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RE: INNOVATION AFRICA 2022, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia, we are pleased to confirm official patronage for Innovation Africa 2022. We are especially delighted that the 10th anniversary edition of Africa's leading ministerial summit for education and ICT innovation is taking place in Zambia.

The purpose of the summit in supporting the acceleration of digital transformation is aligned with the objectives of the Government of Zambia, as it is across the African continent. Lessons learnt from the last two years of disruption to education systems means that digital literacy and skills transformation are now an absolute priority, forming the central theme of the summit.

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The full weight of the Government of Zambia and the country's key stakeholders are behind the hosting of Innovation Africa in 2022. Accordingly, the patronage extends from the Office of the President – e-Government Division, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Technology & Science.

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of Innovation Africa and its productive contribution to education & ICT innovation, we will be directing all our efforts to ensure the highest level of ministerial and government participation from across the African continent. Along with the organisers, AfricanBrains, we will be confirming the participation of ministers and senior officials from all African countries, with the intention of achieving record levels of attendance.

Innovation Africa 2022, with full cabinet approval, will be opened by H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia. Accordingly, we wish to deliver an outstanding, landmark event and demonstrate to the world our own latest projects and investments in education and the ICT infrastructure. To do so we must work as closely as possible with industry partners and world-class solution providers.

Innovation Africa is the only true gathering of high-level officials for education, innovation, and ICT who can sit with captains of industry in pre-scheduled one-to-one meetings. Half of the event program will be dedicated to these government-industry meetings.

Furthermore, with the support of our Ministry of Tourism we trust all delegates can take the time to explore the glorious wilderness and beauty of our good country. We look forward to welcoming you to Zambia.

Warmest regards.

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