ZAMBIA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Edgar LUNGU
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Lusaka
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (165 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice, deputy chief justice, and at least 11 judges); Constitutional Court (consists of the court president, vice president, and 11 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Ngosa SIMBYAKULA
US Ambassador
Ambassador Daniel L. FOOTE

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 752,618 sq km
Land: 743,398 sq km
Water: 9,220 sq km
Climate
tropical; modified by altitude; rainy season (October to April)
Natural Resources
copper, cobalt, zinc, lead, coal, emeralds, gold, silver, uranium, hydropower

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
one of the world’s fastest growing economies for the ten years up to 2014; dependency on copper as its sole major export makes it vulnerable to fluctuations in the world commodities market; rural poverty and high unemployment remain significant problems
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$68.93 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$4,000 (2017 est.)
Exports
$8.22 billion (2017 est.);
partners: Switzerland 44.8%, China 16.1%, Democratic Republic of the Congo 6.2%, Singapore 6%, South Africa 5.9% (2017)
Imports
$7.85 billion (2017 est.);
partners: South Africa 28.2%, Democratic Republic of the Congo 20.8%, China 12.9%, Kuwait 5.4%, UAE 4.6% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
17.4 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
2.89% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Bemba 21%, Tonga 13.6%, Chewa 7.4%, Lozi 5.7%, Nsenga 5.3%, Tumbuka 4.4%, Ngoni 4%, other 38.2%, unspecified 0.4% (2010 est.)
Language
Bemba 33.4%, Nyanja 14.7%, Tonga 11.4%, Lozi 5.5%, Chewa 4.5%, other 30.2%, unspecified 0.2% (2010 est.)
Religion
Protestant 75.3%, Roman Catholic 20.2%, other 2.7% (includes Muslim Buddhist, Hindu, and Baha’i), none 1.8% (2010 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 44.6% of total population (2020);
rural rate of urbanization: 4.23% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
86.7% (2018)