

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT – STATISTICIAN-GENERAL



The Board of the Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Sheila S. Mudenda as the Statistician-General of ZamStats, effective **26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

Ms. Mudenda is a seasoned statistics professional with over 33 years of progressive experience in the field of demography, applied statistics and research. She has for close to two years now led ZamStats as Acting Statistician-General. During this period and before, she has ably steered teams in the production and promotion of use of official statistics across the National Statistical System (NSS).

Ms. Mudenda joined the then Central Statistical Office (now ZamStats) in 1993 as Statistician (Population and Demography Division) and has risen through the ranks to the position of Assistant Director (Information, Research and Dissemination), the position she held until her acting appointment as Statistician-General in October 2024.

In the course of her career, Ms. Mudenda has held several positions of responsibility at national and regional level, having been actively involved in the development, coordination and implementation of the Statistics Act, Chapter 127 of the Laws of Zambia, and the Second National Strategy for the

Development of Statistics (NSDS2). Additionally, she coordinated reporting and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the successful production of the SDGS Indicator Framework; and the 2013 – 2014 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey. At the Africa region level, she served as the SHaSA2 National Coordinator responsible for facilitating the production and use of harmonised statistics.

Ms. Mudenda holds a Master of Arts Degree in Population and Development from the Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands; a Master of Research Methods Degree from the University Institute for International and European Studies (UNIES), Netherlands; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Demography from the University of Zambia.

The Board is confident in Ms. Mudenda's ability to lead the ZamStats Management team in efficiently and effectively coordinating the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of official statistics for evidence-based decision making and national development. The Board believes her leadership will be key in achieving ZamStats' vision of being a 'credible and innovative provider of official statistics'.

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