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In Cooperation With
AFRICA VALUE ADDITION PARTNERSHIP (AVAP) USA-GERMANY
Focus: Southern African Development Community (SADC) and Africa

MEMORANDUM

Date: 24th September 2024

TO:

The Directorate
Agricultural and Farming Departments
The Government, Organisations & Private Sectors
Zambia, Central Africa

C/O

The Zambian Embassy
Axel-Springer-Straße 54A, 10117 Berlin
BERLIN, GERMANY

SUBJECT: Maximizing Harvest, Produce, and Profit in the Midst of National Drought

Dear Esteemed Leaders, Farmers, and Agricultural Stakeholders,

In response to the declaration made on **1st March 2024** by **His Excellency Dr. Hakainde Hichilema**, President of Zambia, recognizing the severe drought as a **National Disaster and Emergency**, African Value Addition Partnership (AVAP) in collaboration with DLI-Twikatane Germany is stepping forward to assist the nation in overcoming the challenges imposed by this crisis. We acknowledge the President's appeal to unite all sectors to combat the El Niño-induced drought, and we are committed to playing a key role in alleviating hunger and reviving agricultural productivity in Zambia.

As a direct response to this call, **AVAP-DLI-Twikatane** is offering a series of **free training workshops** designed to equip officials, farmers, and stakeholders from both **Government and Private Sectors** with the tools and knowledge necessary to thrive in this difficult time.

We are calling upon **all relevant departments and organizations** to ensure your members attend this vital training. The workshops are specifically designed to **maximize agricultural productivity**, foster **drought resilience**, enhance **sustainable farming** practices to mitigate the effects of climate change, and agricultural projects funding sourcing.

Mission Statement

To empower Zambia's agricultural community with cutting-edge knowledge, practical tools, and sustainable techniques to enhance productivity, ensure food security, and build resilience against climate change—securing a brighter, hunger-free future for the nation.

Key Zambian Agricultural Departments and Organizations Requested to Attend:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)• Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU)• Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI)• Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI)• Zambia Cooperative Federation (ZCF)• Food Reserve Agency (FRA)• Farmers Development Cooperative Union (FDCU)• Agricultural and Commercial Society of Zambia (ACSZ)• Central Statistical Office (CSO) – Agricultural Statistics Division• National Agricultural Information Services (NAIS)• The Master-Mind Leadership Foundation(MLF)• Zambia Development Agency (ZDA)• Seed Control and Certification Institute (SCCI)• Programme Against Malnutrition (PAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MFL)• Zambia Agricultural Commodity Exchange (ZAMACE)• Conservation Farming Unit (CFU)• Dairy Association of Zambia (DAZ)• Smallholder Agribusiness Promotion Programme (SAPP)• Golden Valley Agricultural Research Trust (GART)• Zambia Export Growers Association (ZEGA)• Rural Finance Expansion Programme (RUFEP)• Zambia Coffee Growers Association (ZCGA)• Agricultural Consultative Forum (ACF)• Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA)• Zambia Seed Trade Association (ZASTA)• Zambia Agricultural and Rural Development Initiative (ZARDI)
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And other agencies not shortlisted above!

Your Are The Answer to Zambia!

*“AVAP-DLI-Twikatane is calling upon **ALL the above organizations** to encourage **maximum participation** from your members. This **unique opportunity** is tailored to creating a **vibrant, resilient, and highly productive society** in the agricultural and farming sectors, addressing the urgent needs brought on by the drought. By attending in large numbers, your members will gain the critical skills and knowledge needed to **combat hunger** and ensure sustainable agricultural success despite the challenges posed by climate change. As well their ability to easily access local and international projects funding.”*

Training Modules:

- Agribusiness, Marketing & Winning Mindset
- Efficient Water Use and Conservation Techniques
- Agricultural International Trade
- Drought-Resilient Crops and Crop Diversification
- Grant Writing and Proposal Development for International Funding
- Climate-Smart Agriculture: Adapting to Climate Change
- Drought Preparedness and Risk Management for Farmers
- Sustainable Farming Practices for Small-Scale Farmers
- Farm Business Management and Financial Literacy
- Accessing Markets and Building Strong Market Linkages
- Livestock Integration and Mixed Farming Systems

Trainees' Benefits:

Through the partnership with AVAP USA-Germany the learners will experience a number of benefits which include the following among others:

- **Resilience:** Adapt to climate challenges, such as drought, with advanced techniques.
- **Practical Skills:** Immediate application of innovative farming techniques.
- **Networking:** Build local and international connections with experts and fellow farmers.
- **Market Expansion:** Unlock new domestic and global markets for increased income.
- **Funding Access:** Be connected to the USA, German and other global project funders, as well learn how to write successful grant proposals and secure funding.

Training Dates: 28th October to 1st November 2024

Trainees: Open to all levels (farmers, officials, and stakeholders)

Trainers:

- Executive Directorate in The USA, Affiliated to JP Morgan Chase
- Professors from The USA's New York State University
- Other distinguished international experts based in Zambia and diaspora.

Certification:

All participants will receive certificates endorsed by The USA, Germany, and Zambia.

Training Cost: Tuition Free! Participants only pay Registration and Certificate Fee(RCF) of **US\$5.00** (five dollars)

Training Payment & Registration:

The US\$5.00 RCF should be paid to the following bank account in the USA.

Note: Individual trainees/participants will themselves pay directly, unless your organisation makes a special arrangement to pay on behalf of all your members.

ACCOUNT NAME: FIKHA-AVAP
BANK NAME: CHASE BANK
SWIFT CODE: CHASUS33
ACCOUNT #: 886707691
NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Payment Methods: MoneyGram; Western Union, WorldRemit, or Bank transfer

*Immediately the payment reflects at the bank above you will receive a notification to confirm your Training Participation. Thank you for pay!

Registration: Register through website link: <https://forms.gle/uhorKyqm3Lfzizgy8>
Website: <https://www.central-international-university.org/de/AVAP-Investment/>

We eagerly look forward to your **full participation** and **massive turnout** at this **critical training** initiative. Together, we can rise above the challenges of drought and ensure **prosperity and sustainability** in Zambia's agricultural sector.

Sincerely,

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