

**EXHIBITION BY THE HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA IN OTTAWA AT
CARLETON UNIVERSITY ON TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014**

The Government of the Republic of Zambia will, this year, be celebrating its 50th Anniversary of Independence under the theme, *“God’s Favour During the Country’s 50 Years of Independence and Continued Peace, Unity, Democracy and Prosperity”*. The country got its independence on 24th October, 1964 from Britain.. In commemorating the Golden Jubilee, High Commission of the Republic of Zambia in Ottawa, will hold a series of events to bring about awareness of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. In this regard, the High Commission will on Tuesday, September 30th 2014 at Carleton University hold an event to show case Zambia’s political history, culture and peace the country has been enjoying since attaining independence.

QUICK FACTS

The current Head of State is His Excellency Mr. Michael Chilufya Sata and came into power in September, 2011. He is the fifth (5th) Republican President. The ruling party is the Patriotic Front.

Before independence, Zambia was known as Northern Rhodesia in the Federation which comprised Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and Nyasaland (Malawi) under the British protectorate. The Federation was dissolved in 1963 following a strong nationalist resistance from African leaders, which included Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda, Zambia's first Republican President.

COUNTRY PROFILE

Zambia is a landlinked country in Southern Africa that shares common borders with eight countries, namely: Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. It has a tropical climate with three (3) distinct seasons, the cool and dry season from April to August; the hot and dry season between August and November; and the hot and wet season between November and April.

Zambia covers some 753,620 square kilometers (290,586 square miles) and lies in the Tropical Belt of South-Central Africa. Being a fairly high plateau, averaging about 1300 metres above sea level, the climate is temperate with little humidity.

Zambia's total population is estimated to be 13,474,959 as at 2011, based on projections from the 2010 Census of Population and Housing.

The Economy

Zambia's economy has experienced strong growth in recent years, with real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in 2005 -2012 at more than 6%. The growth has been broad-based, extending beyond the recovery of the mining sector to the non-traditional export sectors. The good performance of the economy in recent years has been due to fiscal discipline, prudent financial management and adherence to the tenets of good governance.

The Political System

Zambia has been independent since 1964 and this year, on 24th October, 2014, marks 50 years of independence from the British Government. Zambia has held five (5) successful multi-party elections since 1991.