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TALKING NOTES ON CENTENARY COMMEMORATION
OF THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR
AND THE
NORTHERN PROVINCE INVESTMENT EXPO

AUGUST 2018

1. Zambia and the Northern Province, in particular, will in November, 2018 join the global community in commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War (WW1), which is a prestigious event. The commemoration will take place on 25th November in Mbala District of Northern Province.
2. Due to the historic nature of the event and also taking into account that about 19 foreign nations (that participated in the Eastern Campaign of the First World War) may participate, the Provincial Administration of Northern Province has proposed to take advantage of the many dignitaries in the region to also host an Investment Expo as a build up to the centenary commemoration.
3. The 19 foreign countries are; the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Belgium and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Gambia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.
4. This event will leave an indelible mark for the people of Northern Province, the country and the world at large. The guest of honor at the event will be His Excellency the President, Mr. Edgah Chagwa Lungu.
5. The Centenary Commemoration of the end of the First World War and the Northern Province Investment Expo is expected to rewrite, preserve and put Zambia's history on the global map. The event will also promote tourism and investment in Northern Province. This will ultimately create employment opportunities, increase people's incomes and reduce poverty for the people of Northern Province and the Country as a whole.
6. The Provincial Administration for Northern Province in partnership with other key line Ministries have combined efforts to host the above proposed event tentatively from 20th to 25th November 2018 under the theme, **'Unlocking the Tourism and Investment potential of Northern Province 100 Years after the end of the First World War'**.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE EVENT

(a) Centenary commemoration of the end of the First World War

7. A detailed programme for the centenary commemoration is still being developed. However the envisaged activities to be undertaken on 25th November 2018 include the following:
 - ✓ A match past and parade from the Mpulungu- Kasama junction to the Mbala Cenotaph

- ✓ On 25th November 1918, the German troops upon surrendering to the British forces threw their military weapons into Lake Chila in Mbala District. Some of these weapons have been retrieved and are displayed at Moto Moto Museum. Therefore during the centenary commemoration on 25th November 2018, divers from the defence forces and other interested groups will dive into Lake Chila in an attempt to retrieve some of the weapons that were thrown on 25th November 2018.
- ✓ Furthermore, historic sites related to the world war such as the Von Lettow Vorbeck Memorial site, war trenches and tunnels in Mbala, Mbala Old Prison, and Moto-moto museum will also be toured during the event.

b) Northern Province investment Expo

8. Northern Province has great opportunities for investment in many areas; ranging from agricultural production, agro-processing, manufacturing, marketing, mining, tourism, infrastructure development, fishing, game-ranching, communication, energy generation, Bio-fuels, medical facilities and Real Estate (shopping malls and housing).
9. The abundant natural resources coupled with the enabling environment created by the pragmatic economic policies of the Zambian Government, makes Northern Province an attractive destination for investors, whether local or foreign. The Province has good communication facilities such as roads, railway, and water and air transport network, making it properly linked to other provinces in the Country and the Great Lakes Region.
10. Therefore the key objective of holding an investment Expo in the Province is to unlock this investment potential the Province has.
11. The 2018 Northern Province Investment Expo will include familiarization tours of identified investment areas such as Kasaba Bay, Kalungwishi Farm Block, Lumangwe Waterfalls, Kabwelume waterfalls, Kalambo waterfalls, Chishimbawaterfalls, Lakes Chila and Tanganyika as well as Mpulungu Harbour.
12. In partnership with the Zambia Development Agency (ZDA), and other government agencies, the Provincial Administration will endeavor to package some specific project proposals with pertinent details to be provided prior to the Expo to the targeted local and foreign investors who will then be able to make informed decisions by the time they attend the event.
13. Some of the proposed projects to be packaged as bankable documents for the event are the development of industrial parks, expansion and upgrading of Mpulungu Harbor, development of Kasaba Bay Tourism Resort, establishment

of farm blocks, establishment of hotel chains around tourist sites and infrastructure development.

TARGETTED DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION AND INVESTMENT EXPO

14.A Total of 1000 delegates are targeted to attend the Centenary Commemoration and Investment Expo. These will include some Cabinet Ministers and some Members of Parliament, Diplomats accredited to Zambia and the UN family, International and Local War veterans, Local and Foreign investors, Senior Government Officials, the Private sector and Civil Society organizations.

15. Due to limited accommodation facilities in the Province, arrangements are being made with one Local airline to be flying VVIPs, VIPs and other dignitaries on a daily basis from either Lusaka or Copperbelt to Northern Province during the event. Sites have also been identified where temporary tented accommodation with basic facilities such as water, electricity and internet facilities will be available. Private individuals who are ready to lease out their houses with some set standards to accommodate delegates during the event are also being identified.

ACTIVITIES DONE SO FAR TOWARDS THE HOSTING OF THE EVENT:

16. Following Cabinet's decision to have the centenary commemoration of the end of the First World War and Northern Province as a state function, Provincial Administration in collaboration with other stakeholders embarked on a vigorous campaign to prepare the hosting of the planned event. The milestones achieved so far regarding the preparations are as follows:

- ✓ Rehabilitation of key infrastructure that will contribute to the successful hosting of the event. I am pleased to announce that Government has released an amount of K 41 million towards the rehabilitation of Kasama and Mbala Airport in readiness for the event.
- ✓ Launching of a website for the event in collaboration with Smart Zambia where registration of delegates has started. The domain name for the website is www.nor.gov.zm,
- ✓ Formation of working technical committees at national, provincial and district level to coordinate various activities planned for the event,
- ✓ Appointment of an event Manager, **Image promotions** who are already on the ground doing some activities.
- ✓ Marketing of the event at both local and international fairs and summits.

The Local fairs where the event has been marketed and publicized include the Zambia Travel Expo and the Zambia International Trade Fair.

The event has also been marketed at International fares and summits and these include the Durban Indaba Travel Expo in Durban South Africa, the Africa International Trade and Investment Global Summit in Washington DC, United States of America and the Eco-Forum Global Summit, in Guiyang, People's Republic of China.

Due to these local and international fairs and summits attended, a lot of interest and enthusiasm has been received from individuals, local and foreign companies and local and international government agencies to attend the planned event. A huge task therefore lies ahead of Northern Provincial Administration and Government in general to prepare adequately towards the successful hosting of the event

ROAD MAP/WAY FOWARD

17.The following are the planned activities remaining, in **order of priority** to be undertaken towards the hosting of the event:

- ✓ Resource mobilization and fundraising ventures for the event(ongoing))-**(very urgent)**
- ✓ Rehabilitation of infrastructure such as the Cenotaph and other memorial sites, historical buildings, war trenches and tunnels, Moto Moto Museum and roads leading to tourist sites
- ✓ Packaging of projects to be showcased during the expo as bankable documents
- ✓ Marketing and Publicity of the event (ongoing)Continuous stakeholder engagement on the preparation of the event.)-**(very urgent)**
- ✓ Content upgrading and management of the Website for the event(ongoing))-**(very urgent)**
- ✓ Continuous stakeholder engagement on the preparation of the event.**(urgent)**
- ✓ Registration of delegates and official invitations to identified local and foreign Investors(ongoing)-**(urgent)**

CONCLUSION

18.It is necessary to hold the centenary commemoration in Northern Province to ensure that the untold history of the end of the First World War now more than ever before, must be highly publicised. Zambia needs to tell this untold history to the world and clearly state that the country played a significant role during the First World War.

19. Zambia will leverage this indescribable history and market the country as a world class tourism and investment destination for many years to come.

20. It will further be necessary to hold the Northern Province Investment Expo to help open up the region to potential investors thereby promoting the growth of tourism and investment in areas such as agriculture, energy and mining among others. This will also make the Country move away from the dependence on the Southern circuit in terms of tourism promotion. In addition, this will ultimately create job opportunities, increase people's incomes and reduce poverty for the people of Northern Province and the Country as a whole.

INTERNAL MEMO

TO: THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

FROM: THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

DATE: 20TH AUGUST 2018

SUBJECT: CLAIM OF SUBSITENCE ALLOWANCE FOR ASSIGNMENT IN NDOLA AND COPPERBELT

Refer to the above subject matter.

You may wish to note that I had attended a one day meeting at Fringila on 14th August 2018 organised by the Ministry of National Planning and thereafter was assigned to drop sponsorship letters for the centenary commemoration of the end of the first world war and expo to the event Manager in Lusaka and also engage Mahogany Air for possibilities of printing some materials for the event,

Thereafter I was tasked to drop the same letter to Copperbelt based companies an assignment done from 16th to 18th August 2018.

In view of the above I hereby request for a claim of one night in Lusaka and two nights on the Copperbelt together with the driver subject to funds available.

1. AD one night Lusaka @ 1000 and two nights Copperbelt @ 900 = 2 800
2. Driver one night Lusaka @ 650 and two nights Copperbelt @ 550= 1 750

Total k4 550

Find attached a distribution list of letters for the assignment for ease of reference.

KAMENDA MATAA

