



CCMG Calls for Urgent Action on Electoral Commission of Zambia Chief Electoral Officer Appointment

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CCMG is deeply concerned about the prolonged vacancy in the position of the Chief Electoral Officer at the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ). We strongly urge the ECZ to expedite the recruitment process for this vital role, which has been vacant for over 15 months since the departure of Mr Patrick Nshindano on 7 August 2022.

While the operations of the ECZ have continued, the absence of a substantive Chief Electoral Officer hinders the ECZ's ability to function to the best of its ability, including in stakeholder communication, direction, and engagement.

“CCMG believes that the delay in appointing a Chief Electoral Officer adversely impacts electoral processes. Therefore, the prolonged vacancy in the ECZ's Chief Electoral Officer position is a growing and serious concern”.

CCMG further calls on the ECZ to engage stakeholders on the electoral cycle calendar presented in February 2022. There has been no further communication or engagement on the roadmap since the February 2022 meeting. CCMG reiterates the importance of ECZ facilitating these stakeholder engagements to provide detailed updates on what has been implemented and what is yet to be implemented and provide new updates based on any changes to the initial plan. Transparency and accountability are essential to ensuring the integrity and credibility of the electoral process, in line with the values and mandate of ECZ.

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