

***Welcome Note by
Hon. Prof. Geoffrey Lungwangwa, Minister of Education, Zambia***

I am delighted to announce the upcoming conference on eLearning in Zambia. The conference is being put together by an Organising Committee involving officers from the Ministry of Education, Examinations Council of Zambia, Communications Authority of Zambia, University of Zambia, The Commission for Just Action Zambia, OneWorld, and eBrain Forum. The main intention of the conference is to enhance involvement of stakeholders in Zambia to entrench eLearning as a medium of attaining education and training to complement traditional forms of education delivery, as also emphasised in the recently launched Fifth National Development Plan.

Education providers ranging from primary to university levels, ICT providers, NGOs, government ministries, parliament, industry and public in general are targeted to participate so that we can map out issues at all levels. We also intend to invite successful SADC countries to share their experiences with us. To give sufficient publicity on the conference, we intend to hold, among others, television and radio discussions.

As my Ministry is central to issues of education, the conference we intend to hold naturally falls under my Ministry and is therefore the patron of eLearning Zambia Conference. However, education for all in the country will not succeed through Government efforts alone. Rather, all players in education have to play a part in making eLearning in Zambia a reality, and hence the need for public-private-partnerships (PPPs).

Against this background, I welcome you all to come and make a contribution to the way forward for mainstreaming eLearning in the Zambia's educational system, and I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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