



## MAZABUKA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON MAZABUKA BUDGET HELD AT NAKAMBALA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2025, AT 11:05HOURS

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#### IN ATTENDANCE

#### DESIGNATION

Dr Poleni Gabriel	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
Mr Nkombo Garry	Member of Parliament for Mazabuka Central Constituency
Mr Lilanda Vincent	Mayor
Mrs Mukwita Maambo Judith	Town Clerk
Mr Mulomba Chinyama Oliver	District Commissioner
Mr Wainyae Nawa	District Intelligence Officer
Mr Mwiinga Saul	Deputy Mayor /Cp
Mr Habeenzu Severino	Councillor for Chizobo Ward
Mr Chaatila Onard	Councillor for Mbaya Ward
Mr Mabinda Japhen	Councillor for Chivuna Ward
Mr Hatrimbula Ian	Councillor for Munjile Ward
Mr Laki Gloryson	Councillor for Bennie Mwiinga Ward
Mr Muleya Kelvin	Councillor for Nakambala Ward
Mr Muluma Edson	Councillor for Kalama Ward
Mr Munyaka Chemist	Councillor for Mwanachingwala Ward
Mr Tawanda Malambo Mike	Councillor for Nachipooma Ward
Mr Choongo Live	Councillor for Nega-Nega Ward
Mr Lwiindi Phanuel	Councillor for Itebe Ward
Mr Mweemba Emmerson	Councillor for Munenga Ward
Mr Bbagoos	Mazabuka Central Constituency Development Fund Committee Chairperson
Mr Liwoyo Christopher	Mazabuka Central Constituency Development Fund Committee Member
Mr Mwiinde Allan	Director of Public Health – Mazabuka Council
Ms Yeta Wakunyambo	Director of Human Resource and Administration
Mr Manda Benjamin	Director Engineering Services
Mr Chilala Bbalo	Director of Development Planning
Mr Sakala Wilson	Director of Finance-Mazabuka Council
Ms Chizawu Chilombo	Legal Advocate -Mazabuka Council
Mrs Mubalu Kasweka	District Community Development Officer
Ms Singogi Mwenda	District Forestry Officer
Ms Mwale Chipego	District Disaster Management Officer
Mr Likolo Nasilele	D.P.I.O

Ms Banda Ethel	Professional Assistant-Mazabuka Central Constituency Office
Mr Mambo Bornface	Professional Assistant-Magoye Constituency
Mr Kalyanga Mathias	Area Manager-SWASCO
Ms Chuungu Ireen	Branch Manager-ZANACO
Ms Limwanya Constance	Stanbic Bank Manager-Mazabuka Branch
Mr Pupe Juda	Area Center Manager
Mr Ngazimbi David	Sugar Cane Manger-Nanga Farms
Mr Banda Lameck	Manager-Ilobezi
Mr Chileshe Eric	Acting Station Master
Mr Chilinga Burton	Director
Ms Siisii Mcoqhaph	Director
Mr Akombaetwa Joe	Director
Bishop Ndhlovu	Director
Bishop Mudaala Clement	Vice Chairperson Pastors Fellowship
Mr Kaponda Clement	Director
Mr Choongo Vice	Director
Mr Ncheema Cornver	Director Creative
Mr Zulu Katongo	Area Manager-Zambeef
Ms Ngandu Beauty	Area Manager
Ms Simumba Caroline	Assistant Public Relations Manager- Mazabuka Council
Mr Habeenzu Lawrence	Manager-Stanbic Bank
Ms Samboko Eusteria	Branch Manager
Mr Mweemba Malungo	Station Manager SP
Ms Nyoni Zulu Janet	Programme Manager
Mr Miyanda Kingsley	Marketing Manager
Mr Choongo Active	Marketing Manager-Wave FM
Mr Hamalila Webster	Quantity Surveyor
Mr Chapwanya Joseph	Civil Engineer
Mr Habwacha Shadreck	Committee Clerk
Mr Munde Lukundo	Assistant Civil Engineer
Mr Phiri Azwell	Human Resource
Ms Kapembwa Kapambwe	Assistant Committee Clerk
Ms Mubi Ceaser	Secretary-Mazabuka Council
Ms Nzazi Ruth	Public Relations Officer-Mazabuka Council
Ms Matabile Pretence	Registry Clerk
Mr Mwiinga Namakando	Reporter
Ms Nachibbantu Chipu	Reporter
Ms Chibwe Helga	Reporter
Mr Liyali Evans	Reporter

## **PRAYER**

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, Bishop Mudaala Clement, the Vice Chairperson for Pastors Fellowship, gave the opening prayer.

Before the speeches, the programme Managers presented a highlight of the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting held the previous year of 2024.

**i. TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk welcomed everyone present. She expressed her gratitude for the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development who accepted the invitation and was represented by Dr. Poleni Gabriel, the Permanent Secretary. The Town Clerk informed everyone that, it was the second time Mazabuka Municipal Council was having the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting with the stakeholders. She indicated that, during the previous Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting, stakeholders such as Banks and Contractors were engaged. She informed stakeholders that, the previous donations were fulfilled and mostly were channeled to the Public Health Department that cleaned streets of Mazabuka District.

The Town Clerk acknowledged that, the cooperation was crucial because the Local Authority could not exist without stakeholders. The call value of the Local Authority was service delivery. She thanked the Councillors and Ward Development Committee members present who happened to be the pillars of development in the district.

The Town Clerk also informed everyone that, she was happy with the Government support received through the Constituency Development Fund disbursed for 2022, 2023 and 2024, because a lot of projects had been completed and handed over to the end users. The Town Clerk further thanked the Government support, on the introduction of Cash 4 Work that, during the 2024/2025 rain season, the worst ever drought the country had experienced no one died of hunger.

**ii. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER**

The District Commissioner thanked the Permanent Secretary of Local Government for having frequently visited Mazabuka district from the time was appointed.

The District Commissioner also thanked the Local Authority for the initiative because it was the major implementor of development for Mazabuka district. He wished the Local Authority to continue with the initiative and improve on service delivery. He re-echoed the Presidents pronouncements that development laid on three

component which were; Quality, Pricing and Timely of delivery.

### **iii. DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

The Director of Development Planning informed stakeholders that, Mazabuka District was predominantly driven by Agriculture activities. The Integrated Development Plan, a number of projects had been implemented. However, more needed to be done hence the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting was held to help meet the Local Government efforts.

The Director of Development Planning also indicated that, a number of projects such as Classroom Blook in schools, staff houses, Health facilities, Maternity Annex, Dams, Water Schemes, 5.8km Installation of Street Lights and modern Spray less had been done and handed over.

The Director of Development Planning indicated that;

- a) The Local Authority at Mazabuka Estate would build a smart city to promote local economy.
- b) The Community lacked clean water, poor road network and that gave an opportunity for the Cooperate world to supplement Government efforts.
- c) The benefits of Cooperate world would be;
  - ❖ Improvement on infrastructure
  - ❖ Job creation
  - ❖ Networking opportunity
- d) Under the 2025 Constituency Development Fund;
  - ❖ Had awarded Skills bursaries for both Mazabuka Central and Magoye Constituencies.
  - ❖ Disbursed Empowerment Loans
  - ❖ Cash 4Work meant to respond to the adverse impact of 2024/2025 farming season.
- e) The Director of Development Planning informed the stakeholders that, revision of the Integrated Development Plan was under way and invited for the implementation.

### **iv. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

The Director of Finance informed the stakeholders that;

- ❖ In 2024, the expected revenue collection by the Local Authority was Twenty Million (K20.000.000.00) but only collected Sixteen Million (K16.000.000.00). Management vigorously tried to improve and as at June, 2025, the Local Authority had collected Fifteen million (K15.000.000.00) because of interventions had put in place. He also indicated that, the Local Authority had its own challenges and as at June, 2025, less than Two Million (K2.000.000.00) was in the Constituency Development Accounts.
- ❖ Mazabuka Municipal Council had gone cashless and the general public paid their bills using mobile phones

**v. DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The Director of Engineering Services presented a highlight of projects done by the Local Authority. He indicated that, some roads would be made into bituminous standard.

**vi. AREA MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

The area Member of Parliament, Honorable Nkombo Garry welcomed everyone and acknowledged the presence of Dr Poleni Gabriel, the Permanent Secretary. He indicated that, the initiative started by Mazabuka Municipal Council Management of Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting, his wish was to replicate it even to other districts. However, he expressed his displeasure on the poor attendance for the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting for 2025, because the 2024 Meeting was well attended. Regardless of the poor attendance, the area Member of Parliament encouraged Mazabuka Municipal Council Management to continue inviting stakeholders for the betterment of the district.

Honorable Nkombo, also thanked the Councillors present for coming to hear for themselves. He informed the stakeholders that, from 1970's it was for the first time Mazabuka district to have 10km bituminous roads.

He also informed stakeholders that, Mazabuka Municipal Council had a full set of machinery to work on roads which was achieved because of the hard working and visionary leader, the President of the Republic of Zambia.

**vii. HIS WORSHIP MAYOR**

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the second annual Cooperate Branch Interactive gathering that aimed

at strengthening partnerships between the Local Authority and valued Local stakeholders.

He indicated that, the event was not just a social occasion but it was a platform for dialogue, collaboration and shared vision. He believed that, Mazabuka district to grow, the Business Community, the Civil Society and residents must work together. The Local Authority committed to transparency, accountability and inclusive development. Criticism and constructive feedback were welcome as it helped grow.

His Worship the Mayor also believed that, development was most successful when it was inclusive and consultative, hence valued moments of interaction to listen, share and plan together. When the Local Authority engaged, it aligned goals and used the resources to deliver better services, improve infrastructure and grow the local economy.

His Worship the Mayor recognized the key roles that the Constituency Development Fund played in driving local progress be it building schools, Markets, Clinics or empowering Women and Youth. However, the Mayor indicated that, the Constituency Development Fund alone was not enough and needed the continued support ideas and innovations from stakeholders.

His Worship the Mayor, encouraged everyone to use their opportunity of interaction to build lasting relationship and open channels of communication that would benefit the community even in future.

#### **viii. PERMANENT SECRETARY**

Dr. Poleni Gabriel, the Permanent Secretary, standing in for the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Honorable Sialubalo, was happy to be the guest of honor. He also expressed his happiness with the platform of engaging Business community which required Constancy engagement and various stakeholders should give feedback.

The Permanent Secretary informed stakeholders that, the annual Cooperate Branch Interactive Meetings initiated by Mazabuka Municipal Council Management was a good gesture that would be replicated to all Local Authority country wide. He commended Honorable Nkombo Garry who championed policy change when was serving as Minister of Local Government and Rural Development. The Permanent Secretary added that, it was constitutional to engage community and that was a platform for the

stakeholders to appreciate what the Local Authority was doing.

The Permanent Secretary also commended Mazabuka Municipal Council Management to hold Community Business interactive Meeting and indicated that, Government was committed to create enabling business environment because such platforms offered time to share ideas.

The Permanent Secretary further indicated that, Government had increased the Constituency Development Fund which depended on how was utilized. The Constituency Development Fund was there to transform lives of people. He thereafter, encouraged stakeholders to take ownership.

### **OPEN FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- i. Stakeholders wanted to know when roads would be done being worked on whether would be named for easy identification.

**In response,** His Worship Mayor explained that, a motion was moved during the Ordinary Council Meeting and resolved that, the roads should be named even before being worked on. He added that, project identification such as construction of roads was done by all stakeholders, the Ward Development Committee, Village Headmen and Community.

- ii. Stakeholders wanted to know if the Local Authority had a plan on online convenient way of paying bills.

**In response,** the Town Clerk explained that, it was not easy to graduate because of resistance in certain areas like Revenue collectors who somehow had personal benefits. However, Management for Mazabuka Municipal Council was working tirelessly and would soon go paper less.

- iii. Stakeholders requested for improved accessibility on the Constituency Development Fund forms such to intensify on sensitization.

**In response,** the Town Clerk explained that, the Constituency Development Fund projects were started at grassroot. Sensitization Meetings had been called and unfortunately the community had shined away. She encouraged everyone to take keen interest in publication of the Constituency Development Fund projects. The Town Clerk added that, the Local Authority publicized the Constituency Development Fund programs on radio programs and community engagements.

Further, the Civil Society being the institution in touch with vulnerable people, appreciated works done by the Mazabuka Local Authority because some people had benefited through the Constituency Development Fund, Cash 4 Work program and that had transformed lives of people.

The Churches were happy with services provided by the Mazabuka Local Authority. The Church advised the Local Authority to reduce on beurocracy as well to speed up on completion and commissioning of the Constituency Development Fund projects

- iv. Stakeholders wanted to know if there were specific time frames for contractors to finish working on projects.

**In response**, the Director of Engineering Services explained that, time lines were there and his offices followed contract guidelines. The Director added that, the contractor to work on Township roads would start in the second week of July, 2025.

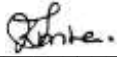
## **PLEDGES**

**1) Stanbic Bank**, pledged to build Mothers Shelter at Mazabuka General Hospital. The Bank Manager informed everyone that, in 2023, the Bank also participated in the Cooperate Branch Interactive meeting in making Zambia, Clean, Green and Health campaign and had donated Wheel bins. The Bank also mobilized resources to build a staff house at Hamayuwa.

### **2) Civil society-Peoples Action forum;**

- ❖ Pledged water project in Siyowi that would cost One Million (K1.000.000.00).
- ❖ On sanitation, the Tractor to be used for Worst collection for 2 months.
- ❖ Construction of Bus shelter near the station

Having no other business to transact, the Cooperate Branch Interactive Meeting was closed at 14:27 Hours.



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**JUDITH MUKWITA MAAMBO (MRS)**  
**TOWN CLERK**

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2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

**DATE**