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THE JUDICIARY COMMENCES INDUCTION WORKSHOP FOR NEWLY APPOINTED JUDGES

Lusaka, 15th June 2026 – The Judiciary of Zambia has commenced a five-day Induction Workshop for recently appointed Judges of the Superior Courts at the Neelkanth Sarovar Premiere Hotel in Lusaka.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Hon. Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia, Dr. Mumba Malila, SC, described the appointment of Judges as a profound responsibility that entails the nation's trust in the administration of justice.

The Chief Justice congratulated the newly appointed and elevated Judges, reminding them that their role extends beyond presiding over court proceedings to safeguarding the rule of law, protecting human rights, and ensuring that justice remains accessible to all citizens.

He emphasised the need for Judges to uphold the highest standards of integrity, impartiality, and professionalism, noting that public confidence in the Judiciary rests on the conduct and character of individual Judges.

The Chief Justice further urged the Judges to remain independent and courageous in the discharge of their duties, particularly in an environment where judicial decisions are increasingly subjected to public and political scrutiny.

"You serve the Constitution, not the crowd. A Judge who fears unpopular decisions abandons the very people who need the courts most," he stated.

Dr. Malila highlighted the importance of expeditious justice delivery, observing that delays in the disposal of cases have contributed to growing case backlogs and placed immense pressure on both litigants and serving judicial officers.

The Chief Justice also expressed gratitude to the President of the Republic of Zambia, the Judicial Service Commission, the National Assembly, the Ministry of Justice, and other stakeholders for their role in facilitating what he described as a record number of judicial appointments in Zambia's history.

Speaking during the same event, Chairperson of the Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Training and Continuing Education, Hon. Lady Justice Pixie Yangailo, said the induction workshop has been organised to support newly appointed and elevated Judges as they assume their new responsibilities and adapt to the demands of judicial office. She noted that the programme has been carefully designed to expose Judges to key aspects of judicial work, including judicial ethics, conduct, accountability, court administration and court-specific jurisdictional issues, among other matters essential to the effective discharge of judicial duties.

Justice Yangailo emphasised that judicial learning is a continuous process and described the workshop as an important investment in strengthening the quality, efficiency and integrity of justice delivery in Zambia.



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