

**MINUTES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ZAMBIA EITI COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 26 JUNE 2025 AT THE SOUTHERN SUN HOTEL IN LUSAKA**

PRESENT

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| 1. Mr. Richard Lungu | - | Government (MoFNP) Proxy |
| 2. Ms. Mwaka Mwamulima | - | Government (ZCCM-IH) Member |
| 3. Mr. Obert Kangwa | - | Government (ZRA) Member |
| 4. Ms. Mercy Zulu | - | Government (MMMD) Proxy |
| 5. Mr. Ian Silwamba | - | Government (MoJ) Proxy |
| 6. Mr. Chilombo Mulima - | - | Government (MoFNP) Proxy |
| 7. Mr. Hambani Ngwenya | - | Government (ZRA) Member |
| 8. Mr. Humphrey Makondo | - | Government (MLGRD) Proxy |
| 9. Mr. Emmanuel Chokwe | - | Government (BOZ) Proxy |
| 10. Mr. Martford Mumba | - | Industry (FSSMAZ) Proxy |
| 11. Mr. Fabian Chewa | - | Industry (FSSMAZ) Member |
| 12. Mr. Gideon Ndalama | - | Industry (KoBold Metals) Member |
| 13. Mr. Sokwani Chilemba | - | Industry (ZCM) Member |
| 14. Mr. Hugh Carruthers | - | Industry (ZCM/FQM) Member |
| 15. Mr. Charles Mulila | - | Civil Society (DECOP) Proxy |
| 16. Ms. Mwilima Daisy Lutangu | - | Civil Society (NCA/DCA) Member |
| 17. Ms. Njavwa T. Bwalya | - | Civil Society (PWYP) Proxy |
| 18. Mr. Ucizi Ngulube | - | Civil Society (ActionAid) Member |
| 19. Mr. Edward Lange | - | Civil Society (SARW) Proxy |
| 20. Ms. Musonda Kapena | - | Civil Society (Namfumu) Member |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Mr. Ian Mwiinga | - | Head ZEITI Secretariat |
| 2. Ms. Mutinta Hadunka | - | ZEITI- Communications Officer |
| 3. Mr. Kennedy Sinkala | - | ZEITI- Accountant |
| 4. Ms. Violet Mukanda | - | ZEITI- Secretary |
| 5. Mr. Chomba Chileshe | - | ZEITI- Data Officer |
| 6. Mr. Phillip Kabulaya | - | ZEITI- Intern |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 1. Mr. Felix Nkulukusa | - | Government (MoFNP) Member/ Chairperson |
| 2. Mr. Edmond Kangamungazi | - | Civil Society (Caritas) Member/V.Chairperson |

1. Opening remarks

The meeting commenced at 09.30hrs and it was chaired by Mr. Richard Lungu, Assistant Director Planning and Policy. In his opening remarks, Mr Lungu tendered an apology on behalf of the ZEC Chairperson and Secretary to the Treasury who could not be present at the meeting as he was attending other national duties.

2. Introductions

At the start of the meeting, the Chairperson acknowledged the new members to the ZEC. The new members included Mr Fabian Chewe who is the principal representative of the Federation of Small-Scale Miners Association of Zambia (FSSMAZ), Mr. Hambani Ngwenya who is the new principal member representing the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), and Mr Ian Silwamba who is the new alternate representing the Ministry of Justice.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- An update on the Zambia Integrated Mining Information System (ZIMIS); and,
- A response to the Guardian Article on Zambia's mining sector.

The proposal to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Charles Mulila and seconded by Mr. Ian Silwamba.

4. Apologies

A list of apologies is given above.

5. Confirmation of minutes for the previous ZEC meeting

The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the previous meeting with the following corrections:

- The addition of Mr. Emmanuel Chokwe on the list of members present.
- Addition of the word 'that' in the sentence of the welcoming remarks.

The proposal to adopt the minutes was made by Mr. Fabian Chewe and seconded by Mr. Hugh Carruthers.

6. MATTERS ARISING (ACTION TAKEN REPORT)

The matters arising and the key discussions arising from the agenda are presented below:

a. Approval of the 2023 and 2024 scoping and inception report

On the 2023 ZEITI report scoping study, the scoping and inception report was approved by the Zambia EITI Council (ZEC). In terms of materiality threshold to be applied for reporting purposes, the ZEC agreed to assign a higher risk weighting towards mineral processing licenses.

This is because there are currently a lot of unlicensed mineral processing plants which are currently operating in Zambia. The ZEC noted that the revenue leakages are higher in this category because it's difficult to ascertain the source of materials that are being processed in these plants.

b. Presentation of the proposed World Bank support to ZEITI Council

On the world Bank support towards EITI implementation in Zambia, The ZEC commended the World Bank for agreeing to support the implementation of EITI in Zambia. The meeting noted in particular that the activity relating to the production of a cross-border report between Zambia and DRC is important as contribution towards the broader objective of Domestic Resource Mobilisation for the country.

c. Brief update on the Joint Ventures (JVs) and MoUs in the Mining sector

On the Joint Ventures and MoUs that have been signed in the mining sector, the meeting acknowledged the information that was shared with them on the Joint Ventures and MoUs that have been signed in the mining sector. The meeting expressed concern regarding the lack of a clear legal framework governing the signing of these agreements. The meeting recommended the need to create uniformity in the signing of these agreements in order to mitigate some of the risks associated with such agreements. The meeting further requested the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development to provide an update at the next meeting on the progress regarding the Mining sector SPV.

The Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development informed the MSG that the Zambia Minerals Investment Corporation Limited (ZMICL) is wholly owned by the Government, a 1% share is held by the Secretary to the Treasury while 99% shares of the SPV are held by the Minister of Finance and National Planning.

The Ministry further highlighted that the SPV is currently in its infancy and the process of establishing the company structure and number of directors was still being put in place. Furthermore, the Ministry indicated that the Government reserved mining blocks in the mining sector are the ones that are subject to JVs and MoU with various investors that express interest to partner with the Government. This is provided under section 14 of the current Mineral Regulation Act.

d. Approval of Pre-Validation schedule

On the approval of the pre-validation schedule, the meeting approved the Validation preparation schedule which outlines a number of preparatory activities for the ZEC before the commencement of the Validation on 1 October 2025. Notably, the self-assessment webinar for the ZEC will be undertaken in August 2025.

e. Approval of the post-Mission Matrix following the visit of the EITI Global Board

Chairperson

On the Post – Mission report for EITI International Board Chairerson, Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, the ZEC approved the post-Mission matrix for the recent visit of the EITI Global Board Chairperson Rt. Hon. Helen Clark. Notably, the meeting affirmed the need for various constituencies to ensure senior representatives are appointed to serve on the ZEC. The Chamber of Mines was also implored to ensure Chinese companies are represented on the ZEC.

f. Discussion on the Guardian Newspaper Article

This was an additional agenda item that was included at the commencement of the meeting. The agenda item relates to a published editorial in the Guardian Newspaper of the UK. Under this agenda item, the ZEC resolved to make a formal response to the Guardian Newspaper Editorial that was published on this link <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jun/10/the-guardian-view-on-zambias-trumpian-predicament-us-aid-cuts-are-dwarfed-by-a-far-bigger-heist> alleging massive plunder of Zambia resources through transnational corporate practices enabled by opaque accounting.

The ZEC constituted a committee of three (3) members drawn from each of the three constituencies to draft a formal response that will be signed off by the Zambia EITI Council (ZEC). The meeting resolved to finalise the response by Friday 4 July 2025 for onward submission to the Secretary to the Treasury and ZEC Chairperson for input and comments.

g. *Brief update on the Sino Metals spillage*

An update was presented to the meeting by the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development regarding the failure of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) at Sino Leach Metals Limited.

The incident occurred on 18th February, 2025 in Chambishi, Kalulushi District of the Copperbelt Province which resulted in the discharge of about 50, 000 m³ of highly acid leach material with elevated the contents of heavy metals. This caused significant pollution to Chambishi Stream, Mwambashi River and Kafue River. The discharge and movement of the leach tailings material resulted in elevated levels of heavy metals, low pH and other pollutants in the affected water bodies.

During the deliberations, the Civil Society constituency expressed concern on various issues including the pace of investigation into the spillage and the compensation for the affected communities.

In response, the Ministry explained that the investigation is on-going and a report will be issued when concluded. The ministry added that the money that was currently being paid out was meant to mitigate the short-term requirements of the affected communities. The ministry indicated that further updates will be provided to the ZEC in due course.

. 7. Closing remarks

In closing the Chairperson thanked the members for making the time for the meeting. He encouraged members to keep engaging in sector conversations for the benefit of the various stakeholders. The Chairperson further implored the ZEITI Secretariat to expedite the response to the Guardian Opinion article.

The meeting closed at 13:00hrs.

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ACTION TAKEN REPORT

S/N	ISSUE	ACTION NEEDED	STATUS	BY WHOM
1	2023 and 2024 ZEITI report	The Consultant has submitted the 2023 and partly 2024 ZEITI report for approval.	A draft report has been submitted to the ZEC for approval. The report covers the 2023 and part of 2024 financial years. The report will be the subject of Zambia's upcoming EITI validation under the 2023 EITI Standard.	ZEC
2	The Guardian Newspaper Article	At the previous ZEC meeting held on 26 June 2025, the meeting resolved to issue a rebuttal to the Guardian Newspapers article.	The Civil Society constituency back tracked on the decision after consultation with the wider constituency. The matter is therefore still outstanding.	ZEC
3	Validation preparations	At the previous ZEC meeting held on 26 June 2025, the meeting approved the validation schedule.	The Validation preparations are almost completed. A number of templates will be presented for approval by the ZEC at this meeting.	ZEC/ZEITI