

## FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 23, 2018

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Irritech to hold irrigation Demonstrations
- Agriculture, Panacea to Poverty Reduction; ECL
- ZNFU Council exhibits Unity of Purpose

### IN DETAIL....

#### IRRITECH TO HOLD IRRIGATION DEMONSTRATIONS

Irritech Zambia is on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 hosting an open day to showcase a wide array of irrigation systems.

The event is expected to attract farmers across all strata; small scale, emergent and large scale.

The open day will also bring together, apart from experts from Irritech; other farm input suppliers, farming experts from South Africa, Botswana and Zambia.

This for a is expected to be used for interaction, exchange of ideas, networking with peers, suppliers and agricultural stakeholders and sealing of transactions in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Mr. Franek Rociborski, the Founder and Chairman of Irritech will travel from South Africa to grace the occasion.

#### AGRICULTURE, PANACEA TO POVERTY REDUCTION; ECL

President Edgar Chagwa Lungu says the agriculture sector continues to offer the greatest potential for economic growth and lifting of thousands of Zambians out of poverty.

Reiterating Government's resolve of making agriculture the mainstay of the economy, the President said government will continue implementing viable programmes to grow the agriculture sector. He said the sector offers vast opportunities to improve the



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wellbeing of the majority of Zambians; especially in the rural communities. He was speaking during the official opening of the 2018 Copperbelt Agriculture, Mining, Industrial, Networking and Enterprises Expo (CAMINEX) in Kitwe in Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## ZNFU COUNCIL EXHIBITS UNITY OF PURPOSE

The 2018 Council Meeting was held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 to discuss the affairs of the Union as Council is the highest policy organ of the Union. During the deliberations, candid views were aired and there was full recognition that despite the turbulent times which the Union had gone through, the leadership and management at the helm were doing a good job at addressing the core activities of the Union and resolving the legacy challenges.

During the meeting, the President encouraged members to grow the local level presence of the Union by revisiting the original ideas that led to the formation of the DFAs. The meeting noted that some DFAs have successfully mobilized resources to construct DFA offices or storage shed and even engaging in business ventures, which demonstrates that there are many opportunities that can be exploited. The President emphasized that the DFAs doing well should be emulated by those not doing so well through sharing of ideas.

DFAs were urged to work hard on the loan schemes that will be introduced after the Lima audit is concluded and requested to provide the Lima auditors with all the information they need so that the audit can be concluded as soon as possible.

The audited accounts were presented and adopted. The meeting noted that the union is currently using self-generated funds and so it is important for everyone to pay subscription fees upfront at the beginning of the year to keep the union operational. Council members pledged to double efforts in mobilizing subscriptions and contribute to improving the income base of the Union by midyear.

## LAKE KARIBA NOTCHES UP TO 82% FULL

Lake Kariba water levels rose to 486.38m on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 486.14 metres recorded last week to close at 82 per cent full.

According to the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA), the Lake level rose by 0.23m during the week under review due to inflows on the main stream Zambezi River.

Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 483.08m or 55 per cent full.

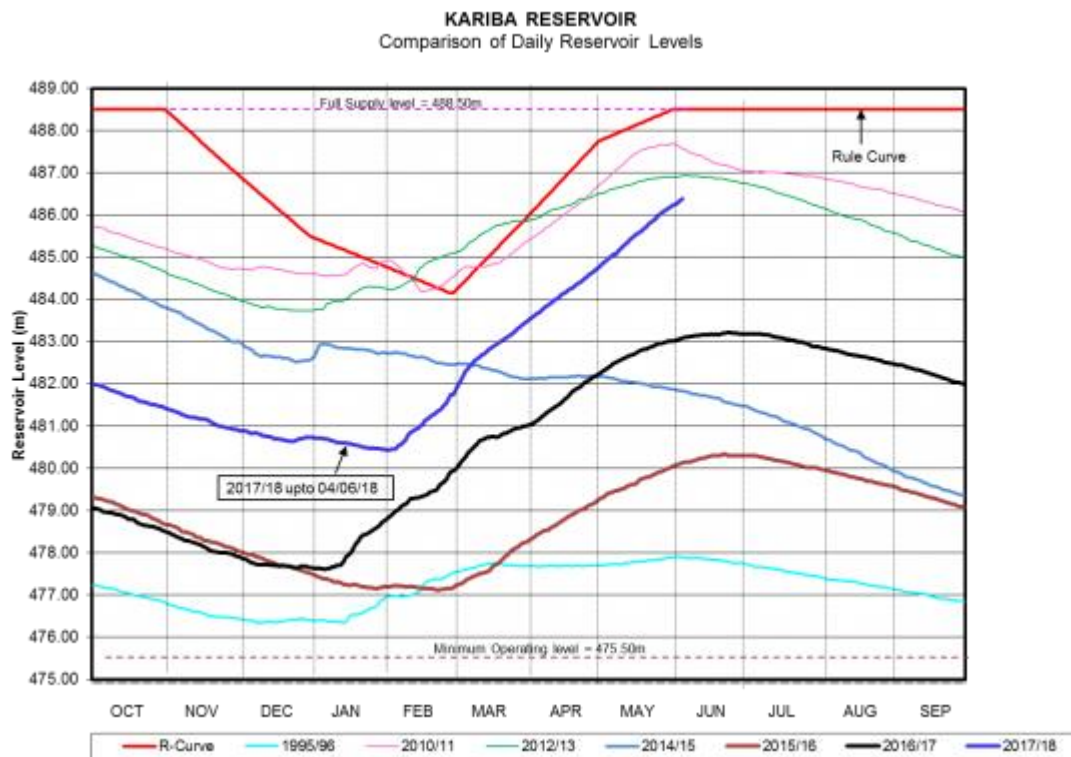
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Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 483.00 metres, or 55 per cent full. At 486.13 metres, the Lake Kariba is 80 per cent full.

Below is the water level graph as compiled by ZRA.



## UPCOMING EVENT!

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE B2B MEETINGS DURING THE WORLD EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The International Trade Centre (ITC), the joint agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, is inviting our members to participate in the business-to-business (B2B) event organized in partnership with the Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) on 10-11 September 2018 in Lusaka.

The B2B event is open to companies operating in the agricultural and agro-processing sectors, with a focus on the following areas:

- Agricultural crops including fruits, vegetables, coffee and tea, spices and cereals

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- Oilseeds including oilseeds, oleaginous fruits, seeds and fruits, industrial and medicinal plants, straw and fodder
- Preparations of cereals, fruits, vegetables and oilseeds including products of the milling industry, edible vegetable oils, and processed products derived from fruits and vegetables, vegetable waxes and residues and waste from agricultural crops
- Honey and honey-by-products including natural honey, beeswaxes, pollen, royal jelly and propolis
- Machinery for crop farming and fruit/vegetable/oilseeds processing
- Postharvest storage systems
- Packaging for vegetable-based products (primary, secondary, machinery) The B2B event will gather farmers, manufacturers, exporters, importers, wholesalers, retailers and investors interested in selling, buying or investing in the selected products.

Interested?

Please follow the link to register here: <https://wedf-registration.org/>. During your WEDF registration, please tick “the B2B” box to download and fill in the B2B company profile form.

Or Email: [albert.halwampa@zda.org.zm](mailto:albert.halwampa@zda.org.zm);

Tel: +260 978 2782 59

## A CALL FOR COMMENTS

We invite comments on the draft Zambian standards for Cashew Nuts that we received from the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS). Please follow the following link for access to the draft standards.

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1rk8y9y4me8vm5c/AACEKtk5tgk-\\_cSSGjM\\_twYwa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1rk8y9y4me8vm5c/AACEKtk5tgk-_cSSGjM_twYwa?dl=0)

Please email the submissions to [judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm](mailto:judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm)

## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### YEAR ON YEAR INFLATION RATE INCREASES

The Central Statistical Office (CSO) in their monthly bulletin reported that the year on year rate of inflation for May 2018 increased to 7.8 percent from 7.4 percent in April 2018. This basically means that prices of goods and services, on average, increased by 7.8 percent between May 2017 and May 2018. Price movements in food and transport, specifically breakfast mealie meal, rice imported, bread and motor vehicles are the main contributors to the annual increase in the rate of inflation. Eastern province recorded the highest annual rate of inflation at 10.9 percent while Luapula province recorded the lowest at 4.7 percent.





The month on month rate of inflation for May 2018 was recorded at 0.4 percent relative to the 0.6 percent recorded in April 2018. This shows a 0.2 percent decrease. This means that prices of goods and services between April 2018 and May 2018 increased by 0.4 percent.

## COMMODITY UPDATES

### Maize Updates

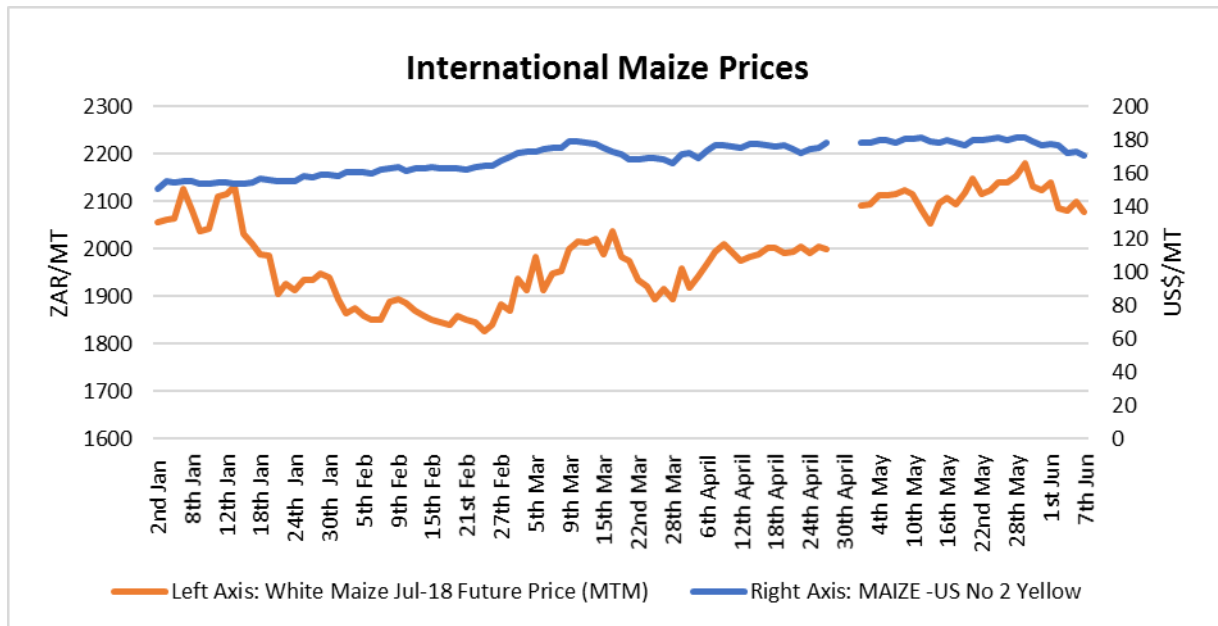
- RATIN reports that Kenya has not allowed the growing or importation of Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) foods rather they are working on developing new maize varieties that can mature within 105 and 110 days instead of the normal 120 days.
- Maize goes to waste in the North Rift region of Kenya due to lack of market and proper storage facilities after government stopped buying the crop. The Kenyan National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) exceeded the target after cartels imported cheap maize and sold it to the NCBP to the detriment of the local farmers. (Source: RATIN 2018)
- According to RATIN, Maize prices for a 90 Kg bag during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ranged from US\$ 28.48 - 28.56 for Kenya, US\$ 23.59 - 23.69 for Tanzania and US\$ 38.33 – 43.44 for Burundi. These prices were applicable in the capital cities of these countries.

### International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot prices of yellow maize was quoted at US\$ 170.72/MT on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 while the white maize futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 2078/MT (≈US\$162.98/MT).

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Source: SAFEX 2018

## Soya Beans Updates

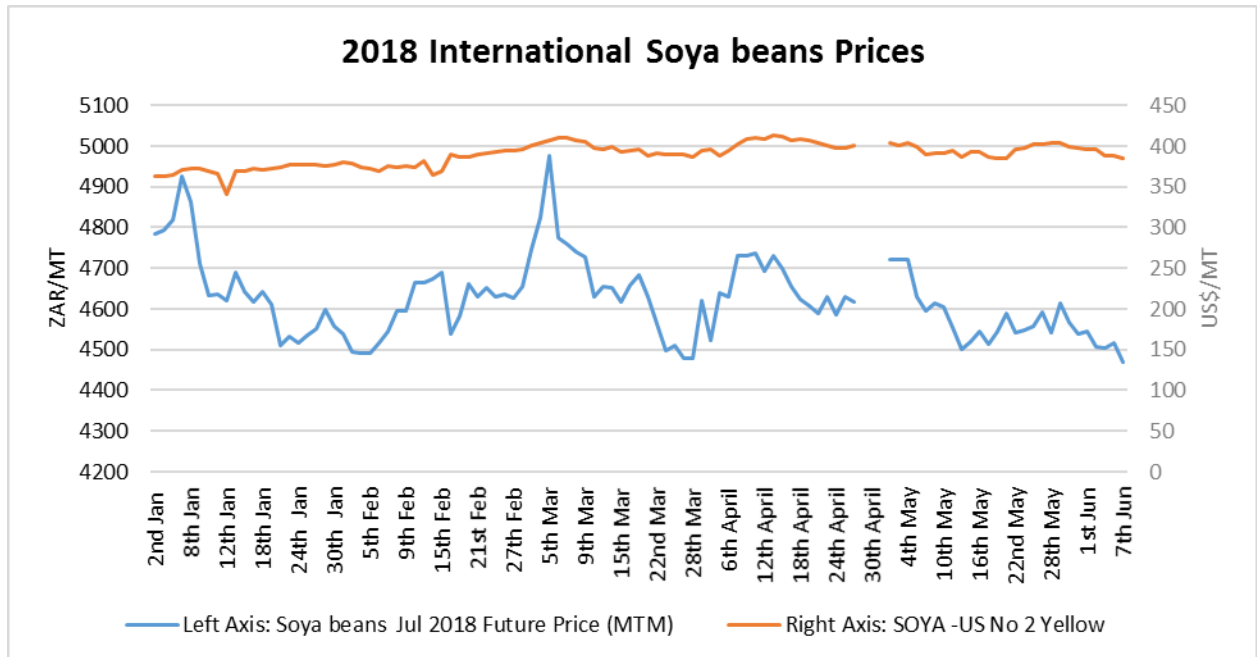
- ZAMACE during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 recorded six (6) bids for Grade A Soya Beans at a minimum and maximum price of ZMK 3,810/tonne and ZMK 4,500/tonne respectively.
- Argentina has resorted to import soya beans from the US for the first time in more than two decades. The country's soya bean crushing industry has a 67 million tonnes crush capacity annually but with the industry needing more of the oil seed, Argentina is looking to other countries including the US to meet its demand. (Source: World Grain, 2018)
- RATIN reports that Soya beans prices for a 90 Kg bag during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ranged from US\$ 53.4 – 53.56 for Kenya, US\$ 78.61 – 78.97 for Tanzania and US\$ 81.69 – 86.87 for Burundi. These prices were for soya beans in the countries capitals.

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## International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of Soya beans was pegged at US\$ 385.73/MT on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 while the Soya beans futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 4470/MT ( $\approx$ US\$350.59/MT).



Source: SAFEX 2018

## Wheat Updates

- SAGIS CEC during the week ending 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018, reported that South Africa (SA) did not export any wheat to Zambia. The South African wheat exports to Zambia have been declining in the last few weeks, this could probably be due to the wheat planting exercise which usually takes place in May every year.
- Wheat prices for a 90 Kg bag during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ranged from US\$ 57.85 – 58.02 for Kenya, US\$ 51.1 – 51.33 for Tanzania and US\$ 73.81 – 76.65 for Burundi. These prices are reflecting the capital cities price situation. (Source: RATIN 2018)

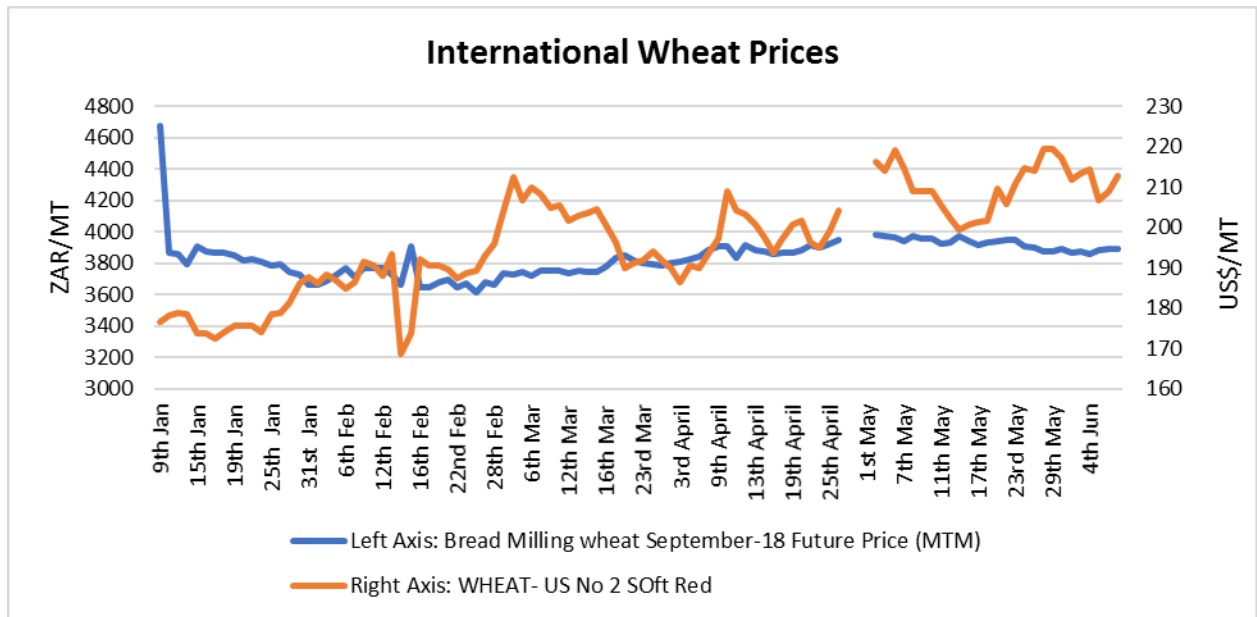
## International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of wheat averaged US\$ 212.67/MT on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 while the bread milling wheat futures for September delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 3895/MT ( $\approx$ US\$305.49/MT).

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Source: SAFEX 2018

## ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

### OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MINISTRY OF LANDS/ZNFU AT MKUSHI AGRICULTURE SHOW

The Ministry of Lands will be exhibiting at this year's Mkushi Agriculture Show scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Mkushi showgrounds.

The Ministry of Lands marquee will be located next to the ZNFU stand.

Farmers/Members that have outstanding land issues, or indeed need information on Ground rates, consideration fees, procedures and other general issues have the opportunity to meet Ministry of Lands and ZNFU staff in Mkushi.

Members that have further queries should contact Mrs. Florence Phiri on [florencephiri@znfu.org.zm](mailto:florencephiri@znfu.org.zm) or Mrs. Grace Kambidima on [grace@znfu.org.zm](mailto:grace@znfu.org.zm)

Or call +260 211 252 649

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## ZNFU OFFERING GROUP LAND SURVEY SERVICES



ZAMBIA NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

- Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) is offering Group Land Survey Services (GLSS) to farmers and entities intending to obtain title to land
- The GLSS enables farmers/entities to make payment as a group for land survey to be conducted making the procedure affordable
- This service also helps to facilitate procedures for land deeds registration

For further details call Florence Phiri at ZNFU on;

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Or Grace Kambidima

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!!

Details;

**KUSHIYA Group of Companies,**

A commercial farming operation, Operating from within Mazabuka District.

**Position:** Office Manager

**Qualifications required but not limiting:**

Compliant in Accounts to Trial Balance, Harvester Payroll and budgeting.

**Duties:** Stock ordering, supplier payment, record keeping

**Contact:** Ian Robinson

**P.O. Box 670105 Mazabuka.** Tel: 0967 609371 Email: [huntpoloian@gmail.com](mailto:huntpoloian@gmail.com)

### ZNFU CALL FOR BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

Government has started calling for budget submissions from various sectors of the economy. It is from this background that the ZNFU is calling on its members to make budget submissions on salient issues affecting the agriculture sector in Zambia.

For submissions or further details contact;

Mrs. Judy Hamonzwe on;

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## FROM THE REGIONS

### SOUTHERN

#### WARMA HOLDS SENSITISATION MEETING FOR STAKEHOLDERS

The Water Resource Management Authority (WARMA) on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 held a sensitisation meeting with various stakeholders in Livingstone.

The major reason for the meeting was to breakdown the issues surrounding the new SI on ground water management and borehole drilling and registration of the existing boreholes in the district. The meeting was held at Livingstone Council chambers at the Civic Centre, facilitated by Mr. Rowen.

### WESTERN

#### MUMBWA DFA TO HOLD FARMER EXPOSURE MEETINGS IN LUSAKA, COPPERBELT

The Mumbwa District Farmers' Association (DFA), in collaboration with World Vision Mumbwa are planning on undertaking an exposure tour for farmers from their DFA to Lusaka and Copperbelt the Copperbelt in a bid to expose farmers and help link them to processing and agro-value addition entities.

The DFA has organised 10 lead farmers to tour some agriculture plants in Lusaka, which include AFGRI and SARO AGRO Equipment, before proceeding to Kabwe's Janun Investments in the Central Province. The DFA are hoping they could be availed the opportunity the visit Zambeef on the Copperbelt and Mount Meru in Lusaka. The DFA will proceed to the Copperbelt where they are also expected to visit the Kasumbalesa border.

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## WEATHER

### SEVEN-DAYS WEATHER FORECAST 9th to 15th June, 2018

#### GENERAL SITUATION

##### *From 9th to 11th June 2018:*

moderate to strong and relatively dry stable winds from the south-east will be affecting most parts of the country resulting into mainly sunny, windy and cool to cold weather conditions.

##### *From 12th to the end of the forecast period;*

relatively moist and stable winds from the south east will start affecting most parts of Zambia resulting into cloudy conditions over some parts of Lusaka, Eastern, Central and Muchinga Provinces.

##### *Forecast: 9th to 11th June 2018 Most Areas:*

Mainly sunny, windy and cool becoming mild to warm in the afternoon. Nights are expected to be clear, slightly windy and cool to cold.

##### *Forecast: 12th to 15th June 2018 Lusaka, Eastern, Central and Muchinga Provinces:*

Mainly sunny, windy and cool in the morning becoming mostly cloudy and mild to warm by afternoon. The Rest of Zambia: Mainly sunny, windy and cool becoming mild to warm in the afternoon. Nights are expected to be clear, slightly windy and cool to cold.

Descriptive Terms Temperature Range Maximum (°c) Minimum (°c) Cold 14 - 17 2 - 4 Cool 18 - 20 5 - 7 Mild 21 - 24 8 - 11 Warm 25 - 27 12 - 15 Hot 28 - 32 16 - 19 .

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