comprehensive global framework aimed at addressing the urgent financing challenges hindering sustainable development worldwide.

Following the adoption by consensus of the Seville Commitment which Zambia co-facilitated alongside Mexico, Nepal, and Norway in Seville, Spain, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Honourable Mulambo Haimbe, S.C., MP, emphasised the need for the swift implementation of the commitments, stressing their critical role in overcoming financing barriers to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Delivering the General Debate in Seville, Hon. Haimbe emphasised the need for the swift implementation of the commitments and underscored the urgency of accelerating progress toward the SDGs to avoid failing an entire generation ...[To Page 3](#)



Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, delivered remarks during the official opening of the 3rd Least Developed Countries (LDC) Future Forum on April 1, 2025, in Lusaka

### ZAMBIA HOSTS THE 3RD LDC FUTURE FORUM, A MILESTONE FOR BUILDING RESILIENCE IN VULNERABLE NATIONS

The President of the Republic of Zambia, His Excellency, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema officially opened the 3rd Least Developed Countries (LDC) Future Forum which was held in Lusaka, Zambia from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025. More than 200 participants from 50 countries, including cooperating partners, think-tanks, civil society organisations and the United Nations system attended the Forum held, under the theme, *“Enhancing Resilience: Innovative Solutions for Strengthening LDCs Resilience Against Systemic Shocks”*. The Forum explored and shared strategies for bolstering the resilience of the world's most vulnerable nations.....[To Page 3](#)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

It is with immense pride that I reflect on Zambia's diplomatic achievements during the first half of 2025, particularly our pivotal role in shaping the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) and other key multilateral engagements that continue to position Zambia as a leader in sustainable development and economic diplomacy. Zambia has reinforced its twin pillars of Peace, Security, and Stability and Economic Diplomacy, advancing our nation's global standing under the visionary leadership of the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema.

The adoption of the Seville Commitment marks a milestone in Zambia's economic diplomacy, aligning with our advocacy for reforming the international financial architecture to lower borrowing costs for Africa and curb illicit flows, leveraging private investment for youth employment and climate resilience. This directly supports Zambia's domestic reforms and amplifies the Global South's voice in ensuring inclusivity in debt restructuring and SDG's financing, a testament to Zambia's principled multilateralism.

Zambia's Mission co-facilitated the negotiations leading to the historic adoption of the Sevilla Commitment, a culmination of intergovernmental process, which seeks to bridge the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) financing gap of US\$4 trillion. As co-facilitators alongside Mexico, Nepal, and Norway, Zambia helped steer this outcome, which promises transformative reforms to the international financial architecture. This achievement mirrors President Hichilema's relentless efforts to position Zambia as a trusted partner for investment and sustainable development.

To demonstrate Zambia's unwavering commitment to the FFD4, Zambia proudly offered to host the inaugural Borrowers Forum. The Forum is designed to empower developing countries to foster effective debt management.

In the first half of 2025, Zambia also played a leadership role within the United Nations (UN) in other areas by hosting key UN engagement. The 3rd LDC Future Forum, held in Lusaka



H.E. Chola Milambo Ph.D

from 1st to 3rd April 2025, was jointly hosted with the Government of Finland and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS). The President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema officially opened the Forum.

The 13th Ministerial Meeting of the African Union Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government (C10) on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council was held in Lusaka in June with a unified call for urgent and equitable reforms to the UN Security Council. C-10 Ministers adopted the C-10 Lusaka Outcome Document in which they reaffirmed Africa's position advancing the quest for fair representation and adopted a proposed model of a reformed Security Council for further endorsement by African Heads of State and submission to the Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council Reform.

This edition also highlights pivotal moments that underscore our nation's unwavering commitment to global solidarity, gender equality, and innovative financing solutions. At the forefront, the Mission facilitated Speaker Nelly Mutti's distinguished participation in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) at the United Nations in February. Her advocacy for scaling up financing mechanisms to achieve the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs) resonated deeply, aligning with Zambia's call for equitable resource mobilization and systemic reforms to bridge the SDG funding gap. Her leadership amplifies our collective resolve to turn aspirations into tangible progress. Zambia's contributions at the 68th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the 58th session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development are highlighted.

Complementing this is the participation of the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services in the Commission for Social Development (CoSD), where Zambia underscored her belief in global partnerships as indispensable tools for eradicating poverty.

In June, the election of Her Excellency, Ms. Annalena Baerbock, the fifth woman President of the General Assembly in 80 years, was a milestone for gender equality in global governance. H.E. Baerbock will assume office on September 10th and will presume over the General Assembly at a time when multilateralism faces major headwinds, conflict in the Middle East is intensifying and the UN is poised for major internal reforms under the Secretary General's UN80 Initiative. She will also be instrumental in coordinating the selection of the 10th UN Secretary General. A key task during reign of the PGA, outgoing and incoming leadership, will be to restore confidence in multilateralism, including through the implementation of the Pact of the Future. The Republic of Zambia remain at hand to support these efforts.

In the immediate future, the Permanent Mission is preparing for the High-Level Week of the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2025, the World Social Summit to be held in Doha, Qatar and the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30) to be held in Belém, Brazil in November 2025.

This newsletter is more than a record of Zambia's achievements at the UN but a call to action. Together, under the leadership of President Hichilema and guidance from our Ministry, we will keep advancing our nations' interests.

## UN MEMBER STATES ADOPT FFD4 OUTCOME DOCUMENT BY CONSENSUS, ZAMBIA EMPHASIZES NEED FOR SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION

The Minister called for enhanced accountability, robust monitoring mechanisms, and empowered national institutions to ensure all stakeholders deliver on their responsibilities. He urged UN Member States to prioritise tangible outcomes in key areas such as job creation, food systems, infrastructure, innovation, and human development.

The Minister called for the comprehensive reform of international financial architecture, to make it more inclusive, equitable, and representative. He stressed the need to address the unjust cost of capital, improve access to affordable finance, and strengthen the voice of developing countries in global governance structures.

He advocated unlocking untapped sources of finance through strengthened international tax cooperation, combating illicit financial flows, and scaling up private capital and development cooperation that is aligned with national priorities.

And the Minister highlighted Zambia's domestic efforts, noting the country's ongoing economic reforms, including investments in renewable energy, modernised agriculture, fiscal governance, and macroeconomic stability. He emphasised that trade, not aid must drive transformation, and called for increased support for value addition, industrialisation, and integration into regional and global value chains.

Hon. Haimbe called for the fulfilment of long-standing Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments, particularly to Least Developed Countries (LDCs), alongside a renewed focus on development effectiveness.

The Minister wrapped up his statement with a call to rebuild global trust in the face of widening inequalities, intensifying climate crises, and deepening debt vulnerabilities. Hon. Haimbe led the Zambian delegation that comprised of Ms. Prudence Kaoma, Permanent



Honourable Mulambo Haimbe, S.C., MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, speaking during the United Nations Member States Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) in June 2025 in Spain.

Secretary at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Dr Chola Milambo, Zambia's Permanent Representative to the UN and the FFD4 team from the Mission with representation from the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, Bank of Zambia, the National Pension Scheme Authority, Zambia Revenue Authority, Industrial Development Cooperation and Zambia Development Agency.

## ZAMBIA HOSTS THE 3RD LDC FUTURE FORUM, A MILESTONE FOR BUILDING RESILIENCE IN VULNERABLE NATIONS

The event held from 1st to 3rd April 2025, was co-hosted with United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS) and the Government of Finland. The Forum aligned well with Zambia's ongoing efforts to advocate for the Doha Programme of Action (DPoA), a framework designed to enhance the development prospects of LDCs as they strive toward the 2030 SDGs.

The benefits of the Forum included, among others,



Mr. Hakainde Hichilema (6th from left), President of the Republic of Zambia, and Ms. Rahab Fatima (5th from left), UN Under Secretary General at UN-OHRLS with other high-level officials at the LDC Future Forum in April 2025 in Lusaka

strengthened sharing of experiences and good practices to advance development and resilience building in LDCs, enhanced cooperation and solidarity within the LDCs at the UN. Hosting the Future Forum for the first time in an LDCs allowed, among partner countries and other stakeholders, the experience of the challenges but, more than that, also the opportunities resident in LDCs. For Zambia, hosting allowed us to showcase investment and tourism opportunities in line with our foreign policy. Zambia's hosting of the LDC Future Forum was a pivotal moment for the country's foreign policy, positioning Zambia at the heart of global discussions on sustainable development and resilience. In his remarks, Mr. Hichilema outlined Zambia's evolving approach to resilience, drawing on the country's recent experience with the devastating drought of 2024. The President called for increased investment in building resilience, rather than relying on consumption-driven expenditures, highlighting the need for a long-term, sustainable vision. In her remarks at the close of the three-day forum, Ms. Rahab Fatima, UN Under Secretary General at UN-OHRLS emphasized the need to leverage technology to harness the untapped natural resources within the LDCs.

## ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL REFORM AT C-10 MINISTERIAL MEETING

Zambia has reaffirmed its unwavering support for the Common African Position on the reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), as it hosted the 13th Ministerial Meeting of the African Union Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government (C10) in Lusaka from 3rd to 5th June 2025. The Ministerial meeting brought together Ministers of Foreign Affairs from the ten C-10 Member States, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda, the Republic of Congo, Senegal,

Namibia, Equatorial Guinea, the State of Libya and the Democratic Republic of Algeria. President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema was represented at the meeting by Minister of Defence, Hon. Ambrose Lufuma who officially opened

the meeting. Hon. Lufuma echoed Zambia's strong position on the issue, describing Africa's exclusion from permanent representation on the Security Council, as a major historical injustice that must be urgently addressed. The Minister called on African nations to remain united in pursuing reform through dialogue and constructive engagement with the Permanent Five (P5) members of the Council. Zambia's participation in the C-10 Ministerial meeting aligned with the country's foreign policy pillars of peace, security and stability. A more representative UNSC is crucial to ensuring Africa's voice is adequately reflected in global peace and security decisions, an area where Zambia has long been active, both as a peacekeeping contributor and a mediator in regional conflicts. These engagements are critical to sustaining peace, which is a key enabler of economic development. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Zambia, Hon. Mulambo Haimbe, S.C., MP, reaffirmed Africa's Common Position and commended the delegates for their active participation which led to the

adoption of the proposed African Union reform model, and proposed roadmap. The Minister noted the consensus reached on language to be advanced during the upcoming 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. Hon. Timothy Musa Kabba, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone in his capacity as coordinator of the C-10 Ministerial committee stated that the outcomes adopted during the meeting, including the Lusaka



Hon. Ambrose Lufuma, Minister of Defence (6th from left), Hon. Mulambo Haimbe (7th from left), S.C. MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and other high-level officials gather for a family photo at the 13th Ministerial Meeting of the African Union C-10 Heads of State and Government in June 2025 in Lusaka

Outcome Document, the AU Model of Reform, the Aide-Memoire, and the Roadmap of C-10 Activities, and the Draft Common Language for the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly, will empower the Permanent Representatives in New York and Addis

Ababa to engage more effectively in the Intergovernmental Negotiations process and with relevant stakeholders. And Ms. Margaret N. Miyoba, Permanent Secretary for Administration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, emphasised Zambia's continued commitment to a democratic and inclusive UNSC. She underscored that Africa's marginalization in current UNSC structures has made it harder to prevent and resolve many of today's conflicts on the continent. Zambia's active role in the C-10 and its hosting of this pivotal meeting, also demonstrates its commitment to economic diplomacy, as a stable and secure continent and is a prerequisite for investment and sustainable economic growth. Thus, the nation's engagement in multilateral reform is thus directly aligned with its goals of promoting development, trade, and integration through peaceful means.

Dr Chola Milambo, Zambia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York also attended the meeting.

## ZAMBIA TO HOST INAUGURAL BORROWERS' FORUM, REAFFIRMS GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO DEBT SUSTAINABILITY AND INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS



Hon. Mulambo Haimbe, S.C. MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Speaking at the Borrowers Forum in July 2025 in Seville, Spain

Zambia has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening global collaboration on debt sustainability by offering to host the inaugural Borrowers' Forum, an initiative endorsed during the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4), held on 3rd July 2025 in Seville, Spain.

The announcement was made during the official launch of the Forum's roadmap, a key component of the Seville Platform for Action and Outcome Document, which Dr Chola Milambo, Zambia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) co-facilitated alongside Mexico, Nepal, and Norway.

The Borrowers' Forum is a major step toward empowering developing countries to take a more active role in global debt discussions. It is designed to promote effective debt management, enhance cooperation among debtor nations, and ensure their voices are better represented in international financial decision-making.

Hon. Mulambo Haimbe, S.C., MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, confirmed Zambia's willingness to host the Forum, reaffirming the country's leadership and commitment to reshaping the global debt architecture. The Forum has gained wide backing from both the Global South and Global North, underlining the shared interest in a fairer, more resilient debt system. It will bring together borrower countries, creditors, international organisations and development partners to facilitate open dialogue and long-term cooperation... *To Page 5*

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan emphasized that the Forum aims to address power imbalances in debt negotiations, while Spain's Minister of Economy, Carlos Cuerpo, highlighted the platform's role in enabling developing countries to shape their economic futures.

UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda, Mahmoud Mohieldin, commended Zambia's Permanent Representative to the UN, Dr Chola Milambo for his instrumental role in shaping the Seville outcome document. He also announced that Zambia will work alongside Spain and Egypt to support consultations led by the UN Secretary-General to operationalise the Forum.

The Borrowers' Forum complements global efforts such as the G20 Common Framework and the Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable and aligns with the 11 proposals of the UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on Debt, launched in June 2025. Supported by a dedicated UN Secretariat, the Forum is expected to facilitate knowledge exchange and coordinated action to prevent future debt crises.

Zambia's offer to host the inaugural session sends a powerful signal of its continued commitment to multilateral cooperation, inclusive finance, and strengthening the voices of developing nations in shaping a just and sustainable global financial system.

## SPEAKER MUTTI CHAMPIONS SDG FINANCING AT IPU HEARING



Speaker Mutti at the IPU Hearing in February 2025 in New York

Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia, Ms. Nelly B. K. Mutti, SC, MP, FAPRA participated in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) hearing held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on February 13-14, 2025. The event, themed "Scaling Up Action for the Sustainable Development Goals: Finance, Institutions, and Politics," brought together parliamentarians, policymakers, and financial experts to address gaps in SDG implementation. The hearing focused on scaling up actions for achieving the SDGs through finance, institutions, and politics.

Ms. Mutti highlighted Zambia's proactive role in advocating for equitable solutions within Africa on successful implementation of the SDGs. She emphasized the need for aligning political will, institutional frameworks, and financial mechanisms to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The IPU and the President of the United Nations General Assembly co-hosted the event. The hearing stressed the importance of cooperation and partnerships in realizing a just, equitable, and sustainable future.

Founded in 1889, the IPU promotes peace, democracy, and sustainable development.

Zambia had an opportunity to learn from other countries' successful SDG implementation strategies.

Given the off-track progress on many SDGs, the hearing provided a platform for Zambia to highlight its specific challenges, potentially leading to targeted support and new commitments from donors and stakeholders.

During her panelist remarks at the opening session, Ms. Mutti acknowledged that achieving the SDGs requires substantial financial resources and emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts among all stakeholders.

## ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENED MULTI-SECTOR COLLABORATION IN COMBATING NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



Minister of Health, Hon. Elijah Muchima, MP speaking at the 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development held in April 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

At the 58th session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Minister of Health, Hon. Elijah Muchima, MP, reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening multi-sector collaboration in addressing Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). This commitment is part of a broader effort to implement policies aimed at improving health outcomes and aligning with international development goals.

The Minister reaffirmed the country's commitment to strengthening health systems and collaborating with various sectors to combat Non-Communicable Diseases.

The session was held under the theme, "Ensuring Healthy Lives and Promoting Well-being for All at All Ages". Hon. Muchima cited significant progress made by Zambia in reducing maternal and child mortality rates. He highlighted that under-five mortality had declined from 191 to 42 deaths per 1,000 live births (1992–2024), while the maternal mortality rate was reduced from 729 to 187 per 100,000 live births (2002–2024).

The Minister emphasised Zambia's dedication to integrating population dynamics into development planning and advancing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Good Health and Well-being. Hon. Muchima underscored the importance of leveraging the country's youthful demographic dividend for sustainable growth.

The session provided a platform for countries to share experiences and strategies in promoting healthy lives and well-being across all ages.

## ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AT CRPD CONFERENCE

Zambia's participation in the 18th session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities underscored the country's commitment to advancing the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities. The conference was held from 10th to 12th June 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York...*To Page 6*

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Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Dr Oliver Kalabo speaking during the 18th Session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in June 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Zambia has continued to play an active role in promoting the empowerment of persons with disabilities at different platforms. Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Dr Oliver Kalabo led the Zambian delegation. He underscored Government's commitment to ensuring that all individuals with disabilities are active agents of change in building a just, equitable, and sustainable future for all.

Dr. Kalabo highlighted significant progress made in promoting the empowerment of persons with disabilities while acknowledging ongoing challenges such as limited local capacity, inadequate resources, and negative societal attitudes.

To address these issues, Zambia is enhancing institutional coordination, investing in local capacity-building, and prioritizing full and meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities at all stages of policy design and implementation.

The CRPD serves as a platform for Zambia to share best practices, collaborate with international partners, and learn from global experiences in promoting disability rights. Zambia's participation in the 18th session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities underscored the country's commitment to advancing the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities. The conference was held from 10th to 12th June 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

## ZAMBIA ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN 69TH SESSION OF CSW

Zambia actively participated in the 69th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) held from March 10-21, 2025, at United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York. This significant event focused on commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, first adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995.

Leading Zambia's delegation was Ms. Mainga Kabika, Permanent Secretary, Gender Division under the Office of the President.

Zambia actively participated by sharing its experiences and lessons learned to contribute to global discussions on gender equality and women's empowerment. The session highlighted successful strategies from around the world aimed at economically empowering women, with a focus on best practices that could be adapted to Zambia's context.

for enhancing women's entrepreneurship and employment opportunities. Delegates from UN Member States, civil society organizations, and UN

entities discussed progress and challenges in implementing the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The session resulted in agreed conclusions and recommendations urging governments to strengthen policies and legal frameworks that promote women's economic empowerment, including advocating for equal pay, access to finance, land rights, and the elimination of discriminatory laws.

These recommendations can help create a more equitable environment, encouraging greater participation of women in economic activities, entrepreneurship, and job creation. The session also adopted a Political Declaration, reaffirming the importance of gender equality and women's empowerment for sustainable development.



Ms. Mainga Kabika, Permanent Secretary, Gender Division speaking at the 69th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) in March 2025 at United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS KEY TO REDUCING POVERTY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PERMANENT SECRETARY



Ms. Angela Kawandami, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, speaking at the 63rd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD63) in February 2025 at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York

At the 63rd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD63), held from February 10-14, 2025, Zambia highlighted the importance of international partnerships in addressing social disparities and reducing poverty. Ms. Angela Kawandami, Permanent Secretary at...

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the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, led the Zambian delegation.

The CSocD63 was held under the theme "Strengthening solidarity, social inclusion, and social cohesion to accelerate the delivery of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development." Zambia emphasized its commitment to leveraging international platforms to highlight achievements and challenges in social development. With poverty estimated at 60%, Zambia is keen on building international partnerships to scale up interventions that enhance resilience, improve livelihoods, and support vulnerable groups.

Ms. Kawandami underscored the importance of working closely with international organizations, civil society, the private sector, and fellow nations to achieve shared goals, such as eradicating poverty, ensuring full employment, and fostering social inclusion.

The Commission reaffirmed its commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and highlighted the upcoming Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha, Qatar (4th-6th November 2025), as a crucial opportunity to reset global priorities and strengthen collective action. Zambia's participation in CSocD63 underscored its commitment to global cooperation as a critical strategy for achieving sustainable social development and reducing poverty.

## THE UN EMBARKS ON INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS



As the United Nations (UN) celebrates its 80th anniversary, 2025, Secretary-General H.E António Guterres has launched the UN80 Initiative, a bold reform effort to make the organisation more efficient and responsive to global challenges. Facing shrinking budgets and declining trust in multilateralism, the UN aims to streamline operations, eliminate redundancies, and refocus on high-priority issues like climate action and humanitarian aid.

The initiative focuses on three key areas: cutting bureaucratic formalities, reviewing thousands of outdated mandates using Artificial Intelligence analysis, and restructuring departments to reduce overlap. Proposed changes include consolidating peace and security functions and relocating some operations to lower-cost locations. These reforms aim to ensure resources reach those most in need while maintaining the UN's core mission. The Secretary-General under the mandate review and implementation has proposed digital tools to track inefficiencies. However, challenges remain as the UN faces a 30 percent budget cut, requiring difficult decisions about priorities while protecting essential services. The UN80 Initiative represents a critical opportunity to reshape the organisation for future generations. By embracing innovation and efficiency, the UN hopes to remain a vital force for peace, development, and human rights worldwide.

## NEW YORK MISSION SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED GLOBAL SOUTH RETREAT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT IN LUSAKA

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Southern Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (SAIPAR) and Project Starling, hosted the Global South Retreat on Financing for Development in Lusaka, Zambia, from 26th to 28th January 2025 at the Intercontinental Hotel. The objective of the Retreat was to provide a platform for countries of the Global South to develop ambitious and actionable proposals for inclusion in the Outcome Document of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4), which Zambia is co-facilitating alongside Mexico, Nepal, and Norway.

The Conference took place in Seville, Spain, from 30th June to 3rd July 2025, where Heads of State and Government adopted an Outcome Document. The Retreat gathered over 70 participants, including Ambassadors to the United Nations from Mexico, Nepal, and Norway, Second Committee experts from the G77 and China at the United Nations, as well as researchers, think tanks, and representatives from international organisations such as the World Bank and the African Union. The delegation from New York was led by Dr Chola Milambo, Zambia's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations. The event commenced with a fireside chat, during which Mrs. Etambuyu A. Gundersen, Permanent Secretary for International Relations and Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, delivered the welcome remarks virtually.



The Retreat was officially opened by Mr. Mulele Mulele, Permanent Secretary for Economic Management and Finance in the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, on behalf of the Secretary to the Treasury. Key thematic areas discussed during the Retreat included domestic resource mobilisation, debt and debt sustainability, the reform of international financial architecture, international development cooperation, and private sector mobilisation. The event also featured insights from Zambia's captains of industry, such as Mr. Muyangwa Muyangwa, Director-General of the National Pension Scheme Authority, and Mr. Charles Mate from Stockbrokers Zambia. Additionally, a session by Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, provided a reflection on the Bretton Woods institutions at 80. The Retreat delivered a summary document, which included recommendations on action areas aimed at bridging the financing gap for the Sustainable Development Goals, estimated at \$4 trillion annually globally. These recommendations were intended to be incorporated into discussions during the Third Preparatory Committee on Financing for Development, held at the United Nations in New York from 10th to 14th February 2025. Participants were also given the opportunity to experience Zambia's rich tourism offerings, including a visit to the Chaminuka Game Reserve and a sampling of Zambian cuisine at Mpotho Yathu Restaurant in Rhodes Park. The event was further enriched by a cultural presentation on Zambian food and traditions by Mrs. Mulenga Kapwepwe.

By Financing for Development Expert

## ZAMBIA'S PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CELEBRATES ACQUISITION OF NEW OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN NEW YORK

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations (UN) hosted a flag-raising ceremony at its newly acquired official residence for the Ambassador in New York. The event held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 marked a significant milestone as the mission purchased the new residence in August 2024, making it the first such acquisition by the Mission since the first residence was bought back in 1973.

Zambia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Dr Chola Milambo, in his remarks at the event, underscored the importance of this achievement. He said the purchase of the new residence was not only a symbol of commitment to professionalism and unity but also an important step in advancing economic diplomacy. Dr Milambo highlighted that owning property in New York will save government resources by eliminating the need for long-term rental



H.E. Chola Milambo Ph.D. at the Flag Raising Event in July 2025 in New York

agreements, thereby providing more flexibility and reducing administrative costs. The

Ambassador reiterated the Mission's core pillars of professionalism, integrity, and unity. He emphasized the importance of economic diplomacy in advancing Zambia's interests on the international stage. Mr. Clever Kanyanta, President of the Zambia Family Organisation (ZFO), which represents the diaspora community in the tri-state area (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut), expressed gratitude for the Mission's efforts, adding that ZFO stands firm to support every government program. He affirmed the ZFO's commitment to collaborating closely with the Mission. The ceremony was attended by several people, including Mrs Pamela Kauseni, Director of the Population Department at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Ms. Stenah Shampile, Deputy Permanent Representative at the Mission, Mrs Theresa Chanda, Assistant Director of International Organisations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Diplomatic and locally engaged staff from the Mission, Zambians working at the UN and friends of Zambia.

## ZAMBIA CHAMPIONS YOUTH AS KEY DRIVERS OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Zambia participated in the 2025 ECOSOC Youth Forum held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The forum was held under the theme *"Youth at the Forefront: Leveraging Science and Social Inclusion for Sustainable Development"*.

Represented by a delegation comprising officials from the National Youth Development Council (NYDC) and five youth delegates, Zambia joined other nations in advancing global youth priorities.

The Forum served as a vital platform for Zambia's youth to voice their perspectives on key issues including youth leadership, health, gender equality, digital transformation, and economic empowerment. Ms. Kangwa Mubanga, Director of Investments at NYDC, represented the Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts, Hon. Elvis Nkandu.

Zambia's participation demonstrated its continued commitment to placing youth at the heart of development. Through global engagement, Zambia is investing in young people not just as future leaders, but as active drivers of sustainable development today. Ms. Mubanga showcased Zambia's co-creation of the 2024 National Youth Policy with youth participation from all provinces demonstrating the institutionalising of youth engagement. She stressed the need to close digital skills gaps and promote youth entrepreneurship, especially in rural areas and underscored the urgency of bridging the rural digital divide and aligning education with future economic demands. The Zambian delegation participated in side events such as the



Ms. Kangwa Mubanga, Director of Investments at NYDC at the ECOSOC Youth Forum in April 2025 in New York

Commonwealth Youth Council's "Learning to Earning" session and the Africa Regional Breakout enhanced youth exposure to regional best practices in entrepreneurship, financing, and skills development. The forum helped Zambia align its youth development efforts with global Sustainable Development Goal targets and lessons learned will inform ongoing national strategies, including investment in digital infrastructure and curriculum reform.

## ZAMBIA SHOWCASES CULINARY HERITAGE AT UN INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

On 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Zambia participated in the United Nations (UN) International Bazaar held at the UN Headquarters in New York, celebrating cultural diversity and international unity. The annual event brought together countries from around the world to promote friendship through food, art, and culture.

At the heart of Zambia's participation was a vibrant food stall that showcased the country's rich, organic, delicious, and nutritious cuisine. The mouth-watering dishes attracted visitors from across the UN community and quickly sold out, a testament to Zambia's growing global appeal as a destination rich in cultural and culinary treasures.

The event organized by Mrs. Cecilia Milambo, President of the United Nations Delegates Spouses Club (UNDSC), highlighted the success of the Bazaar. She noted the increased turnout compared to previous years and confirmed that about US\$80,000 proceeds raised from the event will go to charity. Zambia's participation not only contributed to the humanitarian cause but also served as a platform to promote tourism. By offering a taste of its unique culinary heritage, Zambia reaffirmed its commitment to cultural diplomacy and tourism promotion. Events like



Mrs. Cecilia Milambo (4<sup>th</sup> from left) at the Bazaar in June 2025 in New York

the UN Bazaar enable Zambia to present its rich traditions to a global audience, reinforcing its identity as a welcoming and culturally diverse destination.

## UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS MS. BAERBOCK AS PRESIDENT OF THE 80TH SESSION



H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock speaking after her election as President of the 80th United Nations General Assembly in June 2025 in New York.

The United Nations General Assembly on 2nd June 2025 elected H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock of Germany as President of the 80th United Nations General Assembly, becoming only the fifth woman to hold the role in 80 years. She got 167 votes following the secret ballot while her compatriot Ms. Helga Schmid got seven votes. Ms. Baerbock represents the Western European and Other States Group. She takes over from His Excellency, Mr. Philemon Yang of Cameroon who served as President for the 79th session. Ms. Baerbock's presidency focusses on the theme "Better Together", promoting inclusivity, transparency, and dialogue. She outlined her priorities as modernisation of the UN through reforms and better financing, accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), promoting inclusive multilateralism, including gender equality and youth engagement. Ms. Baerbock's election received praise from global leaders, including UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who called it a historic moment for multilateralism and gender representation. Baerbock's leadership is seen as a chance to rebuild trust, advance reforms, and ensure the UN delivers tangible results in today's complex global landscape.

## ZAMBIA JOINS UN-HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM TO LOCALISE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)



Dr Chola Milambo (center), Permanent Representative of Zambia to the UN with Ms. Anaclaudia Robbach, UN-Habitat Under Secretary General and Mr. Claudio Barbaro, Italy's Ministry of Environment and Energy Security Under Secretary of State at the signing ceremony of Letters of Intent on localising the SDGs in July 2025 in New York

The Government of Zambia has taken a significant step toward advancing sustainable development by signing a Letter of Intent with UN-Habitat to join the Partnership Platform on Localizing the SDGs. The agreement, signed on 25th July 2025 in New York by Zambia's Permanent Representative to the UN, H.E. Dr Chola Milambo, will strengthen efforts to translate national SDG commitments into actionable local initiatives.

The Platform, a collaboration between UN-Habitat and Italy's Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE), promotes multi-level governance, policy coherence, and capacity building to accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr Milambo emphasized the Platform's alignment with Zambia's decentralization agenda and its potential to enhance technical cooperation, peer learning, and resource mobilization. He highlighted the critical role of cities in Africa's development and welcomed the initiative as a means to improve local SDG implementation, reporting, and financing.

By joining the platform, Zambia will benefit from tailored technical support to develop SDGs Localization Frameworks, strengthen subnational data systems, and improve integrated planning. The initiative will help align national and local policies, attract investments for high-impact projects, and enhance service delivery mechanisms. This move reinforces Zambia's ongoing decentralization reforms, including the Institutionalization of Integrated Development Planning (IDP) and community-led development approaches.

## ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION FOR SDGS



Ms. Pamela Kauseni, Director, Population Department, Ministry of Finance and National Planning speaking at the UN High-Level Political Forum in June 2025 in New York.

The Zambian government has reaffirmed its commitment to leveraging Science, Technology, Innovation, and Indigenous Knowledge Systems supported by global partnerships to accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Speaking at the UN High-Level Political Forum, Ms. Pamela Kauseni from the Ministry of Finance and National Planning emphasised the need for international cooperation to bridge the SDG financing gap and build resilience, particularly after the devastating 2023/2024 drought.

Zambia remains committed to domestic reforms in social protection, youth empowerment, and sustainable agriculture while advocating for equitable multilateral systems to support vulnerable economies.

Ms. Kauseni called for strengthened global partnerships in resource mobilization, technology transfer, and capacity building to ensure inclusive and sustainable development for all.

The forum was organised under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and held under the theme, *"Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind"*



## UPCOMING UN MEETINGS AND EVENTS

11-15 Aug

**Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee** on the United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation, second session - New York, USA

18-29 Aug

**Preparatory Commission** for Entry into Force of the Agreement under UNCLOS on Conservation & Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction, 2nd Preparatory Commission - New York, USA

22-30 Sept

**High-Level Meetings** and General Debate of the 80th Session of the General Assembly - New York, USA

26 Sept

**General Assembly Commemoration** of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons - New York, USA

4-6 Nov

**World Social Summit** - Doha, Qatar

10-21 Nov

**30<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30)

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## 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT



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Deputy Permanent Representative of Zambia to the UN, Ms. Stenah Shampile (c) engages with Canadian students ahead of the 2025 National Model UN Conference in April 2025. The students, who took up the role of a Zambian diplomat at NMUN, gained valuable insights on Zambia's policies and UN participation, which prepared them for impactful diplomacy on the global stage.



Dr Chola Milambo (l), Zambia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in a conversation with Ms. Rebecca Grynspan, Secretary General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), before the announcement of the Borrower's Forum in Seville, Spain.



Zambia's Permanent Representative to the UN, Dr. Chola Milambo (3-left) receives the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal from UN Secretary-General António Guterres (2-left) in honour of fallen Zambian peacekeeper WOII Kaumba Mathews. Brigadier General Oliver Musonda, Military Advisor to Zambia's UN Mission, stands alongside during the solemn ceremony at UN Headquarters in New York in May 2025. The tribute commemorated WOII Kaumba's ultimate sacrifice while serving with United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).



Mr. Mwenda Hamanyati (right), First Secretary Legal at Zambia's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, participated as a panelist on behalf of the LDCs Group at the 2025 UN Ocean Conference. The side event dubbed Blue Horizons: Advancing Ocean Action for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States was held in June 2025 in Nice, France



Hon. Mulambo Haimbe, S.C., MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Ms. Prudence Kaoma, Permanent Secretary, Planning and Administration, at Ministry of Finance and National Planning at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development held in July 2025 in Seville, Spain.



From left to right, Hon. Elijah Muchima, MP, Minister of Health and Ms. Stenah Shampile, Deputy Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations pose for a photo at the Chancery in New York. The Minister was heading Zambia's delegation to the 58th session of the Commission on Population and Development in April 2025.



From left to right, Dr Tulia Ackson, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President with Dr Chola Milambo, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations (UN) and Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia Ms. Nelly B K Mutti at the UN Headquarters on 14 February 2025.



From left to right, Dr Chola Milambo, Zambia's Permanent Representative to the UN, and Ms. Margaret N. Miyoba, Permanent Secretary Administration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, at the 13th Ministerial Meeting of the African Union Committee of Ten (C-10) Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council. The meeting took place in June 2025 in Lusaka, Zambia



Zambia's delegation at the 69th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), championing gender equality and women's empowerment led by Gender Division Permanent Secretary, Ms. Mainga Kabika (3<sup>rd</sup> from left).



Dr Chola Milambo (left), Zambia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Hon. Mulambo Haimbe (centre), S.C., MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation at a side event on private sector mobilisation at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) held in July 2025 in Seville, Spain



From left to right Mrs. Pamela Kauseni, Director, Population Department, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Ms. Stenah Shampile, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations, and Mrs. Theresa Chanda, Assistant Director, International Organisations (IO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation at the opening session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) at the United Nations Headquarters on 14th July 2025

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## FLAG RAISING EVENT AT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE'S RESIDENCE IN JULY 2025 IN NEW YORK



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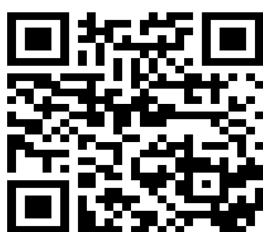


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