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FOREWORD

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The Organized People's Party (OPP) is a citizen centred political movement, officially registered in September 2025, with a bold vision: ***“A First World Zambia in Our Lifetime.”***

We are driven by the conviction that Zambia must make a clean, fundamental break with past mistakes to realise her full potential. Our mission is to reset the country's trajectory by prioritising professional leadership, creating massive jobs, and returning ownership of the economy to Zambian citizens and respect for the constitution.

This manifesto is built on the belief that Zambia can and must become a fair, united, modern, and qualitatively better nation one anchored on opportunity, democracy, human rights, social justice, equity, equality, fair play, and the rule of law.

The urgency of this mission is underscored by ***Afrobarometer 2025***, which shows satisfaction with democracy falling from 71% in 2022 to 54% in 2025, with nearly 30% of citizens saying Zambia is “not a democracy” or “a democracy with major problems.” This shrinking democratic space makes our ***“Better Change”*** message resonate deeply: ***Zambians do not regret change; they regret that change has not been better yet.***

What Zambians Are Saying

- **2021** “Change” happened.
- **2026 Reality**
 - o High unemployment
 - o Cost of living has significantly increased
 - o National resources have been handed to foreigners at the expense of Zambians.
 - o The country is divided along regional lines.
 - o Repressive laws have eroded freedoms.

Our Core Message Architecture

- Change that works.
- Change that puts Zambians first
- Change visible in unemployment level.
- Change visible in the cost of living.
- Change that unites regions, not divides them.

Our commitments are clear

1. Massive employment creation
2. Lower cost of living
3. Jobs & youth empowerment
4. Women's enterprise & safety
5. Kwacha stability & pensions
6. Clean governance
7. National unity across regions
8. Land & resource ownership for Zambians
9. Justice & dignity for all

Zambia does not lack resources, talent, or potential. What has been missing is serious leadership, constitutional respect, citizen ownership of the economy, and a government that puts Zambia first.

OPP believes national leadership must be entrusted to proficient, professional qualified, high calibre individuals of good character, honesty, and competence.

We affirm that the Constitution belongs to the Zambian people, and any major constitutional change must be driven by citizens through proper democratic processes

We seek to transition Zambia's economy toward majority citizen ownership of the means of production, so that Zambians can truly own and benefit from their economy. Foreign engagement will be guided strictly by Zambia's national interest ,any entity dealing with Zambia must understand that Zambia must be the primary winner.

Under the OPP banner, we are not just offering a new candidate; we are offering a new vision. One where the divisions of the past give way to national unity. One where Zambians reclaim pride and identity, restore dignity, and re-imagine governance that listens first and leads with discipline, compassion, and courage.

OPP believes Zambia does not need a messiah. Zambia needs **a team of leaders** who collectively present the best path to reset the country's trajectory, correct national wrongs, and deliver the first world infrastructure required to attract commerce, trade, jobs, and dignity.

As an engineer, I have been shaped by systems, infrastructure, planning, and practical problem solving. I bring that discipline to national leadership, ensuring that Zambia's future is built on solid foundations, not empty promises.

Together with the OPP team, enable us to gift our country ***A First World Zambia in Our Lifetime.***

Engineer Dr. Brian Mushimba

President, Organized People's Party (OPP)

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PREAMBLE

We of the Organized People's Party of Zambia

CONSCIOUS OF:

Our shared desire to build a first world and modern Zambia with first world infrastructure in our life-time founded on opportunity, justice, equity, equality and fair play;

REALIZING THE NEED TO:

- i. Make a clean and fundamental break from past mistakes in order to realize the maximum potential of our country;
- ii. Build a fair, united and qualitatively better Zambia based on opportunity, democratic principles, respect for human rights, and social justice under the rule of law;

COMMITTED TO:

- i. Resetting and restructuring Zambia's development trajectory via elimination of patronage, wastefulness, incompetence, tribalism, regionalism and other incumbrances to achieve a united, just and equitable Zambia in our lifetime
- ii. Ensuring independence of the different arms of government that enhances our democracy by providing oversight, checks and balances, including audits and monitoring that ensures transparency, honesty and integrity of government
- iii. Devolution of powers out of the presidency to other government functionaries to ensure total independence of crucial government offices tasked with protection of democratic gains, enhancing transparency and accountability of government to its citizens and not to a president;

COVENANT AS FOLLOWS:

- i. Unity in Zambia under our system of government, guided by the One Zambia, One Nation motto and strengthened by political tolerance, accommodation, compromise, religious and ethnic harmony, and cooperation.
- ii. Supremacy of the constitution; we affirm our belief in the supremacy of the constitution of the Republic of Zambia and the sovereignty of the Zambian nation and its people.
- iii. Independence of the judiciary, legislature and operation of the rule of law; we affirm our belief in the constitution of the Republic of Zambia, strict observance and enforcement of the provisions of the constitution on the independence of the judiciary and legislature and the application of the rule of law blindly in order to deliver justice fairly in the nation.
- iv. Sanctity of human dignity; we affirm belief and respect of fundamental human rights, enshrined in our constitution and international protocols and conventions. We are against any form of discrimination on any basis. The rights of vulnerable groups will expressly be protected.

PRINCIPLES OF OPP

We shall remain strongly committed to:

- i. Democracy and good governance
- ii. Freedoms, Human rights and human Dignity
- iii. Justice, Unity, equity, Equality, inclusiveness
- iv. Rule of Law
- v. Integrity, transparency, accountability in the conduct of public affairs
- vi. Creation of an enabling environment for all to succeed and prosper
- vii. A mixed economy with citizen majority ownership of the means of production

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POLICY DIRECTION AND OBJECTIVES

POLITICAL

1. POLITICAL

- i. We seek political power for the purpose of restoring, resetting and unshackling Zambia from all that has held her back since independence, protecting her sovereignty, territorial integrity and promotion of a secure, safe and the well-being of all Zambians.
- ii. Foster national unity based on one Zambia one nation, fairness, justice, equity and equality among citizens.
- iii. Safeguard our culture and values while modernizing our society
- iv. Provide enabling environment that promotes good governance, ensures probity and participatory democracy
- v. Guarantee human rights and fundamental freedoms of all citizens and persons resident in Zambia
- vi. Offer equal opportunity to hold highest political, military, bureaucratic and judicial offices in the country to all citizens based on merit and representation; defend and safeguard interests of all including the vulnerable and minorities.



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF ZAMBIA

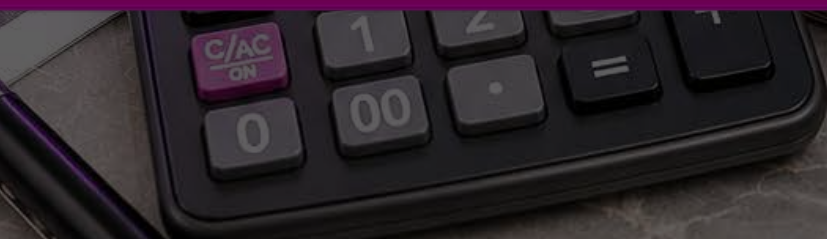
GOVERNANCE

2. GOVERNANCE

- i. The party shall be committed to the principle of participatory democracy emphasizing the welfare of citizens
- ii. The party shall be committed to the principles of social justice and equality of opportunities for all citizens
- iii. The party shall be committed to the principles of promotion and defence of the democratic systems of the country, the constitution and the manner of governing that is fair and unites the citizens.
- iv. The party shall be committed to the principles of accountability and transparency in order to restore confidence in the institutions of government
- v. The party shall be committed to the principles of disciplined leadership that leads by example and personal integrity as an important moral value in the conduct of public affairs.
- vi. The party shall be committed to the principles of one Zambia One nation; fostering the spirit of oneness among citizens by treating all citizens fairly and equitably regardless of their social, political, or economic status



ECONOMY



3. ECONOMY

- i. The current state of the country, sixty-one (61) years after independence, leaves a lot to be desired. While some progress may have been made, the growth and development of the country can be said to be totally inadequate as sixty-seven (67%) percent of the population still lives in poverty and hopelessness. The biggest political and social problem in Zambia that needs urgent attention is therefore poverty and low access to economic opportunities by citizens.

By addressing these two, the wellbeing of Zambians will significantly improve. The economic policy of OPP will focus on creation of market-based economy driven by majority citizens who will own majority of the means of production and by extension own their economy. At the very foundation, the party will pursue a strong diversified economy that will be built to exploit our natural advantages, our natural resources, our youthful population to create an economy that works for all citizens. OPP's economic focus is aimed at;

1. Developing a middle class driven society of small business ownership that is supported professionally by government including access to credit
 2. Easy access to transferable property rights in urban and rural areas
 3. Protection of the weak and poor via programs that are designed to integrate them in the economy
 4. Improvement of investment in physical and social infrastructure with first world coordinated infrastructure making Zambia a hub for all commerce and trade in the SADC and COMESA and becoming a first world country by 2056 (5) sustaining an economy that experiences rapid growth of not less than 10% per annum in the next 30yrs
 5. The economic policies of OPP will elimination of extreme poverty in 5yrs, ensure enough food for everyone (food security), unemployment will be reduced to the minimum.
 6. Deliberate interventions will be in place to upgrade and provide infrastructure across the country including access to clean drinking water, electricity, education, health, roads, ICT and proper housing as a foundation to ending extreme poverty in our land.
- ii. Human Infrastructure – increase allocation of budgets to education translating into greater access to education; relevant training at all levels for a rapid growing economy. OPP government will ensure free and Compulsory education up to university level to grow skills availability for the type of economy that will be unleashed. The curriculum will be enriched, emphasizing integrated skills that delivers a mix of intellectual and practical skills in the workforce.

3A. DEBT MANAGEMENT & FISCAL DISCIPLINE

Zambia's high public debt remains one of the greatest constraints to economic growth and national sovereignty. The OPP government shall implement a disciplined and transparent debt management framework:

i. Debt Transparency and Accountability

- Publish a full and audited national debt register annually
- Ensure all future borrowing is subject to Parliamentary approval

ii. Debt Restructuring and Sustainability

- Conclude and maintain fair debt restructuring agreements with creditors
- Target sustainable debt levels consistent with long-term economic growth

iii. Borrowing Discipline

- Introduce a Debt Ceiling Law to cap borrowing
- Restrict borrowing strictly to productive sectors such as infrastructure, energy, and industry

iv. Expenditure Rationalization

- Eliminate wasteful spending, corruption, and leakages
- Prioritize high-impact developmental projects

v. Revenue Strengthening

- Broaden the tax base without overburdening citizens
- Improve efficiency in tax collection through digital systems
- Ensure fair taxation of mining and large corporations

Local Debt Management

While Zambia's external debt has drawn much attention, the burden of local debt, arrears owed to suppliers, contractors, pensioners, and civil servants, has quietly eroded confidence in government and stifled economic activity. Local debt is not abstract; it is unpaid bills to Zambian businesses, delayed salaries to workers, and withheld pensions to retirees. It undermines trust, reduces liquidity in the economy, and pushes households and enterprises into distress.

The OPP government will adopt a disciplined framework to restore credibility and ensure that local debt does not cripple our economy:

- **Comprehensive Audit:** Publish a transparent register of all domestic arrears owed to suppliers, contractors, and pension funds.
- **Clearance Plan:** Establish a phased repayment schedule, prioritizing small and medium enterprises (SMEs), pensioners, and essential service providers.
- **Budget Discipline:** Ensure that new commitments are matched with available resources to prevent accumulation of fresh arrears.
- **Supplier Confidence:** Introduce prompt payment laws requiring government

ministries and agencies to settle invoices within 30–60 days.

- **Digital Tracking:** Deploy a procurement and digital payment systems to monitor obligations in real time and eliminate ghost claims.
- **Pension Security:** Ring fence pension contributions and ensure timely disbursement to retirees, restoring dignity to those who have served the nation.
- **Local Economy Stimulus:** By clearing arrears and paying suppliers on time, inject liquidity into the domestic economy, enabling businesses to grow, employ more youth, and expand production.

Our guiding principle

Government must never be the biggest debtor in the economy. OPP will ensure that the state becomes a reliable payer, a trusted partner, and a catalyst for private sector growth.

3B. COST OF LIVING AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

The high cost of living has eroded the dignity and purchasing power of Zambians. OPP will implement immediate and long-term relief measures:

i. Food Price Stabilization

- Invest heavily in agriculture productivity and storage systems
- Establish strategic food reserves to stabilize prices

ii. Energy Cost Management

- Reform electricity pricing while expanding generation capacity
- Reduce dependency on costly emergency power imports

iii. Fuel and Transport Interventions

- Improve efficiency in fuel procurement and supply chains
- Invest in public transport systems to reduce household costs

iv. Social Protection

- Expand targeted cash transfer programs for vulnerable households
- Introduce support mechanisms for low-income families

v. Inflation Control

- Strengthen coordination between fiscal and monetary policy to maintain price stability

3C. JOB CREATION, YOUTH & WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The OPP in Government will aggressively undertake an agricultural and industrial revolution in the country for it to create four (4) million jobs within the first five (5) years in office.

As part of the Strategy to create these massive jobs, the OPP in Government will:

1. Establish regional agricultural development banks, one in each province, to fund agriculture, livestock, fisheries and micro & small businesses.

2. Establish one national industrial development bank to fund mining, manufacturing and tourism projects.
3. Set up a fund to support the development of the Film, Music and other Arts.
4. Set up innovation hubs for ideas development to create new products. Grants for innovation will be provided.
5. Capital for these undertakings will be provided by Government from the National Budget.

To fast-track massive employment creation, special focus will be paid to:

1. Strategic Agricultural Commodities that have a short gestation period.
2. Strategic Agricultural Commodities that would form the bulk of raw materials for the manufacturing industries.
3. Manufacturing industries that utilize renewable resources.
4. Manufacturing industries that could absorb unemployment arising from closed mines.

The Strategic Agricultural Commodities are:

- i) Cotton
- ii) Maize
- iii) Castor bean
- iv) Soya bean; and
- v) Cattle

While, strategic manufacturing industries are:

- i) Textiles
- ii) Bio-fuel
- iii) Edible Oil
- iv) Meat processing
- v) Leather
- vi) Petro-Chemical; and
- vii) Pharmaceutical

The Cotton-Value Chain will contribute 2.4 million jobs, special Maize project for bio-fuel production 500,000 jobs, Animal husbandry and meat processing 200,000 jobs, Bio-fuel production 25,000 jobs, while the rest of the 875,000 jobs will be contributed by the other industries above.

To assure the country of food security, the Farmer Input Support Programme (*FISP*) will continue. However, it will be strengthened by providing farmers all required inputs so that they increase productivity and subsequently increase income.

3D. Government Contracts as a Means of Empowerment

Under OPP, government contracts will no longer be monopolized by a handful of politically connected individuals.

- **Inclusive Distribution:** Non specialized contracts will be shared among many Zambians, ensuring broad participation.
- **Boosting Consumer Power:** Spreading contracts across SMEs will increase household incomes, stimulate spending, and revive dormant industries.
- **Transparency & Accountability:** Contracts will be awarded fairly, with financing guaranteed through partner banks and repayments deducted at source.
- **Priority for SMEs:** Parastatals, ministries, and cooperating partners will be required to prioritize small entrepreneurs.

This will dismantle the “big contract syndrome” that enriches a few while impoverishing the majority.

3E. Promotion of Skills, Technical & Industrial Training

Empowerment must be tied to skills. OPP will ensure that every citizen connects their passion to a skill that can generate income.

- **Commercial & Technical Training:** Expand access to vocational, engineering, and industrial training.
- **Breaking Monopolies:** End tendering and contracting monopolies to create equal opportunities for capable citizens.
- **Youth & Women Focus:** Special emphasis on training programs that prepare young people and women to lead in entrepreneurship, manufacturing, ICT, and agro processing.

OPP's Guiding Principle

Government will play a leading role in economic development, providing financial resources and directing economic sectors of exposure.



HEALTH AND
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4. HEALTH and WELLNESS

The Zambia health sector has been plagued by corruption scandals that have compromised service delivery nationwide. Instead of improving, the system has deteriorated, leaving citizens vulnerable to preventable diseases, poor access, and catastrophic health costs.

Our vision for a “Better Change” is to transform Zambia’s health system from a “Ministry of Treatment” into a true “Ministry of Health” one that not only treats illness but actively prevents it by addressing the upstream determinants of health.

The objective of OPP’s health policy is to improve the health status of Zambians in order to increase productivity, job creation, wealth creation, and poverty reduction.

OPP Commitments in Health

Universal Access & Equity

- Guarantee affordable, high quality basic healthcare and reproductive health services.
- Provide free, high quality medical services for pregnant women and children under 5 years old.
- Ensure universal immunization coverage to stem preventable diseases.
- Manufacture essential drugs locally to reduce dependency and strengthen supply chains.

Infrastructure & Specialized Care

- Upgrade all healthcare centers and construct new ones fitted with modern equipment.
- Expand specialized treatment facilities to reduce medical tourism and keep resources within Zambia.
- Strengthen referral systems to ensure timely access to advanced care.

HIV/AIDS & Communicable Diseases

- Eliminate HIV transmission and end AIDS related deaths.
- Scale up prevention, testing, and treatment programs.
- Strengthen surveillance and rapid response systems for epidemics and pandemics.

Traditional Medicine & Research

- Promote research in traditional medicines and build infrastructure for local drug production.
- Encourage innovation in diagnostics, treatment, and community health solutions.
- Partner with universities and global institutions to strengthen Zambia’s research capacity.

Training & Human Resources

- Expand medical training and specialization through partnerships and investment.
- Increase staffing levels across rural and urban health facilities.
- Provide incentives to retain skilled health workers in Zambia.

Tackling Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

Zambia is recording a steady rise in morbidity and mortality due to NCDs such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and mental health conditions. The WHO Regional Office for Africa (2023) reports that NCDs caused 35% of deaths in Zambia in 2021, underscoring the urgency of decisive action.

NCDs threaten to reverse national gains by reducing productivity, increasing healthcare expenditure, and pushing families into catastrophic costs.

OPP's NCD Strategy:

- **Prevention First:** Target harmful alcohol consumption, poor diets, physical inactivity, and environmental pollution.
- **Healthy Environments:** Promote clean air, safe housing, green spaces, and active urban designs.
- **School & Workplace Interventions:** Integrate nutrition, physical activity, and health literacy into education and workplace programs.
- **Community Empowerment:** Strengthen local health systems and community based prevention initiatives.
- **Universal Access:** Guarantee affordable, high quality care for those living with NCDs, alongside robust social protection.
- **Research & Data:** Invest in surveillance, evidence based policy, and innovation to guide national responses.

By tackling NCDs and their root causes upstream, OPP will build a healthier, more resilient Zambia where citizens live longer, more productive lives and the nation's development trajectory is secured.

Health Systems Strengthening

Health Care Financing

- Resuscitate the National Health Insurance Management Authority (NHIMA), currently in a proverbial coma, by depoliticizing its leadership, improving transparency, and expanding coverage.
- Ensure NHIMA delivers on its mandate of pooling resources to reduce out of pocket costs and protect families from catastrophic health expenses.
- Diversify financing sources, including innovative taxes and public private partnerships, to sustain universal health coverage.

Health Information Systems

- Digitize patient records and modernize health information systems for real time decision making.
- Strengthen surveillance for NCDs, communicable diseases, and maternal health.
- Train health workers in data management and evidence based planning.

Research & Innovation

- Invest in medical research through universities and institutes.
- Encourage innovation in diagnostics, treatment, and health technologies.
- Support partnerships with global research institutions to build Zambia's capacity.

Health Security

- Build preparedness for epidemics and pandemics through surveillance and rapid response systems.
- Ensure stockpiles of essential medicines, vaccines, and protective equipment.
- Strengthen emergency care and disaster response capacity at community and national levels.

Leadership, Governance & Accountability

- Depoliticize health sector leadership and strengthen professional management.
- Enforce accountability in procurement, drug supply chains, and hospital management.
- Empower local health boards and councils to oversee service delivery.
- Promote transparency through regular audits and citizen oversight.

Health in All Policies (HIAP)

OPP recognizes the Health in All Policies (HIAP) approach as essential. Health outcomes are shaped by education, housing, environment, transport, and agriculture.

We will:

- Integrate health considerations into all government policies to reduce risk factors and promote wellness.
- Collaborate across ministries to address upstream determinants of health, including clean air, safe housing, nutrition, and safe workplaces.
- Position health as a cross cutting priority in Zambia's development agenda.

Guiding Principle

Health under OPP will be preventive, equitable, and resilient. By resuscitating NHIMA, strengthening financing, investing in research, and adopting the HIAP approach, OPP will transform Zambia's health system into one that delivers universal coverage, tackles NCDs, and secures the nation's future.

1. The objective of the policy in the health sector is to improve the health status of Zambians in order to increase productivity, job creation, wealth creation and poverty reduction in the country. The specific elements of the policy include: increase in life expectancy of Zambians through improved access, high quality and specialized treatments that will now be available in the country including interventions that address underlying health conditions before they become complex.
2. Ensuring universal access to high quality basic healthcare and reproductive health, improvement of maternal and child health, increase in interventions and preventions including immunizations to stem preventable diseases. All required drugs to be manufactured locally to support a healthy nation.
3. Free high quality medical services for pregnant women and children under 5yrs old.

4. Upgrading all healthcare center, construct new ones of the highest calibre fitted with all modern sophisticated medical equipment across the country.
 5. Eliminate and End HIV transmission and thereby ending deaths from AIDS. Promote and encourage further research in traditional medicines and build infrastructure to produce drugs locally.
 6. Expand health sector trainings and specialization with appropriate partnerships and investment
- Zambia is recording a steady rise in morbidity and mortality due to Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) . Today, NCDs account for roughly one third of all deaths in the country, with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and mental health conditions posing major challenges. The WHO Regional Office for Africa (2023) reports that NCDs caused 35% of deaths in Zambia in 2021, underscoring the urgency of decisive action.

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EDUCATION

5. EDUCATION

Unlike the current government's free education policy, which has expanded enrolment but neglected quality and relevance, OPP's vision is to make free education transformative rather than tokenistic. Where today's policy produces crowded classrooms, overstretched teachers, and graduates ill equipped for the economy, OPP will deliver free education that is practical, entrepreneurial, and future ready balancing theory with hands on skills, linking learning directly to jobs and enterprise, and extending inclusivity up to university level.

Our Effective Free Education Policy will ensure adequately filled classrooms, proper teacher to pupil ratios, and proportionate infrastructure that enhances educational quality. It will address teacher demotivation, strengthen rural deployment, and guarantee financial sustainability. In short, OPP's free education is not just about removing fees; it is about building a skilled workforce that creates wealth, drives innovation, and restores dignity to every Zambian learner.

The Organized People's Party (OPP) believes that all Zambians have a right to education. Education is the foundation of national progress, and under OPP it will be treated not merely as a social service, but as a strategic driver of entrepreneurship, innovation, and job creation. An OPP government will provide leadership to ensure quality education for both young and old Zambians, anchored on relevance to the economy and the dignity of work. Learners at all levels will not be trained only with employment in mind, but to think creatively, solve problems, and position themselves as employers and entrepreneurs.

Curriculum Reform

- OPP will reform the national curriculum to balance *40% theory and 60% practical learning*, ensuring that education produces skilled, adaptable citizens.
- Emphasis will be placed on *entrepreneurship, technical skills, and innovation* to prepare learners for self employment and business creation.
- Education will integrate digital literacy, vocational training, and industrial exposure to align with Zambia's economic transformation.

Breaking the Colonial Legacy

Zambia's education system has long been fixated on white collar jobs and formal qualifications. OPP will break this legacy by:

- Compelling companies and institutions to formally train their workers, especially those with skills but no formal certification.
- Recognizing and upgrading informal skills into formal qualifications, giving dignity and opportunity to artisans, farmers, and technicians.
- Promoting lifelong learning so that adults can re skill and adapt to changing economic demands.

Guiding Principle

Education under OPP will be practical, inclusive, and entrepreneurial. It will empower citizens not only to seek jobs but to create them, ensuring that Zambia's human capital becomes the engine of national prosperity.



INFRASTRUCTURE

6. INFRASTRUCTURE

i. Infrastructure development under OPP government will be fundamentally driven by long-term, state-led strategy focused on developing and leveraging world class infrastructure. Zambia is a natural hub nestled in the SADC region and on route to COMESA and East African markets. This is a competitive advantage that creates a significant market for trade and commerce being led by Zambia, only if Zambia can develop first world infrastructure that will attract all of that commerce and trade in country and in the region.

What the region needs and what Zambia can provide under OPP government is a stable, efficient, and technologically advanced infrastructural environment as it transitions into a regional hub. Appropriate Policies and implementation vehicles would be created, recreated to support the push to enhanced and coordinated infrastructure development across the country.

Borrowing from those that went ahead of us in this journey, Singapore developed a long-term concept plan that facilitated and coordinated the planning and implementation of expressways, new towns, the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) systems and other relevant and supportive infrastructure. Such plans, for example, provided new accommodation for hundreds of thousands of their citizens that were living in the slums (unplanned shanty compounds with limited or no services) and moved citizens into apartments with proper services (hot shower, flushable toilets, electricity, etc.). Just this act created lots of jobs for the citizens building infrastructure, ensured the fulfilment of a basic need for proper housing infrastructure for citizens and stabilized and gave dignity to their citizens while boosting a then thriving construction industry. Zambia doesn't need to start from scratch.

ii. The leapfrog effect of adoption of all the best practices from Singapore while avoiding all the mistakes it made would make Zambia attain similar feat in less time, cheaper and better coordinated. Such a massive infrastructure roll out would need all levers of governance aligned, best engineering practices, best and efficient urban designs, well-coordinated, well sequenced and flawless execution under strict supervision from a present government that OPP promises.



ENERGY AND POWER SUPPLY

7. ENERGY & POWER SUPPLY

We desire a Zambia that enjoys reliable and regular electricity supply without forced outages. For this to happen, the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) that governs the development of electricity generation, transmission and distribution would be created with a particular focus on optimal energy mix of technologies, locations covering both renewable and traditional sources. The desire for bulk, cheap electricity that would spur industrialization and support the long-term infrastructure development across the country means that our focus of the IRP would be deliberate, exploiting all available baseload power sources, developing strategic infrastructure to move molecules and or electrons in long term bilateral and or multi-lateral arrangements to ensure total energy security.

Zambia's energy sector faces challenges not only from drought but also from corruption and mis-management in public institutions such as ZESCO. Over the years, ZESCO has become a dumping ground for politically connected, unqualified individuals, undermining efficiency and service delivery. Rampant corruption in procurement has inflated costs and reduced quality, leaving citizens to bear the burden of poor service.

OPP will root out corruption in public institutions to restore efficiency, reduce costs, and ensure that energy utilities serve the people, not political elites. We recognize that nearly 60 years after independence, Zambia's persistent energy challenges are the result of "weak leadership and poor planning."

OPP will place local communities at the heart of renewable energy development, ensuring that energy solutions empower citizens, reduce costs, and drive industrial growth.

OPP Commitments in Energy

Rationalize ZESCO

- Make ZESCO lean and efficient by restructuring bloated operations.
- Remove politically inspired overheads and restore professional management.

Renewable Energy & Efficiency

- Back renewable energy (solar, wind, biomass, hydro) as a key to addressing the energy deficit.
- Promote energy efficiency programs to reduce waste and lower household costs.

Investment & Technology

- Encourage private and public investment in energy through cost-reflective tariffs.

- Roll out microgeneration, smart grids, and modern energy technologies.

Mindset Change

- Promote awareness campaigns to encourage responsible energy use.
- Motivate households and industries to adopt efficient practices.

Strategic Infrastructure

- Press for long-term investments in generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructure.
- Build resilience against drought and climate shocks.

Knowledge & Innovation

- Establish a national knowledge centre for renewable energy and efficiency technologies.
- Support research and innovation across sectors.

Competitiveness

- Put in place measures to ensure energy-intensive industries remain internationally competitive, while balancing impacts on other sectors.

Energy Cost Management

- Reform electricity pricing while expanding generation capacity.
- Reduce dependency on costly emergency power imports.

Fuel & Transport Interventions

- Improve efficiency in fuel procurement and supply chains.
- Invest in affordable, reliable public transport systems to reduce household costs.

Guiding Principle

Energy under OPP will be treated as a strategic enabler of development. By rooting out corruption, rationalizing ZESCO, and investing in renewable energy, OPP will deliver reliable, affordable power that fuels industry, empowers communities, and secures Zambia's future.

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INTERNAL
SECURITY

8. INTERNAL SECURITY

- i. We envisage a Zambia, under OPP government, where peace abounds, a country where there is security of life and property. To achieve the above, a multi-faceted approach, including strengthening law enforcement and intelligence agencies, modernizing technology for both security and cyber defense, and addressing root causes of unrest through social and economic policies.

This also includes improving border security, implementing effective criminal justice reforms and fostering cooperation with international partners.

- Under the need to modernize law enforcement, OPP government plans to equip police and national security forces with advanced technology, better training, and improved welfare to enhance their effectiveness and interoperability.
- Under the need to Invest in intelligence, OPP government will strengthen intelligence gathering, analysis, and dissemination to proactively identify and counter threats.
- Under the need to improve border security, OPP government will utilize technology such as drones and surveillance systems, and reinforce border fencing to control infiltration and threats to national security.
- Under the need to address specific threats, OPP government will develop targeted strategies to eliminate specific threats like terrorism or extremism, while focusing on preventing crime through a more robust criminal justice system.



DEFENCE

9. DEFENSE

- i. Zambia will continue to maintain conventional forces in order to preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country. The objectives of the defense arm of government shall include (1) preservation of democracy, protection of territorial integrity allowing peaceful co-existing within and with our neighbors (2) responsible to civil authority through well-defined chain of command, improve armed forces capabilities in all areas to ensure a well-equipped and trained force.



MINING

10. MINING

Mining is the backbone of Zambia's economy, contributing 13.7% of GDP, nearly 30% of government revenue, and close to 80% of foreign exchange earnings. It is also the largest taxpayer and a major source of formal employment. Yet despite this centrality, Zambia has not fully converted its mineral wealth into prosperity for her people.

Zambia's mining sector has long been shaped by foreign ownership, unstable fiscal regimes, and policy inconsistency. From the privatisation era of the 1990s to recent deals under the current UPND administration with multinational corporations, Zambia has often ceded control of its resources to outsiders. Even in the emerging battery metals boom — copper, cobalt, lithium, and rare earths — global powers and billionaires are positioning themselves to dominate, while Zambia risks remaining a supplier of raw materials rather than a producer of finished goods.

Gemstone Mining

Zambia is globally renowned for its rich gemstone deposits, particularly emeralds, amethysts, aquamarine, and garnets. Yet despite this natural endowment, the gemstone sector remains underdeveloped, dominated by foreign buyers, and plagued by smuggling and undervaluation. As a result, Zambia has not captured the full value of its gemstones, nor ensured that citizens benefit meaningfully from this wealth.

OPP believes that Zambia will only be truly independent when her citizens have the major say and benefit from the country's resources — including gemstones. Our vision is to transform gemstone mining from a fragmented, export driven trade into a structured, transparent, and value adding industry that empowers Zambians.

Establishment of a Mineral Revenue Authority

OPP will establish a Mineral Revenue Authority to strengthen transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the collection and management of mineral revenues. The Authority will ensure that Zambia receives full value from its mineral resources through enhanced monitoring of production, exports, royalties, taxes, and mineral value chains. The institution will work closely with relevant agencies to curb illicit financial flows, transfer pricing, tax evasion, and mineral smuggling. Revenue generated from the mining sector will be directed towards infrastructure development, industrialisation, job creation, and improving the quality of life for all Zambians.

OPP Commitments

I. Legislative Reform & Oversight

- Revisit mining legislation and tax laws to guarantee Zambia retains fair value from every mineral extracted.
- Set up a Mineral Revenue Authority (MRA) with supervisory oversight to track

exports, enforce valuation and prevent leakages so that the country is better-able to raise financial resources needed to fund economic and socio development.

- Streamline the regulatory and licensing system to eliminate corruption, bureaucracy, and partisan interference. National Assembly of Zambia

II. National Resource Audit

- Mobilise to perform a thorough assessment of all significant minerals and gemstones, detailing estimated quantities and values.

- Evaluate current mining operations to determine the volume of resources being extracted, their asset worth, and to ascertain if Zambia is obtaining equitable returns.

III. Citizen Ownership & Participation

- Expand opportunities for Zambian companies to own mines, partner with investors, and participate meaningfully in the sector.
- Promote small scale mining as a driver of local jobs and community wealth.
- Establish at least one 100% government owned mine to serve as a benchmark for transparency and to monitor investor practices.

IV. Gemstone Mining & Value Addition

- Formalize and regulate gemstone mining to eliminate smuggling and ensure fair pricing.
- Support artisanal miners with equipment, training, and access to markets.
- Encourage local cutting, polishing, and jewelry manufacturing industries to capture value from emeralds, amethysts, aquamarine, and other gemstones.
- Position Zambia as a global hub for gemstone trade, ensuring citizens benefit from the full value chain.

V. Industrial Linkages & Diversification

- Encourage research and development in universities to support value addition to minerals and gemstones.

- Promote industries that use Zambia's resources in construction, manufacturing, ICT, and energy generation.
- Support the creation of new companies dedicated to producing tools, equipment parts, and industrial inputs from locally processed minerals.

VI. Transparency, Accountability & Community Benefits

- Ensure mining agreements balance investor incentives with community concerns, including environmental protection and labor rights.
- Scale up clean up of legacy environmental damage caused by decades of poor mining practices.
- Introduce a national supplier development policy to increase the use of local goods and services in mining, reducing dependence on imports. National Assembly of Zambia

Guiding Principle

The extractive industry under OPP will be transparent, citizen driven, and value adding. By formalizing artisanal mining, empowering Zambians, and investing in local processing, OPP will ensure that gemstones become a source of national pride and prosperity. Only when Zambians control and benefit from their gemstones will Zambia achieve true independence.

The objective of the OPP government in the mining sector is the achievement of orderly development of the nation's mineral resources for enhanced economic growth and improved human welfare. The sector is expected to contribute significantly to employment generation, increased government revenues and strengthen the foreign exchange earnings. The mining sector is also expected to contribute significantly to broadening the productive base of the economy through its linkages, enhanced supply chains and processing.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Local government is the closest tier of governance to the people. It is meant to deliver essential services such as water, sanitation, waste management, roads, housing, and community health. Yet successive governments have allowed councils to become weak, underfunded, and politicized. Councils often lack autonomy, resources, and accountability, resulting in poor service delivery, unplanned settlements, and communities left without dignity.

Housing development has been particularly neglected. Rapid urbanization has outpaced planning, leaving citizens in overcrowded, informal settlements without access to safe housing, clean water, or sanitation. The absence of affordable housing policies has widened inequality and undermined the dignity of ordinary Zambians.

OPP Vision for Local Government & Housing

The Organized People's Party (OPP) believes that true independence begins at the community level. Local government must be people centred, accountable, and service driven. Housing must be treated as a basic right and a cornerstone of dignity. Councils should not be instruments of political patronage but engines of development, planning, and sustainable housing delivery.

OPP Commitments

I. **Strengthen Decentralization & Autonomy**

Empower councils with greater fiscal and administrative autonomy.

Ensure Constituency Development Funds (CDF) are transparently managed at local level.

Reduce bureaucratic bottlenecks by devolving more functions directly to councils.

II. **Planned Settlements & Housing Development**

Require councils to provide water, sanitation, roads, electricity, and waste management before advertising any area for habitation.

III. **Launch a National Affordable Housing Programme** through councils, prioritizing low income families, youth, and women.

Partner with private developers and cooperatives to build affordable housing units, while ensuring transparency and community participation.

Upgrade informal settlements into planned communities with proper infrastructure, schools, and health facilities.

IV. **Transparency & Accountability**

Introduce digital systems for council budgeting, procurement, and housing allocation. Strengthen citizen oversight through ward development committees and participatory planning.

Audit councils regularly to prevent misuse of funds and ensure accountability.

V. Local Economic Development

Support councils to promote local enterprises, markets, and cooperatives.

Encourage councils to partner with private investors in infrastructure, housing, and service provision.

Develop municipal revenue streams beyond central government transfers.

VI. Community Health & Welfare

Integrate primary health care services into local councils to bring health closer to the people.

Ensure councils play a role in sanitation, nutrition, and preventive health programs.

Promote inclusive social services for vulnerable groups at community level.

Guiding Principle

Local government under OPP will be people centred, accountable, and service driven.

By decentralizing councils, enforcing planned settlements, and prioritizing housing development, OPP will ensure that every Zambian community enjoys dignity, health, and sustainable development. Housing will no longer be a privilege for the few it will be a right for all, delivered through strong, transparent, and empowered local councils.

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OPPORTUNITIES



WATER, SANITATION
AND HYGIENE
(WASHE)

12. WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASHE)

Despite Zambia's ratification of the UN resolution acknowledging safe drinking water and sanitation as a basic human right, millions of citizens especially women, children, the sick, and the poor remain excluded.

Studies show that:

- 60% of the population still lacks access to basic drinking water services.
- Only 33% has access to basic sanitation.
- 10% continue to practice open defecation.
- Just 24% have access to basic hygiene services, such as handwashing facilities with soap and water.

These deficits have severe consequences: Zambia suffers a high rate of child stunting due to poor sanitation, while inadequate facilities in schools contribute to dropout rates, particularly among girls. Lack of privacy for menstrual hygiene undermines education, delays opportunities, and perpetuates inequality.

OPP Commitments in WASHE

I. Universal Access to Safe Water

Expand rural and urban water supply systems, ensuring every household has clean drinking water.

Invest in boreholes, piped water schemes, and community water points with modern purification technology.

Prioritize water access in schools, health facilities, and workplaces to safeguard children and vulnerable groups.

II. Sanitation Infrastructure

Roll out modern sanitation facilities nationwide, replacing unsafe pit latrines with affordable, safe alternatives.

Integrate sanitation into housing and settlement planning, ensuring every new development has sewerage systems.

Promote community led sanitation programs to eliminate open defecation.

III. Hygiene Promotion

Launch nationwide hygiene campaigns focusing on handwashing, menstrual hygiene, and safe food handling.

Equip schools and workplaces with gender sensitive hygiene facilities.

Partner with civil society and faith based organizations to embed hygiene practices in communities.

Local Government and WASHE

Local governments are the frontline providers of WASHE services. Councils are tasked with planning, service provision, and infrastructure development — yet they face challenges of inadequate resources, weak capacity, and poor coordination.

OPP will:

- Scale up integration of WASHE into local development plans, avoiding costly retrofitting and ensuring sustainability.
- Provide councils with resources and training to deliver water and sanitation services effectively.
- Prioritize low cost, high impact interventions in rural and peri urban areas, where only 49% of the population uses basic drinking water services and 28% has access to sanitation.
- Strengthen accountability by digitizing council WASHE budgets and monitoring systems.

10.4 Water as an Interdisciplinary Concern

OPP recognizes that water is not only about consumption — it is central to agriculture, industry, and climate resilience.

We will:

- Promote household and community level water projects such as rainwater harvesting and recycling.
- Encourage climate smart agricultural technologies including micro irrigation, precision irrigation, hydroponics, and aquaponics.
- Use Public Private Partnerships (PPP) for large reservoirs and irrigation schemes, ensuring communities benefit from shared ownership.
- Protect water sources through reforestation, watershed management, and pollution control.

Guiding Principle

WASHE under OPP will be treated as ***a pillar of dignity, health, and development.***

By guaranteeing clean water, safe sanitation, and proper hygiene, OPP will reduce disease, cut healthcare costs, empower women and children, and strengthen education outcomes. Access to WASHE will no longer be a privilege, it will be a right for all Zambians, delivered through strong local government and sustainable national policy.

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ENVIRONMENT



13. ENVIRONMENT

- i. It will be a policy of the OPP government to safeguard the environment and manage the ecological conflicts that come from activities such as mining and desertification in the country in line with commitments and aspirations.



**PLOTS
FOR
SALE**

**LAND
ADMINISTRATION**

15. LAND ADMINISTRATION

Land is the basic wealth of a nation. It is the foundation for the survival of all life forms and the basis of human development. The way land is allocated for human and other uses determines the character, quality, and pace of national progress.

In Zambia, there are two land tenure categories: State land and Customary land. The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources is the main body mandated to carry out land administration. The Commissioner of Lands, under Statutory Instrument No. 7, awards land to qualifying applicants subject to ministerial direction. Local authorities, under the Ministry of Local Government, administer land on behalf of the Commissioner, processing applications and making recommendations.

Land Corruption and Political Patronage

Partisan politics and corruption have plagued land administration. The majority of land is owned by a privileged few connected to the system, including foreigners. This has resulted in poor development practices, weak land markets, and ineffective administration. The absence of an all inclusive National Land Policy has made it difficult to address colonial legacies, indiscriminate land use, and poor development practices.

OPP recognizes that prudent land administration is essential not only to preserve Zambia's natural heritage but also to boost agricultural production, value addition, and equitable prosperity.

How Will OPP Introduce Prudent Land Administration?

An OPP government envisions a Zambia where every citizen has a fair chance to own land and use it productively. Land will be treated as a birthright and a strategic asset.

Overhaul Ministry of Lands

The Ministry of Lands is currently encumbered by corruption, political patronage, and administrative inefficiencies. **OPP will:**

- Uproot institutionalized corruption and depoliticize the Lands Ministry and the Commissioner's office.
- Decentralize operations to provincial offices, bringing services closer to districts.
- Computerize provincial offices to streamline processing of offer letters and titles.
- Increase staffing levels to handle applications efficiently.
- Strengthen monitoring of local authorities responsible for land alienation.
- Work closely with traditional leaders to rationalize and monitor customary land allocation.

Formulate and Implement a National Land Policy

OPP will finalize and implement an inclusive National Land Policy developed with input from civil society, traditional rulers, and government agencies. This will provide a framework for transparent, equitable, and sustainable land administration.

Conduct a Land Audit & Redistribute Land

OPP will conduct a comprehensive land audit to establish ownership details and identify land for current and future agricultural production. Productive land will be reposessed where necessary and redistributed to citizens in need, ensuring optimum utilization.

Prioritize Land for Agriculture

Land allocation will prioritize agriculture, livestock, fisheries, and forestry. With Zambia's population expected to double, OPP will marshal land into capable local hands to drive food production, ensuring surplus for domestic consumption and regional exports.

Mainstream Gender in Land Allocation

Women produce over 80% of Zambia's agricultural yield, yet most land is owned by men. OPP will enforce legislation to ensure 30% of all advertised council or state land is allocated to women, with the remaining 70% open to competition.

Stop and Reverse Allocation of Land to Foreigners

Land is a birthright. OPP will halt allocation of land to foreigners and reposess land previously given away, ensuring that Zambian citizens remain the primary beneficiaries of their country's resources.

Guiding Principle

Land under OPP will be transparent, equitable, and citizen anchored. By overhauling institutions, implementing a national policy, conducting audits, prioritizing agriculture, and mainstreaming gender, OPP will restore dignity and independence to Zambians. Land will no longer be a source of corruption or exploitation it will be the bedrock of prosperity and sovereignty.

OPP proposes easing access to land for all citizens. This includes providing easily transferable property rights through land administration that is open, transparent, trusted and accountable to the citizens. With access to land and a clear transaction time for property transfers, citizens will have improved access to credit on the basis on land titles transparently obtained in legitimate land transactions. Land ownership by citizens will be a priority of the OPP government. Zambians cannot be renters in their own country, owning limited or no land at all while foreigners occupy all prime lands in Zambia in the name of investment.

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PROGRESS



TOURISM

15. TOURISM

Zambia is blessed with extraordinary natural resources, many other falls in the Northern Circuit apart from the Victoria Falls, vast national parks, rich wildlife, pristine rivers, and unique cultural heritage. Yet despite this abundance, Zambia lags behind in tourism compared to countries with fewer attractions but stronger marketing and infrastructure. Tourism remains under tapped, limiting job creation, foreign exchange earnings, and opportunities for citizens.

Successive governments have marketed Zambia's tourism to the wrong audiences, neglected domestic tourism, and failed to invest in affordable accommodation and supportive facilities. As a result, most Zambians have never visited their own tourist sites, while international arrivals remain below potential.

OPP Vision for Tourism

The Organized People's Party (OPP) will make Zambia a preferred tourism destination in Southern Africa. We will achieve this by creating secure, well developed, and well managed tourist circuits supported by first world infrastructure and vibrant local economies. Tourism will be treated not just as leisure, but as a strategic industry for jobs, forex, and national pride.

OPP Commitments in Tourism

i. Domestic Tourism First

Launch the program "Zambians Must Tour Zambia" to encourage citizens to visit at least one tourist destination annually.

Promote domestic tourism as a way to foster national unity, tribal understanding, and pride in Zambia's heritage.

Partner with schools, universities, and cooperatives to organize group tours at affordable rates.

ii. Affordable Accommodation & Facilities

Develop hostel style accommodation where students and low income groups can pay for bed space and meals at affordable prices.

Upgrade tourist zones with sports facilities, entertainment centers, and creative attractions to add value beyond natural scenery.

Encourage private sector investment in budget hotels, lodges, and eco friendly resorts.

iii. **Tourist Circuits & Infrastructure**

Create regional tourist circuits combining natural attractions, cultural heritage, and local economies to encourage extended stays.

Invest in roads, airports, telecommunications, and security to make tourist travel seamless and safe.

Ensure each circuit has supporting industries, crafts, food markets, and cultural performances to maximize local benefits.

iv. **International & Regional Marketing**

Strengthen the Zambia National Tourist Board (ZNTB) to work closely with diplomatic missions in Africa and beyond.

Target regional markets (e.g., SADC countries) with affordable packages, while also expanding global marketing campaigns.

Use modern digital platforms and data analysis to identify high potential markets and tailor Zambia's tourism promotion.

v. **Jobs & Local Ownership**

Ensure Zambians take charge of running the tourism industry, from tour operations to hospitality management.

Train youth and women in tourism entrepreneurship, guiding, and hospitality services.

Promote community based tourism projects that allow villages and cooperatives to benefit directly from visitors.

vi. **Sustainable Tourism Development**

Protect Zambia's natural heritage through conservation programs in national parks and wildlife reserves.

Promote eco tourism and climate smart practices to ensure tourism growth does not harm the environment.

Integrate tourism into broader development plans, linking it with agriculture, culture, and creative industries.

Guiding Principle

Tourism under OPP will be inclusive, affordable, and globally competitive. By prioritizing domestic tourism, building circuits, investing in infrastructure, and marketing Zambia strategically, OPP will transform tourism into a pillar of national wealth, job creation, and unity. Zambians themselves will be the first ambassadors of their country's beauty, ensuring that tourism becomes both a source of pride and prosperity.

- i. The primary focus in the tourism sector is to make Zambia a preferred tourism destination in southern Africa. We plan to do this with a mix of interventions that will ensure an increased tourist arrivals every year. A secure, well developed and managed country with first world infrastructure will attract tourists. We will also be deliberate in creation of tourist circuits with a collection of attractions and supportive local economies that encourage extended stays and maximize tourism potential for all the circuits in the country.



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with Integrity
Commitment
& Respect

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- RESPONSIVE
- EFFICIENT
- TRANSPARENT
- ACCOUNTABLE



PUBLIC SERVICE

16. PUBLIC SERVICE

- i. OPP government promises to restructure public service to make it more efficient, stronger, better skilled and more effective at delivering essential services to the citizens. It seeks to transform government from a haven of inefficiency and corruption to an institution that spurs development, that is prudent in its decisions and actions in delivering services to the citizens

OPP-LED PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS

An OPP government will bring about reforms and restructure government operations in order to bring about efficiency and cut down on costs.

An OPP government will subsequently outsource some government functions that do not form the core of running the government. This will be in an effort to ensure that government focuses on its core business which is : to reduce costs, empower entrepreneurs to run these functions and also stamp out corruption.

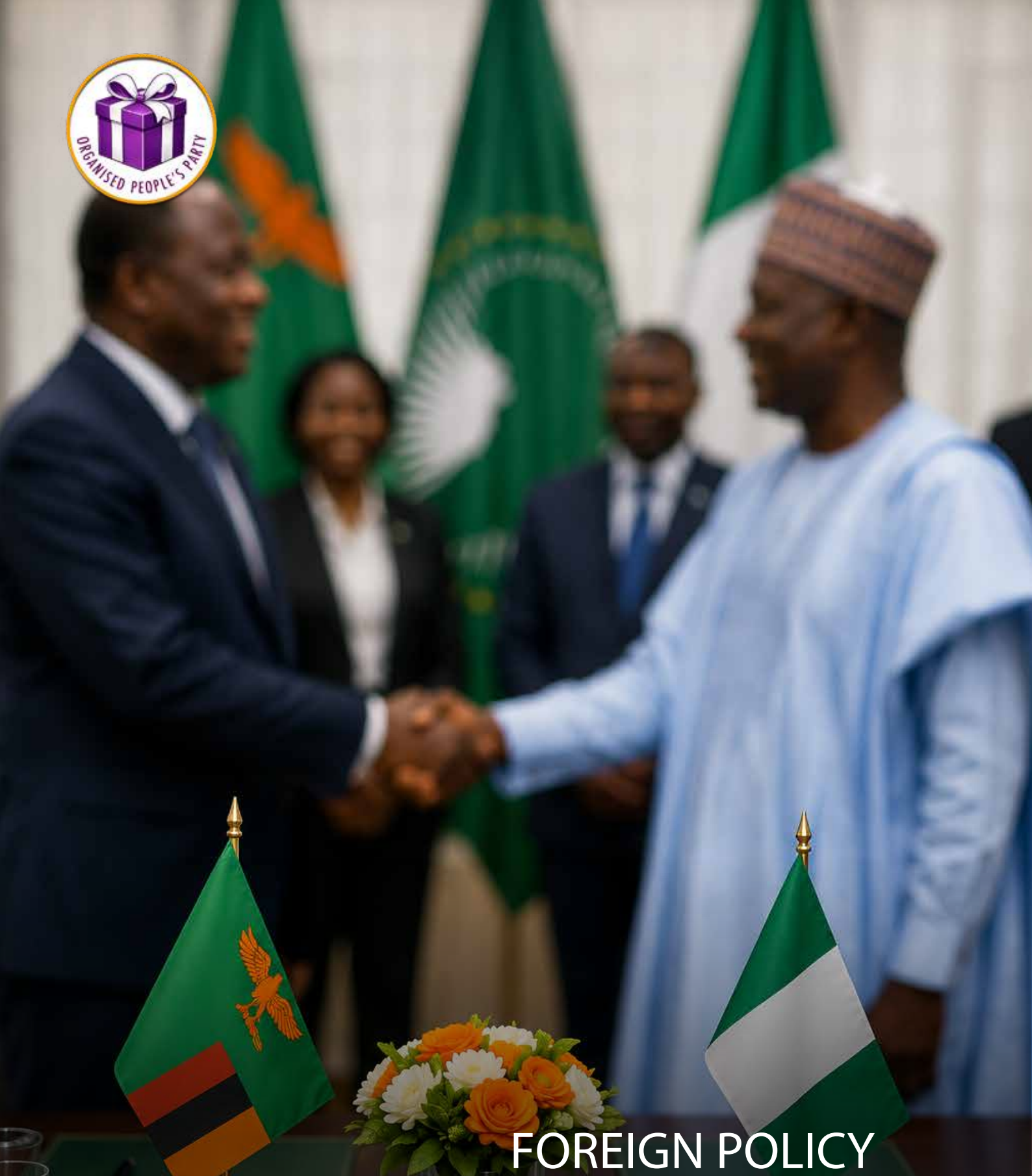
We will put in place systems that will ensure the civil service operates efficiently. This will include implementing modern information technology techniques to improve the flow of service delivery in the civil service.

An OPP government will be a lean and entrepreneur driven government. Its cabinet shall comprise the Republican President as overall presiding officer over the nation's affairs. There shall be a Vice President who shall deputise the Republican President and preside over as head of Government Business in the National Assembly of Zambia.

OPP PARASTATAL REFORMS

The OPP will overhaul and rationalise each and every parastatal. Upon forming government, we will institute a forensic audit in the Parastatals companies. Where necessary, the OPP government will enter into a private public partnership with some Parastatals.

Also of top priority will be the appointment of competent and competitive Boards of Directors with drive and entrepreneurship skills to steer these organisations towards profitability.



FOREIGN POLICY

17. FOREIGN POLICY

- i. The world is now a large global village, and each nation must learn to get along. The economies are interdependent and connected enabling regional, continental and inter-continental cooperation. However, this cooperation must be in the context of and based on equality and the objective of engagement with others is purely for the benefit of Zambia. If Zambia doesn't benefit in our cooperation with others, we don't engage in that. Zambia will only engage when her vital national interests are protected.

Any foreign policy must aim at protecting Zambia's interest, boosting international image and promotion of economic independence. This policy shall be backed by economic and political re-engineering we are proposing that ensures international respect for Zambia.



SPORTS AND ARTS

18. SPORTS & ARTS

The Organized People's Party (OPP) is resolved to create jobs anywhere jobs can be created and sports and the arts are two sectors with untapped potential in Zambia.

In many developed countries, sports men and women, as well as artists and entertainers, enjoy sustainable careers. In Zambia, however, opportunities remain limited: only a few Premier League football clubs provide jobs for athletes, while many other sports disciplines are neglected. Similarly, talented artists and entertainers struggle to find sustainable livelihoods due to weak structures, piracy, and lack of investment.

OPP recognizes that sports and arts are not just recreation or leisure they are industries that can create jobs, inspire youth, and strengthen national identity.

OPP Commitments in Sports & Arts

- Partnership with the Private Sector: Work closely with businesses to channel sponsorship into sports and arts as part of corporate social responsibility, creating sustainable jobs across disciplines.
- Accountability & Governance: Require sports associations and arts bodies to establish transparent systems before receiving funds, ensuring accountability and preventing abuse.
- National Sports & Arts Fund: Establish a dedicated fund, financed by contributions from government suppliers and partners. Bidders for government contracts will be required to include a sports and arts development contribution in their proposals.
- Infrastructure Development: Build modern facilities such as a new National Arts & Film Centre, theatres, and rehabilitate existing venues. Upgrade sports infrastructure to international standards to host regional and global events.
- Zero Tax on Equipment: Implement zero tax on equipment needed for the development of sports and arts, lowering barriers for professionals and institutions.
- Fight against Piracy: Step up enforcement against piracy, protecting artists' intellectual property and ensuring they benefit from their work.
- Inclusive Support: Extend opportunities beyond football to athletics, boxing, netball, basketball, swimming, theatre, music, film, and other creative disciplines.
- Five-Year Roadmap Convene a commission of stakeholders to design a structured five-year roadmap for sports and arts development, ensuring sustainability and measurable outcomes.

Guiding Principle

Sports and Arts under OPP will be treated as industries of dignity and opportunity. By building accountability, mobilizing private sector sponsorship, establishing a dedicated fund, and investing in modern facilities, OPP will unlock the full potential of Zambia's talent creating jobs, inspiring youth, and restoring national pride on the global stage.

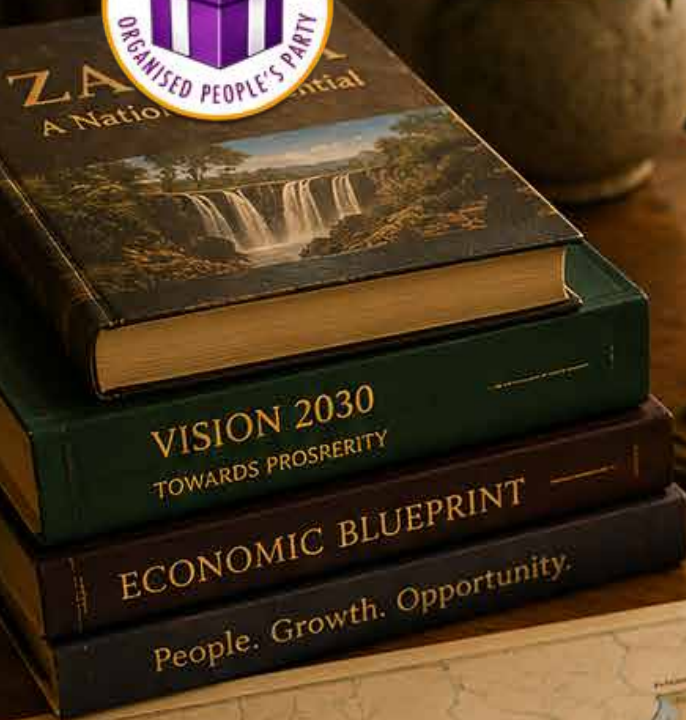
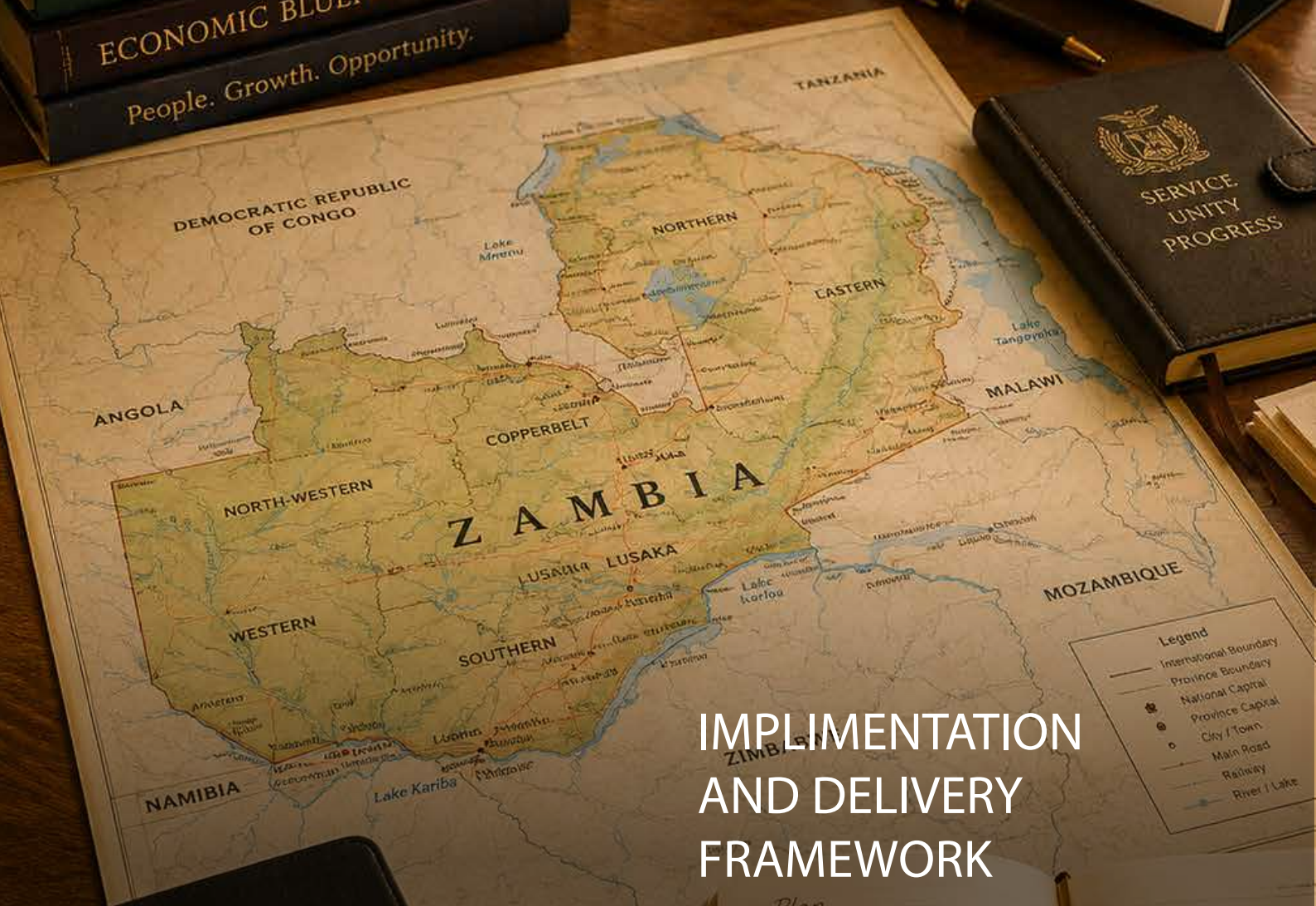
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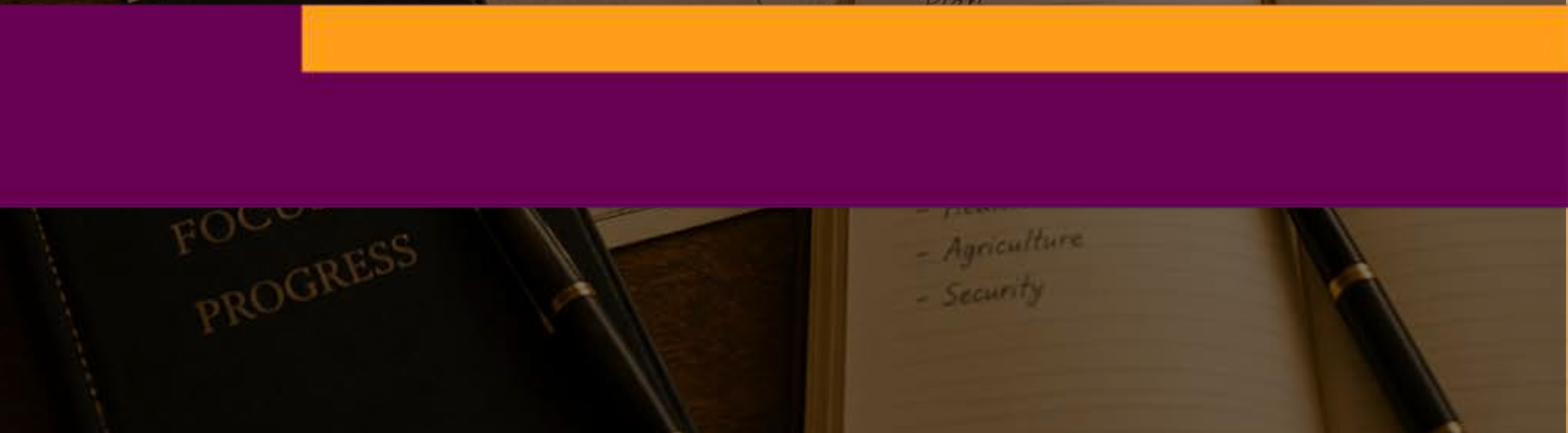
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IMPLEMENTATION AND DELIVERY FRAMEWORK



19. IMPLEMENTATION & DELIVERY FRAMEWORK

A major weakness of past governments has been failure to implement good policies. OPP will ensure disciplined execution:

i. **Presidential Delivery Unit**

- Establish an efficient and competent central unit to monitor all major government projects

ii. **Performance Contracts**

- Ministers and senior officials will sign performance-based contracts

iii. **Real-Time Monitoring**

- Use digital systems to track project progress and spending

iv. **Annual Accountability Reports**

- Publish annual performance reports to the public

v. **Zero Tolerance for Non-Performance**

- Immediate corrective action for underperforming officials



ANTI-CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

20. ANTI-CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

ANTI CORRUPTION REFORMS

Corruption has become entrenched in Zambia's governance system, eroding public trust, draining resources, and undermining development. Successive administrations have allowed institutions to be politicized, shielding high level officials from accountability while ordinary citizens suffer the consequences.

OPP believes that corruption is not just a crime it is a betrayal of the nation. To uproot it sustainably, we must dismantle the systems that protect the corrupt and replace them with transparent, independent, and citizen driven mechanisms.

OPP Commitments

I. Overhaul & Restructure the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC)

- Grant the ACC full autonomy to investigate and prosecute corruption cases independently, including high level officials such as Ministers, without presidential clearance.
- Professionalize staffing and insulate the ACC from political interference.

II. Stiffer Punishments & Rule of Law

- Introduce tougher penalties for individuals caught in corrupt deals.
- Ensure all opportunities and contracts are acquired lawfully, with violators prosecuted and barred from future public service.

III. Transparency & Whistleblower Protection

- Expose corruption cases openly to the media and the public.
- Protect and reward whistleblowers to encourage reporting of corrupt practices.

IV. Auditor General Reports & Accountability

- Mandate the ACC to act on Auditor General reports.
- Require all queries raised to be answered, with officials compelled to provide documentation or repay misused funds.
- Dismiss or prosecute senior officials who fail to professionally execute audit queries where corruption is evident.

V. Strengthen Oversight Institutions

- Enhance the independence of the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) and the Auditor General's Office.
- Empower law enforcement agencies with the capacity and political will to prosecute high level corruption and money laundering.

VI. Fair & Inclusive Contracting

- Prioritize awarding high value government contracts to youth led entrepreneurial Joint Citizen Companies (JCCs) to democratize economic opportunities.

VII. Professional Accountability

- Partner with professional bodies such as the Law Association of Zambia (LAZ) and accounting institutions to sanction lawyers and accountants who aid corruption and money laundering.

Guiding Principle

Anti corruption under OPP will be systemic, transparent, and uncompromising. By overhauling institutions, protecting whistleblowers, enforcing accountability, and empowering citizens, OPP will dismantle the networks of privilege that sustain corruption. Integrity will no longer be optional it will be the foundation of governance.

- i. Strengthen anti-corruption institutions and ensure independence
- ii. Digitize procurement systems to eliminate manipulation
- iii. Enforce strict penalties for corruption and abuse of office
- iv. Protect whistleblowers
- v. Ensure transparent public financial management systems

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NEWS

MEDIA

22. MEDIA

Successive governments have claimed commitment to freedom of expression, freedom of the media, and freedom of information. In practice, however, they have clamped down on dissent, censored divergent views, and denied equal access to media for opposition parties.

The current administration has entrenched this hypocrisy. While promising transparency, it has enacted laws that undermine freedom of expression and compromise governance integrity.

- The Access to Information Act (No. 24 of 2023) was celebrated as a milestone, yet its implementation is riddled with challenges. It contains broad exemptions, weak enforcement mechanisms, and excessive ministerial discretion, making it more symbolic than practical. Citizens, journalists, and civil society still struggle to obtain information, leaving accountability elusive.
- The Cyber Security Act (No. 4 of 2025), which the current administration opposed while in opposition which they now posture as a tool to protect citizens online, has instead become a weapon of repression. It has been used to monitor private communications, intimidate critics, and criminalise dissent. Far from safeguarding digital spaces, it has entrenched fear and curtailed free expression. As a result, Zambia's international media freedom rankings have deteriorated, with watchdogs such as Freedom House and Reporters Without Borders citing censorship, harassment, and shrinking space for independent journalism.

OPP Vision for Media

OPP believes that a free, independent, and vibrant media is the backbone of democracy. Freedom of opinion and expression uniquely enable citizens to promote, protect, and fulfill all other human rights.

Freedom of expression includes:

- Free speech and the sanctity of individual opinion.
- A free press and equal access to media for all political actors.
- The transmission and receipt of ideas and information across borders.
- Freedom of artistic expression and the right to silence.

These rights are mutually reinforcing with freedoms of thought, association, assembly, and the right to vote. They are integral to justice, participation in public affairs, and socio economic rights such as education.

OPP Commitments in Media

An OPP government will:

- i. Reform the Access to Information Act (2023) to remove excessive exemptions, strengthen enforcement, and guarantee citizens' right to information without political interference.
- ii. Repeal or amend the Cyber Security Act (2025) to eliminate provisions that criminalize dissent and enable surveillance, replacing them with balanced protections that safeguard citizens while respecting freedom of expression.
- iii. Enable editorial independence of public media, ensuring equal access for all political parties and voices.
- iv. Protect journalists from harassment and retaliation, enforcing laws against intimidation and violence.
- v. Promote media pluralism, supporting community radio, independent newspapers, and digital platforms.
- vi. Invest in media literacy, empowering citizens to critically engage with information and resist propaganda.

Guiding Principle

Media under OPP will be free, independent, and accountable. By reforming the Access to Information Act, repealing repressive cyber laws, and protecting journalists, OPP will restore Zambia's democratic credibility. A vibrant media is not a threat to government it is a safeguard for citizens, a driver of transparency, and a cornerstone of national unity.

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