

## WATT CLUB ZAMBIA REPORT (JAN – DEC 2022)

### The Pandemic

The pandemic disrupted club activities and projects. Membership engagement was adversely impacted.

### Projects

The University Teaching Hospital, Clinic Rehabilitation: the project was put on hold due to the pandemic.

### Cancelled Club Activities

#### 1. NETWORKING EVENT

First Quarter of 2020

#### 2. SYMPOSIUM

Second Quarter of 2020

#### 3. SPORT ACTIVITIES

Monthly Activity (2020)

The club has opened up is looking to gaining momentum especially with membership engagement.

### Watt Club Zambia Engagement Meeting and New Leadership

The club held a strategic planning meeting with its C-level members, MBA scholarship recipients and the Watt Club Zambia Board. The meeting was graced by the past Watt Club President, Norman Chipakupaku – Permanent Secretary, Ministry of defence, Republic of Zambia.

### Salient Issues Discussed:

1. Strategic partnership with other bodies like ACCA Zambia to engage with Watt Club members. ACCA and Watt Club Zambia share a significant number of members.
2. Partner with government in the education, technology, health, and agriculture sectors. Need to position the club as a think tank for government's development agenda.
3. Members engaged in collaborative conversations with the Scottish International development office representatives who were visiting Zambia at a time.
4. The meeting noted that most of the founding board members relocated, leaving a leadership gap.
5. The chairperson declared conflict of interest as he was also serving as a Watt Club council member.
6. The strategic meeting suggested a stopgap measure by appointing available volunteers to major board positions for business continuity. **Refer to Appendix A.**

7. The Bank was informed to replace the signatories with the newly appointed leaders.  
**Refer to Appendix B**



## Watt Club Participation in Strategic Events for Social Good

The 10th anniversary edition of the summit was held in Lusaka, Zambia under the patronage of the Government of Zambia and led by President His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema. Major multilateral education projects, skills development, and the continent's upsurge in investment

in ICT for education were featured strongly in Africa's number one high-level ministerial forum where industry partners enjoyed pre-scheduled meetings with senior government officials from over 40 countries. Incoming Watt Club Zambia Chairperson Sam Abrahams with the incoming committee member and MBA scholarship recipient Regina represented Watt Club at the summit.



## MBA Scholarship Recipients Graduation

Watt Club Zambia celebrated the graduation of some of the MBA scholarship recipients. The graduates are now poised for a successful future, thanks to the scholarship sponsored by the Scottish Government's International Development Fund (IDF) in collaboration with Heriot Watt university.

### Lessons Learnt the scholarship

- Lack of adequate support by Watt Club Zambia through a mentorship program
- Mentorship needed by experienced female Watt Club members
- Internet connectivity difficulties making it challenging to access the online videos
- Need for a well thought-through support system for the next cohort
- Need to have Zambian representation in the end-to-end process





## Appendix A



Watt Club Zambia  
Board Resolution.pdf

## Appendix B



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of\_Signatories.pdf

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Billy S. Mwape'.

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Submitted By: Billy S. Mwape

Outgoing Watt Club Zambia Chairperson

Date: 8/12/2022