

Press Statement

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ENHANCE DIGITAL INFORMATION SHARING TO HIGHLIGHT DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES, LOCAL AUTHORITIES DIRECTED

The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development has directed all Local Authorities to utilize their websites as digital communication platforms to share information to keep communities well-informed of developmental activities in their localities

Permanent Secretary (Administration) Mr. Maambo Haamaundu stated that the websites should provide the means of sharing digital information with the public on the developments in the Local Authorities, citing those aligned to the enhanced Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Mr Haamaundu said this is important given the magnitude of transformation in service delivery, particularly, with the CDF.

He said Local Authorities should use their newly developed websites to enhance communication with communities in accessing municipal services.

He implored Public Relations officers, Social Economic Planners, and Information and Communication Technology officers from all Local Authorities, currently undergoing training on digital website management and content upload, to ensure the websites are updated regularly.

"This is critical because sharing information empowers people to make choices for themselves on developmental activities undertaken by each Local Authority," Mr Haamaundu stated.

He said the Ministry is confident the coordinated ICT innovations in Local Authorities will improve service delivery, considerably reduce financial leakages, and increase revenue collection using digital payments.

He further said ICT experts and public relations officers must position themselves and align ICT programmes with the core business mandate of Local Authorities.

The Ministry, in conjunction with the e-Government Division (Smart-Zambia Institute), recently completed the development of 116 websites for Local Authorities.

This is in line with the National e-Government Plan 2023-2026 on e-services, which was recently launched by Her Honour, Mrs W.K Mutale Nalumango, the Vice President of Republic of Zambia.

The 116 websites for the Local Authorities are functional and will be formally handed over upon completing the ongoing digital training, running between 27th November and 9th December 2023 in Chibombo, Kabwe, and Kafue Districts.