

## FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 38, 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS

- MUTATI MEETS ZNFU OVER BUDGET EXPECTATIONS
- SCCI TO RELEASE NEW SEED VARIETIES
- MUMBWA GINNING COMPANY IMPRESSES

### IN DETAIL....

#### MUTATI MEETS ZNFU OVER BUDGET EXPECTATIONS

Finance Minister Felix Mutati met with the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, to discuss some expected salient agriculture matters in the budget.

The ZNFU and its affiliate associations briefed the minister that it was grateful that government has identified agriculture to drive the country's diversification agenda, but needs incentives to actualize the agenda.

Leading the ZNFU, Union president Jervis Zimba said to make agriculture the lynchpin of the economy, government should create a deliberate policy that would make agriculture competitive. He said this would translate into lowering the cost of production, increase duty on some imported agricultural products to level the playing field with the local market, and refencing and actualizing funds that include; aquaculture fund, irrigation Fund and mechanization Fund. The ZNFU also called for investment in research and extension services and strengthening of inspectorate systems.

The Union also called for the tax incentivization of agriculture activities that would translate into increased production and improved productivity and hedge against imports that threaten to reverse growth of the local agriculture. The Union said this would spur the creation of employment locally, and in turn broaden the tax base.

The Union said to achieve most of these targets, government has to consider 'melting away' the red tape encountered when trying to implement these programs.

And Finance Minister, Mr. Mutati said government will do its very best to embrace issues tabled by the Union.

He, however, said he needed additional information that would be crystalized into actual activities, but maintained that these incentives would have to be a compensational, in that they should;

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1. Represent a broader view of majority farmers and associations



2. Create jobs
3. Bring in other tax earnings, when incentives are given

"We don't want to create ornaments instead of instruments," Mr. Mutati said.

He asked the Union to submit the additional information before the close of business on Thursday so that his team could 'assimilate' critical areas from farmers.

He said government has now focused on domestic revenue collection and is cutting down on borrowing and wanted to avoid 'enemies' to this process that include anti-tax and calls for exemptions.

## SCCI TO RELEASE NEW SEED VARIETIES

The Seed Control and Certification Institute (SCCI) will soon be releasing new seed varieties on the Zambian market for crops such as; Maize, Soya beans, Pigeon pea and Cotton. The announcements will be done after the conclusion by the Institute and subsequent approval by the Varietal Release Committee (VRC), which has been meeting to consider crop varieties that have been tried in Zambia for at least 2 years.

The VRC which has been sitting from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 in Chilanga District was considering applications from seed companies which applied for the release of 9 maize, 4 soya beans, 3 pigeon peas and 2 cotton seed varieties.

The seed varieties which meet the required standards will be included to the Seed Variety Register and it will be incumbent upon the seed company to ensure that sufficient stocks of the approved seed varieties are made available to the farming community.

## FROM THE REGIONS

### NORTHWESTERN

#### NACRO OPENS TOMATO PROCESSING PLANT IN CHIBOMBO

New Apostolic Church Relief Organization has launched a tomato processing plant in Chibombo, funded by NAK-KARITATIV, a faith based organization based in Germany.

The launch was done by District Apostle Charles Ndandula on 20<sup>th</sup> September in Shamputa village where the organization has 18.5 hectares of farm land. The District Apostle urged farmers to take advantage of the plant and diversify into tomato production seeing that there is ready market for the product. The launch was attended by various stakeholders in the district among them the ZNFU, the District Commissioners and Council Secretary's offices, to mention but a few.

The land is dedicated for use by NACRO for humanitarian services and economic empowerment of the members of the community, which will be attained through skills training for vulnerable youths, local farmers' demonstration for horticulture and small livestock, and farmer empowerment through value addition.

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The plant will be processing tomatoes into tomato paste, hence farmers will benefit from the project as suppliers of tomatoes. The plant has a capacity of producing 1200kg tomato paste in a day. The project is targeting 5100 farmers and so far, 2000 have shown interest.

Additionally, the farm will also produce 600 x 200 seedlings of HTX 14 variety of tomato under a green house. This is a preferred variety to the local Tengero because it does not contain a lot of water.

Mr. Justin Ngulube, the officer in charge of the farm, requested ZNFU Chibombo office to consider a partnership to see to it that farmers benefit from NACRO projects.

## MUMBWA GINNING COMPANY IMPRESSES

Cotton farmers who got their inputs from Mumbwa Farmers Ginning and Pressing Company are impressed with the price that the company is buying the cotton at compared to other ginning companies.

The Company has been buying cotton at K4/kg compared to K3.6/kg that other ginners have been buying the commodity. Farmers have further asked ZNFU to lobby for cotton seed to be sold in Agro shops just like any other seeds. Farmers feel this will give them freedom to sale the commodity to any company offering a good price. This came to light during a visit to Mabele and Nalubanda Information Centres. Farmers feel this will help them to diversify into other cash crops instead of relying on maize and soya beans.

## ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

### ZNFU CREATE LAND/GROUND RENT HELP DESK

Following the amendment to the Lands Act (Laws, Volume 12 Cap.184) through Statutory Instrument (SI) No.106 of 2016, which changes came into effect on January 1, 2017, farmers may have experienced variances to costs of Ground Rent, Fees and Charges.

The ZNFU has continued receiving numerous queries as regards the effected changes. To help farmers address the challenges they may be encountering, the ZNFU has set up a Help Desk on Land and Ground Rent matters.

For any queries and or clarifications, kindly call ZNFU Head Office on;  
**+260 211 254 431 or Florence Phiri on 0977434312 or Grace on 0977984219**  
Email: [grace@znfu.org.zm](mailto:grace@znfu.org.zm)

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## SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE BY PUBLIC TENDER

ZNFU is inviting sealed bids from the public to purchase three (3) motor vehicles with details below;

VEHICLE TYPE	ENGINE	PURCHASE YEAR	COLOUR	REG.	CONDITION
Toyota Land cruiser	1HZ-0687720	2012	White	ALE 9148	Runner
Toyota Hilux	2KD-A658509	2015	Gold	BAA 80	Runner
Ford Ranger	QJZ KPDMO2418	2013	White	ALL 5831	Runner

Bidding form should be obtained from ZNFU head offices after paying a non-refundable fee of K100 or can be downloaded for free from our Facebook page. Bids must be clearly marked "**Sale of motor Vehicle by Public Tender**", and addressed to ZNFU, Plot No. 2374 Tiyende Pamodzi Road, Show grounds. Telephone: 00260 211 252649/254431

Kindly bring the bids in sealed envelopes and deposit them in the Tender box stationed at the Reception of ZNFU offices.

Closing date for receipt of bids is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 16:30hrs. Successful bidders will be notified before or by Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. Payment must be made by cash or bank certified cheque to ZNFU before collection of the vehicle. The vehicle will only be handed over to the highest bidder after the change of ownership has been completed.

Viewing of these vehicles will be from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Kindly note that:

1. ZNFU will not accept late bids and /or bids sent by email
2. ZNFU will however, accept bids sent by registered mail provided they reach ZNFU office before 16:30hrs on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017
3. Families and relatives of ZNFU staff are not allowed to bid
4. ZNFU reserves the right to accept or reject bids without assigning a reason thereto.

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## BID FORM FOR PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLE BY PUBLIC TENDER

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3	Ford Ranger	QJZ KPDMO2418	2013	White	ALL 5831	Runner

### PARTICULARS OF BIDDER

Full Names: ..... Phone number: .....

Email Address: ..... Postal ..... Address: .....

ID Number (NRC, Passport, Drivers Licence): .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

### BID DETAILS

Indicate your offer amount against the motor vehicle(s) you are interested in as provided in the table below:

Table 2 – Bid Price(s)

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1	Toyota Land Cruiser	
2	Toyota Hilux	
3	Ford Ranger	



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## WEATHER

AS COMPILED BY THE ZAMBIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

### General situation

The period from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>: Moderate to strong airflow from the Southeast will affect most parts of Zambia resulting into few clouds over the eastern parts of the country while from 26 to 29<sup>th</sup> most parts of Zambia will be affected by airflow from the east.

### Forecast for the period 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Muchinga and Eastern Province:** Few clouds, windy, hazy and warm become hot in the afternoon tending to be warm in the evening.

**The Rest of Zambia:** Mainly sunny, windy, hazy and hot, becoming warm in the evening.

### Forecast for the period 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**All Areas:** Sunny, windy, hazy and hot, becoming warm in the evening.

The Nights will be clear, slightly windy and warm.

*As produced by Zambia Meteorological Department, Ministry of Transport and communication*

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