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Our promise to the people of Zambia

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Message from the President

We take note that the people of Zambia have remained very resilient since we attained our political self-rule 59 years ago. We note that the dream of our forefathers to fight for independence was to usher in a government they can call their own, to set a path to more political and economical freedoms. Zambia is endowed with abundant natural resources in the form of minerals, wildlife, forestry, fisheries, water, and other undefined natural beauty that contribute to general revenues and opportunities for the country.

We the members of the Liberal Democrats Party (LDP), having realized the need to mobilize the Zambian people to actively participate in the national reconstruction of our mother country for the betterment of the citizens of Zambia and those who live within the jurisdiction, to offer them the government they own. We promise to govern the country's affairs through democratic means where minority voices shall be heard and become central to the decision-making processes. We proclaim the name of God as our Creator, and that we shall govern according to the Christian values as enshrined in our country's constitution. We shall place man at the center of all development. We know that for years, the government has been centralized, and it is our desire to devolve our mandate to the village-level structures with the appropriate authority to govern the affairs of the people at that level. We pledge to run a lean, cost-effective government that reflects the nation's best interest.

We are resolved to govern ourselves, in the best possible way we can. We believe that Zambia as a country belongs to its people who are citizens and those who live in it.

We as members of the Liberal Democrats Party are committed to contributing to the sustainable political and development of the country.

Our major focus and political existence is to ensure that the local communities who reside with the natural resources assumes the legal ownership, set themselves up to govern and derive direct benefits from its existence. It calls for total devolution of mandate the local level structures with appropriate authority. We will endeavor to work with the citizens of Zambia and other poliical formation to rise and ensure the people have a say in their lives

This is our mid- term Manifesto between 2003- 2026 which outlines, our purpose of existence and our proposed solutions to the country governance.



Dr Rodgers Lubilo
President

The party

Liberal Democrats Party (LDP) is a new party that was formed early in 2023 by a leading conservationist, who together with other like-minded persons would like to provide a political platform to allow Zambians to express their views on the governance of the country by ensuring that the people who reside in the areas with abundant natural resources are involved in the decision-making processes and that they are can derive direct benefits. It is a party founded on strong principles of good Liberal protection and governance, that seek to promote participatory inclusiveness and empowerment. It will advocate for laws, legislations, and policies that reconcile the interests of people and nature. It will advocate for the robust Rural Development Program through systems of good Liberal governance. The party shall govern itself as Liberal Democrats.



OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

The party is founded on the principles of genuine devolution of state functions to the lowest level of governance, the Village Development Council. We PROMISE to uphold the constitution of the party, the national constitution, allowing divergent opinions as independent voices, which consider the minority voices and promote of rule of law. Everything we do shall be in the interest of the humans, citizens of Zambia, and those who live in it and balance the relationship between people and nature. We

believe that humans have contributed to threats to the environment leading to climate change, and we will make our government and decisions Liberal ly friendly. We shall rule as Liberal democrats. The Party shall ensure the effective management of the government and service provisions. We shall ensure that those who serve in our government subscribe to our common vision of a devolved governance that reconciles the needs of the people and the environment they live in.

Our Party Leader

Rodgers Lubilo who holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Development Sociology with a focus on wildlife conservation and community-based natural resources management from Wageningen University, Netherlands is a leading conservationist who has worked to strengthen the implementation of Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) in Southern Africa. He grew up in rural Zambia in Chief Msoro’s area of the Mambwe District of the Eastern province. He has dedicated his entire life and career to working and advancing the community rights of rural communities to acquire the necessary legal and traditional rights to participate in the sustainable management of wildlife and natural resources. He has worked in the Luangwa Valley (South and North Luangwa Management Areas), Kafue, Zambezi, and Lake Tanganyika landscapes in Zambia.

The Vision

Our vision is to have a united and prosperous Zambia with equal opportunities across ethnic, religious, and gender considerations, living in harmony in a free democratic society, thus carrying forward Zambia's Vision 2030.

Mission

Our mission is to foster accelerated national development through the mobilization and sustainable use of human and natural resources for the empowerment of every Zambian citizen

1. Supremacy of the Constitution

- i. The Constitution of Zambia is the highest law of the land and as such the Liberal Democrats Party will swear allegiance to the Constitution of the Land without fear or favour.
- ii. In upholding the Constitution of the Land, the Liberal Democrats Party shall guarantee the Freedoms, liberties, and Peace, and seize opportunities for a happy life for all citizens of the Republic of Zambia. The Liberal Democrats Party shall uphold and enforce the Constitution of the Republic of Zambia in its entirety.
- iii. Rights of all citizens, as enshrined in the Constitution, shall be protected and are to be enjoyed fully, but shall not infringe on the rights of others, and shall not contradict the Traditions, Customs, and/or Religious Beliefs of our people. All oppressive laws that may stifle on the rights of citizens shall be repealed within 120 days of forming

government. A task force team shall be constituted by the party to review all the oppressive laws to be repealed.

- iv. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** upholds the sovereign and rightful declaration of Zambia as a Christian Nation and further guarantees multiple faith and beliefs/

2. Independence of Institutions of Governance

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall ensure the three arms of governance i.e. the Executive, the Legislature, and the Judiciary maintain their independence.
- ii. Members of the Executive shall be ratified by the Legislature before being appointed by the President and shall swear the oath of allegiance to the constitution of the land before the President.
- iii. Judges of the Judiciary shall be ratified by the Legislature before being appointed by the President and shall swear oath of allegiance to the constitution of the land before the Chief Justice.
- iv. Members of the Legislature, elected and nominated, shall swear oath of allegiance to the constitution of the land before the Speaker of the National Assembly.

3. Rebuilding the Economy

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** will rebuild the economy of Zambia and create a surplus of jobs by implementing four radical and transformative policies:

- i. Biodiversity economic revolution

- ii. Agro-revolution
- iii. Mining Revolution
- iv. Absolute Value Addition
- v. Biodiversity economic revolution

i. Agro-Revolution

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** will create large-scale State farms in each District. Each farm will produce crops and rear animals that are native to the specific region. This is intended to encourage economic growth and create jobs in the country.

ii. Mining Revolution

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall ensure Zambians own the mineral wealth of the country and shall renegotiate all mining agreements to ensure both partners, i.e. Zambians and Investors, sufficiently benefit.

iii. Absolute Value Addition

- a. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall encourage value addition to all agricultural products coming from District State farms, thus creating new industries leading to more jobs and spurring the economy. Through deliberate policies our Government shall incentivize private farmers to add value their produce.
- b. Our Government shall also create deliberate policies to ensure value addition within the

country on all our mineral products from the mining sector.

- c. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall deliberately promote and support professionalism and expertise among Zambians with competitive remuneration to meet the international standards so that they can qualify to work within Zambia and anywhere in the world.

4. Systems of Governance

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall respect the separation of the three arms of governance to achieve our true definition of Good Governance.

The Executive

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall set up a special Committee of Ombudsmen who shall recommend to Parliament for appointments to Cabinet Position which shall be confirmed by the President.
- ii. The Special Committee of Ombudsmen shall comprise people in good standing in society.

The Judiciary

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall set up a special committee of authority at Law and Constitutional matters to recommend to Parliament for appointments into the Judiciary that shall be confirmed by the President.

- a. The Government of Liberal Democrats Party put mechanism to maintain high

levels of integrity in the judicial officers
and reform the legal system

The Legislature

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall give full autonomy to the Legislature to execute its mandate as enshrined in the constitution of the land. Specifically, the Government of Liberal Democrats Party shall work towards changing the law to allow for

- b. Proportional representation – to include the youth, women and marginalised peoples
- c. Maintain the current legislature as the Peoples Assembly for enacting laws, as lower house.
- d. Establish the senate our an upper chamber of the legislature.
- e. Establish house of commons where our traditional leaders and other imminent persons shall have powers to contribute to the formation of laws

5. Unification of the Nation

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall endeavour to unite the people of Zambia to realize our motto of “One Zambia One Nation”. Our Government shall move a motion to amend the Constitution to revisit the position of Presidency to achieve optimal unity in the country.

- ii. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall therefore propose to rotate the Presidency across the country. This way it shall be assumed that all Zambians shall have a chance at the helm of power.

6. Traditional Leaders

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall recognize the critical role of Traditional leaders as the anchors for our local Governance system and shall be fully respected.
- ii. The House of the Traditional Leaders, known as the House of Chiefs, shall be recognized and their contributions towards the formulation of Law shall be respected.
- iii. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall revert the Land to the Traditional authorities as the true custodians of our Land on behalf of the state.

7. Defence and Security

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall fight all crimes with the deserving efficiency and professionalism using the appropriate established institutions.
- ii. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall reorganize the establishment of all defence and security institutions to ensure compliance to the Constitution.
- iii. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall reorganize all defence and security institutions to reinstate professionalism and proficiency.

- iv. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall strengthen the Defence and Security Acts to reinstate and guarantee respect and dignity to the institutions.
- v. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall immediately revert Defence and Security budgets to below the line.

8. The Health System

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall reorganize our Health System to ensure increased capacity and efficiency in the delivery of healthcare in the country. Therefore, our Government shall;

- i. Improve on existing infrastructure and create new ones.
- ii. Improve the supply and delivery of health consumables including medicines and equipment.
- iii. Recruit, Re-train and Retain medical staff for improved quality and efficient health service delivery.
- iv. Our Government shall provide the medical staff with befitting accommodation and appropriate remuneration.

9. The Education System

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall reorganize the Education System to provide quality and relevance to the development of our country.
- ii. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall reorganize the Education System to ensure every ability in the child is nurtured to the fullest to encourage specialization.

10. Food Security

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall mandate the Defence and Security to implement and oversee the programs of our Agro-Revolution to ensure maximum National Food Security and support the value addition programs.

11. Youth Employment

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall make a create jobs through our Agro and Mining Revolution Programs.
- ii. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall establish Skills and Trades Training Institutions in all Districts to empower the Youths.

12. Tourism

- i. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall deliberately create and improve relevant infrastructure in the country to promote local and foreign tourism.
- ii. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall review our Tourism policy to remove all bottlenecks to attract both local and foreign tourists.
- iii. The government of Liberal Democrats Party shall review the Zambia Wildlife Act and other policies that limit local community participation and ownership of the natural resources,
 - b. to this end, the new government will enact legislation that will create Zambia Parks Services (Zamparks) to be responsible for managing wildlife estates in national parks,

- c. it shall further delink GMAs, and create Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) where the local communities will be true owners of wildlife and other natural resources
- d. it shall integrate CBNRM in all natural resources management programmes
- e. it shall create a new department in the office of the President to oversee community based conservation and community empowerment

13. Town and Country Planning

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall create and implement a new Town and Country Planning master plan for the entire country to correct the haphazard infrastructure development in Zambia.

14. Revenue collection

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall institute state-of-the-art policies and practices to maximize revenue collection and Tax regime discipline.

15. Economy

The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall reenergize the economy, revive production in both minerals and Agriculture and improve the infrastructure.

i. Agriculture

- a. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** will strengthen policies to empower peasant farmers.

- b. The government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall establish state-of-the-art storage facilities in all Provinces for all Agro-produce and inputs.
- c. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall deliver cost effective Agro-inputs to farmers and establish efficient systems to procure the Agro-produce from farmers.
- d. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall revisit the establishment of our Food Reserve Agency (FRA).

ii. Mining

- a. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall revisit all Mining contracts to ensure that Zambians are the primary beneficiaries of our mineral wealth.
- b. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall mobilize resources to recapitalize our mines.
- c. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall establish a Commodity trading house in Zambia for all commodities.
- d. All minerals mined and processed in Zambia shall be paid for in Zambia in Zambian Banks.

Additionally, the Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall establish appropriate Research Institutions to create capacity and cope with changing global trends.

16. Communications

The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall rehabilitate old infrastructure while at the same time create new state-of-the-art infrastructure country wide. Our Government shall take advantage of our geographic and strategic positioning on the continent as we look at our infrastructure.

i. Waterways

- a. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall create canals in specific areas of Zambia to improve the movement of people and goods.
- b. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall develop an international state-of-the-art Port at Mpulungu that shall serve as an international gateway to link the Great Lakes and Southern regions to the rest of the world, particularly, the Far East.
- c. The Government of the **Liberal Democrats Party** shall build state-of-the-art Harbours on Lakes Kariba, Bangweulu and Mweru to improve transport for goods and people.

ii. Airports

- a. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall bring all our Main Airports to international standards and upgrade all Provincial Airstrips to higher levels.

- b. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall improve our National Airline and maximise the use of our upgraded infrastructure leveraging on Zambia's strategic geographical position.

iii. ***Railway System***

- a. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall change the old railway system to standard gauge and develop new railway networks to link Zambia to all its neighbours.
- b. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall create a new state-of-the-art cost-effective and efficient passenger train system beginning with Lusaka and Copperbelt Provinces.

17. Energy

- a. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall revisit the existing Energy policy with a view to restructure and reorganize our Energy delivery system.
- b. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall consider the immediate implementation of diverse energy generation systems.
- c. The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall classify all Energy infrastructure as Strategic Institutions for security reasons.

18. Zambia Correctional Services

The Government of Liberal Democrats Party shall reform and decongest all Prisons, upon ascending to power, it shall pardon atleast 75% of the inmates and review cases of all those of capital punishments. It shall create the correction services to contribute to the food production of the country.

19. Youth Military Training

The Government of Liberal Democrats Party shall re introduce compulsory 6 month military training for all grade Twelve school leavers through the Zambia National Service, and deploy them into various skills development units

20. Foreign Policy

Zambia a Non-Aligned State, shall remain a neutral country and shall strengthen Zambia's foreign policy.

21. Other important actions

The Government of the Liberal Democrats Party shall also do the following:

- a. Establish public universities in all provinces
- b. Establish a profession university college for training wildife rangers and managers
- c. Integrate all community scouts into full time public service jobs
- d. Enact legislation to create community conservancies
- e. Pass a policy to create public and community games farms in all the Districts
- f. To launch Rural Economic Development Plans
- g. To launch Urban Economic Development Plans

- h. Create Jobs for the youth
- i. Enact a law to protect former, current and future Presidents from unnecessary arrests and political persecution
- j. Reposes and transfer back to the government all mining contracts that are defective
- k. Support the manufactuirng industry
- l. To support girl-child education
- m. To provide free education in all public learnings from grade 1 to university level first diploma and degree
- n. To repeal the willdife act decriminalise minor willdife offences, and provide for fine punishment as opposed to custodial setences- to this end all those serving sentences on minor willdife crimes will be freed
- o. Pass a law to protect people agains loss of lives and property willd animals and provide for compensation
- p. To repeal the Public Order Act, to allow for democracy to flourish
- q. To promote Rule of Law in a constitutional democracy

Above all to make Zambia a more safer, more secure place to live where people live in harmony with each other.

We are ready to be an altenative government to save the country from politicla hatred and total collapse.
We are the Liberals, We Can Make the Change.

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