



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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2022 WORLD NGO DAY CELEBRATIONS – 27TH FEBRUARY, 2022

To all Non-Governmental Organisations and stakeholders in Zambia

As you may be aware, the World Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) Day falls on 27th February, 2022. The World NGO day is a universal concept aimed at celebrating, commemorating and appreciating the role of NGOs in the development process around the world. During this day, NGOs share their knowledge and experiences in their work and Governments use the day to restate their policy position in facilitating active participation of NGOs in their respective jurisdictions.

The World NGO day was recognised by the United Nations in 2017 and over 100 countries around the world have been participating in its celebrations. However, Zambia has never participated in celebrating this day. It is against this background that the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services working with the Council of NGOs in Zambia and other stakeholders are facilitating the country's first ever participation during the World NGO Day which falls on Sunday, 27th February, 2022.

The following activities have been planned to take place on this day;

- i. NGOs and stakeholders march past from ZESCO Limited Head Office to Mulungushi International Conference Centre where speeches will be delivered and other activities will be held from.
- ii. A maximum of 500 participants (100 NGOs with maximum 5 marchers) will be expected to take part in the march past. The Honourable Minister of Community Development and Social Services will take part in this activity;
- iii. NGO Fair from 12:00 to 17:00 where NGOs will set up stands and showcase their work in Zambia. The Honourable Minister of Community Development and Social Services, as well as other stakeholders and participants will tour the stands. For purposes of activity, NGO participants will be required to contribute K500.00 and K1500.00 for local and international NGOs respectively:

- iv. Presentations on various topics of NGO interest. During the same period (12:00 to 17:00), when the NGO Fair will be taking place, various presentations of NGOs interest will be made in the side rooms; and
- v. NGO Gala Dinner at 19:00 hours. The Republican President, His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema will be expected to grace this event. The President will be expected to provide high level Government commitment regarding the active participation of NGOs in Zambia. Further, it is planned that selected deserving NGOs and individuals will be awarded for their contribution to national development through the NGO sector. Further details on this event will be provided in due course.

We therefore wish to take this opportunity to invite NGOs for participation during this important day. Kindly note that the number of participants is limited due to the necessary requirement for observing the COVID 19 guidelines. Reservations for participants will be based on first come first reserved basis.

In order to adequately prepare for the important World NGO Day, the Council of NGOs in Zambia has since constituted a seven (7) member Technical Organising Committee (TOC) chaired by Mr. Guess Nyirenda who is the Lusaka Province NGO Forum Chairperson.

For confirmation of participation and clarification, kindly send an email to sgs3foundation@gmail.com or call Ms. Niza Mushitu on +260 211 0963563235 after which necessary forms will be shared with you for your completion. The registration process should be completed by 10th February, 2022. Kindly note that this only applies to Lusaka based NGOs. Arrangements are being made through the Provincial Forums of the Council of NGOs for other provinces also to celebrate this day in the respective provinces.

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