

ZAMBIA
INTERVENTION STATEMENT
**MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ROUND TABLE: DATA, MONITORING AND FOLLOW-
UP**

VICE CHAIRPERSON,

I WISH TO RE-ECHOE ZAMBIA'S UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF DEBT AND ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE, AND STRENGTHENING OUR NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR DATA COLLECTION, MONITORING, AND FOLLOW-UP.

WE SUPPORT CALLS FOR STRENGTHENING THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM AND ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORKS IN ORDER TO DELIVER BETTER RESULTS ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OVERALL, THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU CANNOT MANAGE WHAT YOU CANNOT MEASURE. THEREFORE, WE MUST BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY TRACK OUR PROGRESS ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT IN A MANNER THAT IS MEASURABLE.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT ROBUST DATA COLLECTION, USE, AND STANDARDS ARE CRUCIAL FOR ASSESSING PROGRESS AND GUIDING OUR ACTIONS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGH-QUALITY, DISAGGREGATED DATA IS INDISPENSABLE. THEREFORE, ZAMBIA IS IMPLEMENTING LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITIES IN THE AREAS OF DATA, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENTS.

YET, DATA GAPS REMAIN, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS SUCH AS GENDER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND INEQUALITY. NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NEED FURTHER STRENGTHENING TO ENSURE COMPREHENSIVE, TIMELY, RELIABLE AND DISAGGREGATED DATA. WE CALL UPON INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS IN

BUILDING ROBUST DATA ECOSYSTEMS AND TO PROMOTE THE USE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS.

ZAMBIA SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPARENT AND COMPREHENSIVE MEASUREMENTS AS WELL AS ACCOUNTABILITY IN TRACKING PROGRESS ON FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING ON EXISTING MECHANISMS AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING THEM. THIS SHOULD BE PRIORITISED A SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE ACROSS THE FFD AGENDA AND SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE FFD4.

I THANK YOU.