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Press Statement

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MLGRD, UNZA SIGNS MoU ON SPATIAL PLANNING PROGRAMME

LUSAKA-The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development has signed a Memorandum of Understanding-MoU with the University of Zambia (UNZA) aimed at offering Masters of Science in Spatial Planning Programme to train more Planning officers in Local Authorities.

The programme will foster collaboration on one of the most promising postgraduate degrees at UNZA aimed at improving the livelihoods of citizens through implementation of Government policies such as Decentralisation, Urbanisation and in transitioning of Zambia into a Green Economy.

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development Permanent Secretary (Administration), Mr. Maambo Haamaundu signed the MoU on behalf of the Ministry while UNZA Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Anne Sikwibele, signed on behalf of the University.

Speaking during the signing ceremony held at the Ministry, Mr Haamaundu stated that Spatial Planning is important as it supports advocacy by Government for coordinated development, and rule of law in order to halt illegal developments that have characterised some parts of the country.

"It is for this reason that the Government is advocating for orderly and coordinated development and rule of law in the country to stop illegal development," Mr Haamaundu stated.

He said the Ministry is committed to sponsor training of more planners from Local Authorities by UNZA to produce professional planners to plan for the development of Cities, Towns and Communities.

He urged UNZA and other institutions of higher learning to continue to shape learners in line with changing economic and technological environment and review their curricula to impart new skills in the planners.


Professor Sikwibele said the efforts by UNZA to lead in the training of spatial planners bring out the urban research and policy agenda for the country.

She said, with the high rate of urbanization and adverse effects of Climate Change in cities, towns and communities, Zambia needs more highly trained and appropriately skilled planners to guide the country into an urban future.

Professor Sikwibele said the Masters of Science degree programmes, therefore, prepares the graduates for an urban world and an urban Africa and a highly urbanized Zambia.

She stressed that UNZA is committed to train more planners who will be well equipped with both technical and soft skills needed to succeed on the job in a dynamic urban world.

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