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ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KASOMENO-MWENDA TOLL ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECT-HON. ENG. MILUPI



Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi speaking during the official opening of the Inter-Governmental Steering Committee meeting on the Kasomeno-Mwenda toll road and bridge project in Livingstone.

Infrastucture, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi has directed the Inter-Governmental Steering Committee spearheading the commencement of works on the Kasomeno-Mwenda toll road and bridge project as well as the One-Stop Border Post (OSBP) to accelerate implementation of the project.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the Joint Steering Committee should unlock all rigidities that had delayed processes leading to the commencement of the project.

The Minister was speaking in Livingstone when he officiated at the inaugural meeting of the Zambia–Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Joint Steering Committee on the Kasomeno-Mwenda toll road and bridge project including the OSBP.

“There will be a One-stop Border Post, as agreed by the two Governments in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in

November 2019 in Lubumbashi, DRC. The ongoing Inter-Governmental meeting on the Kasomeno-Mwenda road and bridge project will thus deliberate and agree on issues around the design and location of the OSBP,” he said.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the inaugural Inter-Governmental Steering Committee meeting marked a major milestone in the process towards the actualization of the project.

The delegation from the DRC was led by Mr. Nico Nzau, the General Director of the Congolese Agency for the Major Works (ACGT)

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RDA Board of Directors Chairperson, Eng. Mulchand Kuntawala listening to the speech by the Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi during the inaugural Inter-Governmental Steering Committee meeting on the Kasomeno-Mwenda road and bridge project.



Delegates listening to the deliberations during the Joint Steering Committee meeting.



A group photo with Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi.

..AS ZAMBIA, DRC SET ROAD MAP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KASOMENO-MWENDA OSBP



Participants to the inter-Governmental meeting on the Kasomeno-Mwenda toll road and One Stop Border Post (OSBP) project following the proceedings.

Eng. Mfune in a speech read on his behalf by Chief Planner at the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Aaron Mutale commended the Government of the DRC for accepting the request to have a Joint Steering Committee meeting to harmonize issues around the OSBP.

He said the project is of mutual interest and both Republics were committed to have it delivered at the earliest possible time.

The Inter-Governmental meeting on the Kasomeno-Mwenda toll road and One Stop Border Post (OSBP) project including the bridge across the Luapula river has set a clear road map for the development of the OSBP.

Speaking when he officially closed the meeting at the David Livingstone Hotel in Livingstone recently, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Permanent Secretary, Eng. Danny Mfune thanked the delegates to the inaugural Zambia-Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Joint Steering Committee meeting for their commitment to actualize the Kasomeno-Mwenda road and bridge project.



Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Chief Planner, Mr. Aaron Mutale presenting the speech on behalf of the Permanent Secretary, Eng. Danny Mfune.

RDA EMBARKS ON DECONGESTION WORKS AT 10 MILES IN CHIBOMBO DISTRICT



Road expansion works at 10 miles.

In a bid to decongest traffic on the Great North Road (T2) at 10 miles area in Chibombo District, the Road Development Agency (RDA) has embarked on works to re-engineer the Mungule Road intersection with the Great North Road to augment its traffic capacity on a short to medium term basis.

Motorists and members of the public have been complaining of heavy traffic congestion on the intersection of Mungule Road with Great North Road at 10 miles area.

This has been observed during peak hours as well as during weekends and sometimes traffic jams would last until late into the nights.

The scope of works being carried out by the RDA includes the following:

1. Construction of filter lanes dedicated to Mungule Road and from Mungule Road to Great North Road heading north;
2. Construction of a through lane for the southbound traffic;
3. Construction of bus bays;
4. Construction of walkways for pedestrians;
5. Road line marking and signage installation; and
6. Traffic accommodation.

The works commenced on 20th February 2023 and the intended completion date is 24th April 2023.

The works are being executed in-house by the RDA Lusaka Regional Office in collaboration with the Zambia National Service (ZNS).



A tipper truck dumping gravel for use at 10 miles.

MONZE-NIKO ROAD TO BE REDESIGNED AND UPGRADED TO BITUMINOUS STANDARD



Minister of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi with Road Development Agency (RDA) and Ministry officials during the inspection of the Monze-Niko road.

Minister of Infrastructure and Urban Development Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi says the Government, through the Road Development Agency (RDA) intends to upgrade to international bituminous standard the entire Monze-Niko road in Southern Province.

“We are going to redesign this entire road, not only to elevate its embankment but also to ensure it is climate resilient”, the Minister said on 4th March 2023 when he conducted an on the spot inspection of the 70 kilometres Monze-Niko road.

About 30 kilometres of the road has been tarred from Monze and the Zambia National Service (ZNS) has been carrying out emergency repair works on some sections of the road, replacing culverts and other vital infrastructure washed away by heavy rains.



Minister of Infrastructure Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi (second from left) and Road Development Agency (RDA) Board of Director Chairperson, Eng. Mulchand Kuntawala being briefed on the progress achieved on works on the Monze-Niko road by the Zambia National Service (ZNS) Southern Province Commander, Col. Richard Chanda (second from right) during the inspection of the road.

PHOTO FOCUS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE PAVEMENT IN MONGU

The construction of a 60 metres rigid pavement at Mongu traffic lights in Mongu District of Western Province is currently underway.

This is the section which had heavily deteriorated and was characterized by massive potholes.



Cement stabilization in progress.



Completed section of the concrete pavement.



Works in progress.

INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTER INSPECTS THE LIVINGSTONE- KAZUNGULA-SESHEKE ROAD

.... Says the road requires reconstruction



A damaged section of the Livingstone-Kazungula-Sesheke road.

Hon. Eng. Milupi said the road has been earmarked to be rehabilitated under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model, however, since the process has taken long to materialize, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development has entered into talks with the Ministry of Finance and National Planning to source locally generated funds to work on it.

“Having been on this road both before and after the New Dawn Administration formed Government in 2021, I was not taking this tour to confirm how deplorable the Nakatindi road is. I was undertaking this inspection to deliver a message to our people that we have accorded this highly economic road a top-level priority status,” he said

The Minister was accompanied by Road Development Agency (RDA) Board of Directors Chairperson, Eng. Mulchand Kuntawala, RDA acting Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Grace Mutembo and Government officials.

Inrastructure, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi recently inspected the Livingstone- Kazungula-Sesheke road.



Hon. Eng. Charles L. Milupi with RDA Board of Director Chairperson Eng. Mulchand Kuntawala, RDA acting Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Grace Mutembo during the inspection of Livingstone-Kazungula-Sesheke road.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COMMEMORATION



RDA employees in Mansa getting ready for the march-past.

Zambia joined the rest of the world in celebrating the International Women's Day under the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality".

International Women's Day is a global event celebrated annually on 8th March as a focal point in the women's rights movement, bringing attention on issues such as gender equality, reproduction rights and violence and abuse against women.

It is also a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

In Mansa, women from various Government Departments, Parastatals and the Private sector gathered at Mansa College of Education to celebrate Women's Day, after a march-past which started from ZESCO Limited offices on the Mansa-Chembe road.

The celebration was characterized by various activities which included performances from drama groups; and women in uniform, that is the Zambia Correctional Services and Zambia Police Service.

The guest of honour was Luapula Province Minister, Hon. Derrick Chilundika.

In his keynote speech, Mr. Chilundika said "Despite having more women than men, women are underrepresented in all spheres of social-economic development, worse in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)".

Meanwhile, in Lusaka, the event was graced by Lusaka Provincial Minister, Hon. Sheal S. Mulyata.

The march-past commenced from the University of Zambia (UNZA) Goma Lakes to Lusaka Showgrounds.



RDA Luapula Province Regional Office Senior Engineer, Moses Kabwe welcoming the guest of honour at the Agency's stand.



The RDA stand in Mansa during the 2023 International Women's Day.

PHOTO FOCUS – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Lusaka participants having lunch after celebrating Women's Day.



Mr. Julius Mulenga from the RDA Central Materials Laboratory Unit explaining to a client that visited the Agency's stand at the Showgrounds the types of materials that are used when constructing a road.



RDA members of staff during the march-past in Lusaka.

RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER

THE PURPOSE OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY



The Road Development Agency (RDA) is exposed to various risks which could adversely affect the achievement of strategic objectives. Risk is the main cause of uncertainty in any organization.

Thus, increasing focus is paid more on identifying risks and managing them before they even affect the business. The ability to manage risk will help the Agency to act more confidently on future business decisions.

The Risk Management Policy and Framework was disseminated to all members of staff of the Agency last month.

The Risk Management Policy forms part of the Agency's governance and control arrangements. Risk management

is not an isolated activity. It is one element together with planning, project implementation and performance management of effective governance and management.

The purpose of the Policy is to establish and maintain an effective and efficient system of Risk Management which shall promote a risk-enabled culture that contributes to the achievement of the objectives of the Agency. It also: -

- Defines the purpose, objectives and benefits of Risk Management.
- Clarifies the roles and structures supporting the implementation of Risk Management.
- Describes the context for Risk Management as part of the overall system of internal controls and arrangements for periodic review.
- It aims to support staff with particular involvement in anticipating, assessing and managing risks so that timely and well-founded risk-informed decisions are made.