

A VISION OF ZAMBIA
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Introduction: Vision Synopsis

1. By the year 2030, Zambia should at least be **an upper middle-income nation that is diversified and balanced sector-wise, geographically and socially, including gender-wise, with a per capita income of not less than US\$3,000 per annum, and medium Human Development Index rating**. This shall be a Zambia whose vehicles of economic operations are as depicted in the per **economic vision**, whose foundation and driving force is a political culture detailed in a clear and correct **political vision**, and whose core concern and destination purpose is to promote and protect peace and social harmony attached a free, just, fair and equitable depicted in a progressive and inclusive **social vision**.

Economic Vision (Vehicle of Operations)

2. A nation that shall have attained an economy firmly and steadily growing in a broad range of economic sectors, with significant and increasing value addition in the utilization of human and natural resources in all parts of the country, achieving an upper middle-income status, with a per capital income that is equivalent to at least US \$3,000 per annum, and gross growth rate of between 7% and 10%., between 2007 and 2030.
3. A nation that shall rank among the upper middle-income groups of countries, while achieving a medium Human Development Index rating among the top 70 to 100 countries, and equitably engaging the engagement and contributions of all citizens in a gender balanced fashion, that also take care of those with special needs.
4. A nation that is has long been addressing and managing of the foreign debt that has crippled the national economy over the last three decades, as well as meeting the requirement for the efficient and prudent management of the domestic economy, in terms that include, but are not limited to prudent macro-economic stability, including ensuring that domestic debt is, in future, limited to sustainable levels.
5. A nation that is continuously and steadily making progress in establishing a scientific and progressive society that is innovative and forward-looking, and that is not only a technology consumer but also a contributor to the global and future scientific and technological advances of humanity.
6. A nation that, together with other African and Third world peoples, has undertaken measures that would have led to the alleviation of unsustainable and impoverishing debt burden, international trade equalization and human dignity, with the negotiated co-operation of the wealthier nations at forums such as of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund , World Trade Organisation, and the Paris Club.
7. A nation that is progressively integrated within the Southern African Sub-Region and the African Continent, namely, into a political union with neighboring and formerly federal associated countries (Malawi and Zimbabwe), into a full economic union in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), within free trade area covering the Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and rest of Africa.
8. A nation that is determined to continuously promote and build an economically just and productive society. This is a society in which there is a fair and equitable distribution of the wealth of the nation, in which there is full partnership in economic progress, and in which economic activities, functions and achievements or backwardness are not identified with the divide between nationals and foreigners, between communities.

9. A nation that is committed to ensuring that every citizen has access and the right to economic use of an appropriate piece of land, and that the state does not commodify land in a manner that risks the creation of a landless and jobless mass of people. This should be ensured in appreciative of the social security foundation maintenance service rendered by the pre-colonial traditional governments that, in diverse ways, ensured that about 96% of the land mass in the territories that now constitute Zambia remained in under the communal custody of African native authorities, for the benefit of the present and future generations of African natives.
10. A nation that is well and firmly on the path toward ever advancing and accelerating economic growth and improving human development towards forever abolishing food insecurity and economic poverty in the lives of many people, as well as forever shutting the door against the history of dependency, disarticulation and underdevelopment and forever overcoming conditions of backwardness in infrastructure, science and technology..

Political Vision (Driving Force and Formation)

11. A nation that would have had about twenty-three years of a sustainable democratic constitution and electoral regime determined by broad national consensus, through a directly elected representative Constituency Assembly of 2007, endorsement by national referendum, before being adopted by a broadly representative National Assembly elected in 2006.
12. A nation that is equitably integrated and united in diversity, freedom, justice and equality, with a self-assured citizenry with human dignity, characterised by mutual respect and acceptance, high human and ethical values, living in a society that is democratic in governance, liberal and tolerant in mutual relations within and across social sectors, compassionate, engaged in an economy that is fair, just, equitable, developing, competitive, vigorous and resilient.
13. A nation characterised by a sense of a common and shared destiny, and at peace with itself, territorially and ethnically integrated, living in harmony and full and fair partnership, with a patriotism that is born out of living under a freely self-determined, fully participatory and just governance system.
14. A nation that is cooperatively self-governed through a mutually satisfactory devolved political systems and structures that encompass constitutionally recognised, empowered and mainstreamed traditional government authorities, which are enabled to modernize and democratize, while retaining the roots and positive aspects of their own African moulds of social and moral values, as well as culture.
15. A nation that is collectively self-governed through mutually satisfactory devolved political systems and structures that encompass a clear and pragmatically appropriate division of powers and functions between the central government and local authorities, through genuine and effective devolution, with each authority and each level of government having its own constitutionally established province of legislative and fiscal responsibilities and public service.
16. A nation that is committed to ensuring the promotion and protection freedom and democracy. This should be in gratitude to the nation building service rendered by founders of the modern political movements that established the Welfare Societies beginning in 1922, the Northern Rhodesia African Congress in 1948, the political parties that followed to achieve Independence in 1964, and to those who organized to re-introduce the plural politics of multi-partism in 1990.
17. A nation that applies and adopts the relevance and value of the spirit and mission aspirations of Pan-Africanism, Non-Alignment Movement and progressive internationalism, in relation to the challenges of economic development, political sovereignty and human dignity, including factors of social justice.
18. A nation set on a continuous path of ever refining, ever advancing and ever consolidating democratic dispensation and progressive adaptation from global best practices, in mature, moderate, consensual and broadly accommodating politics, characterised by mutual respect and tolerance, and high level of civilisation.

19. A nation whose citizens, leaders and institutions have taken charge of own development course, in addition to demanding agreeable facilitative and complementary measures from those who have too long benefited for the exploitation and dehumanisation of others, in order to ensure social and economic justice, as well as political freedom, for all.

Social Vision (Destination Purpose and Provisions)

20. A nation that in pursuit of collective self-reliance, social integrity and working excellence, with a sense of human dignity and self-confidence in family nationhood, and freed from colonial mentality, inferiority complexes, dependency syndromes, ethnic and sectarian chauvinism, corruption and abuse of public offices, and that has does not discriminate against minorities, females and persons with disabilities and weaker groups.
21. A nation that enjoys freedom of conscious and religious tolerance, whose citizens have moral, ethical and spiritual values that make them better members of a plural and progressive society, in which people of all communities, races and creeds, as well as diverse national origins are free to practice and profess their customs, cultures and religious beliefs, while having a sense of belonging together.
22. A nation that is characterised by compassion as well as mutually supportive and friendly relations among citizens of all communities and backgrounds, especially those disadvantaged by social, physical and historical circumstances, and welcoming towards all other people
23. A nation with a social system in which society comes before self, in which national interests supercede sectional ones, but in which individual and community rights are upheld.
24. A nation in which the welfare of the people as a whole does not revolve not around the state, ruling groups or individual leaders, but around positive human and family values, and in which there is neither social discrimination nor political domination against any person or any community.

Conclusion: Visionary Leadership

25. What is called for is characterised by being **a clean, clear, competent, credible, committed, courageous, and compassionate vision and team leadership**. This is the visionary leadership that is absolutely essential in order to develop Zambia into an upper middle-income nation that is diversified and balanced sector-wise, geographically and socially, including gender-wise, with a medium Human Development Index rating. This task cannot be accomplished by a leadership lacking in a clear nationalist program-focus, credibility, integrity and competence. **This 2030 Vision cannot be achieved by leaderships that are tolerant of corruption and the corrupt, deficient in intellectual depth**, narrow in knowledge, unqualified and inexperienced, populist and demagogic, socially insensitive and unaccommodating, and, otherwise, inept and indifferent to national service driven leadership.