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INTRODUCTION



Zambia has a population of about **14 to 15 million people** according to the Central Statistical Office or CSO. More than 50 percent of the population is youthful, therefore providing a ready market for labour, innovation and future markets as other areas of the global suffer from reduced markets.

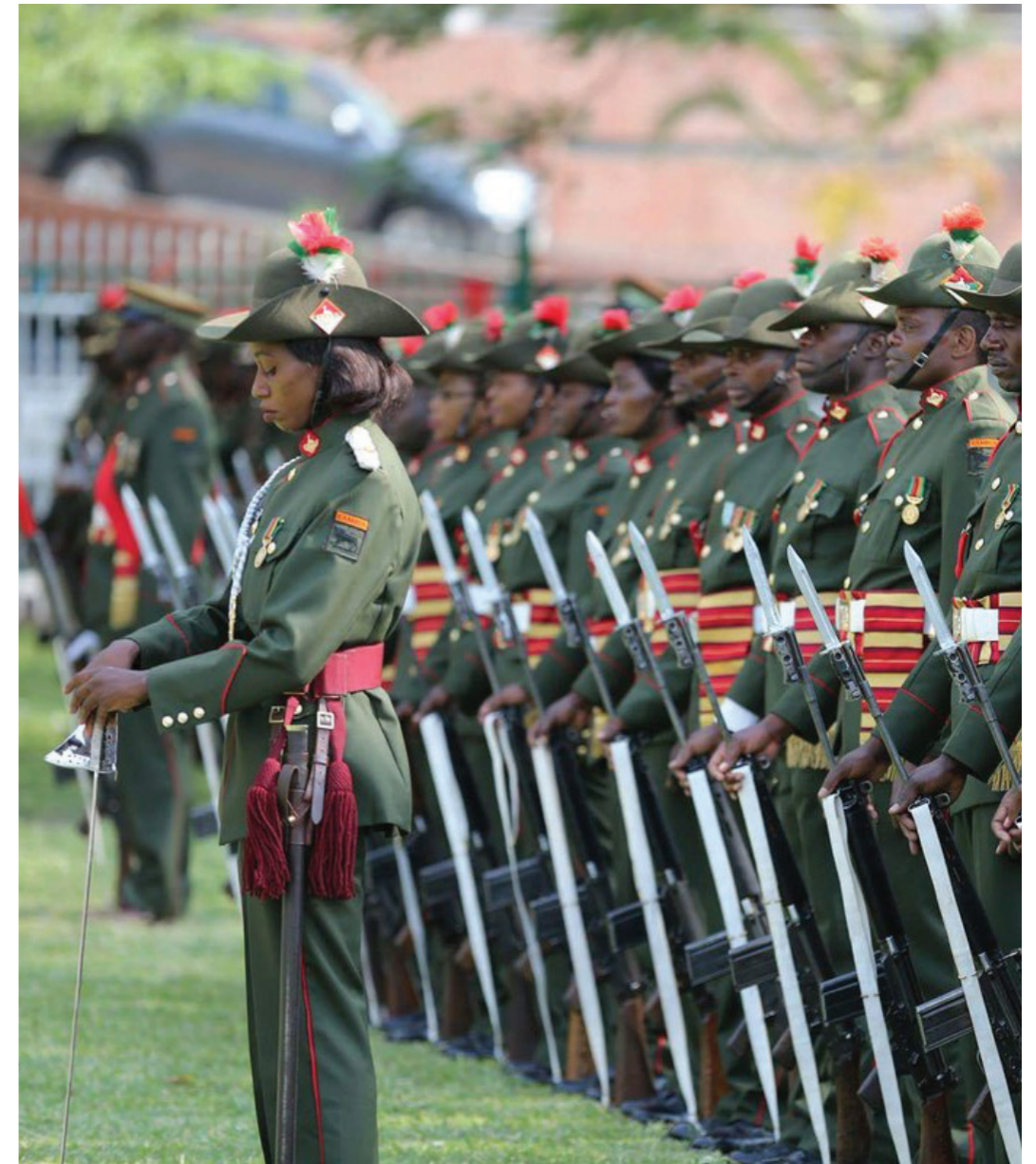
Zambia is surrounded by some eight countries, giving it a competitive edge as a country to do business with due to its central location that makes it a 'nerve center' of the budding business community of the southern African region. It is a member of the COMESA and SADC that have a combined population of almost half a billion people and a GDP exceeding **US\$570 billion almost US\$1 billion combined SADC and Comesa.**



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Peace, a 'commodity' that has eluded many African countries remains the biggest attraction in Zambia and provides a fertile ground for business to grow. We hold free elections and the rule of the law and good governance abound. The IMF places Zambia among the 5 fastest growing economies in Africa along with Ghana, Botswana and others. We have a new President, a lawyer who has stepped up a fight against graft.

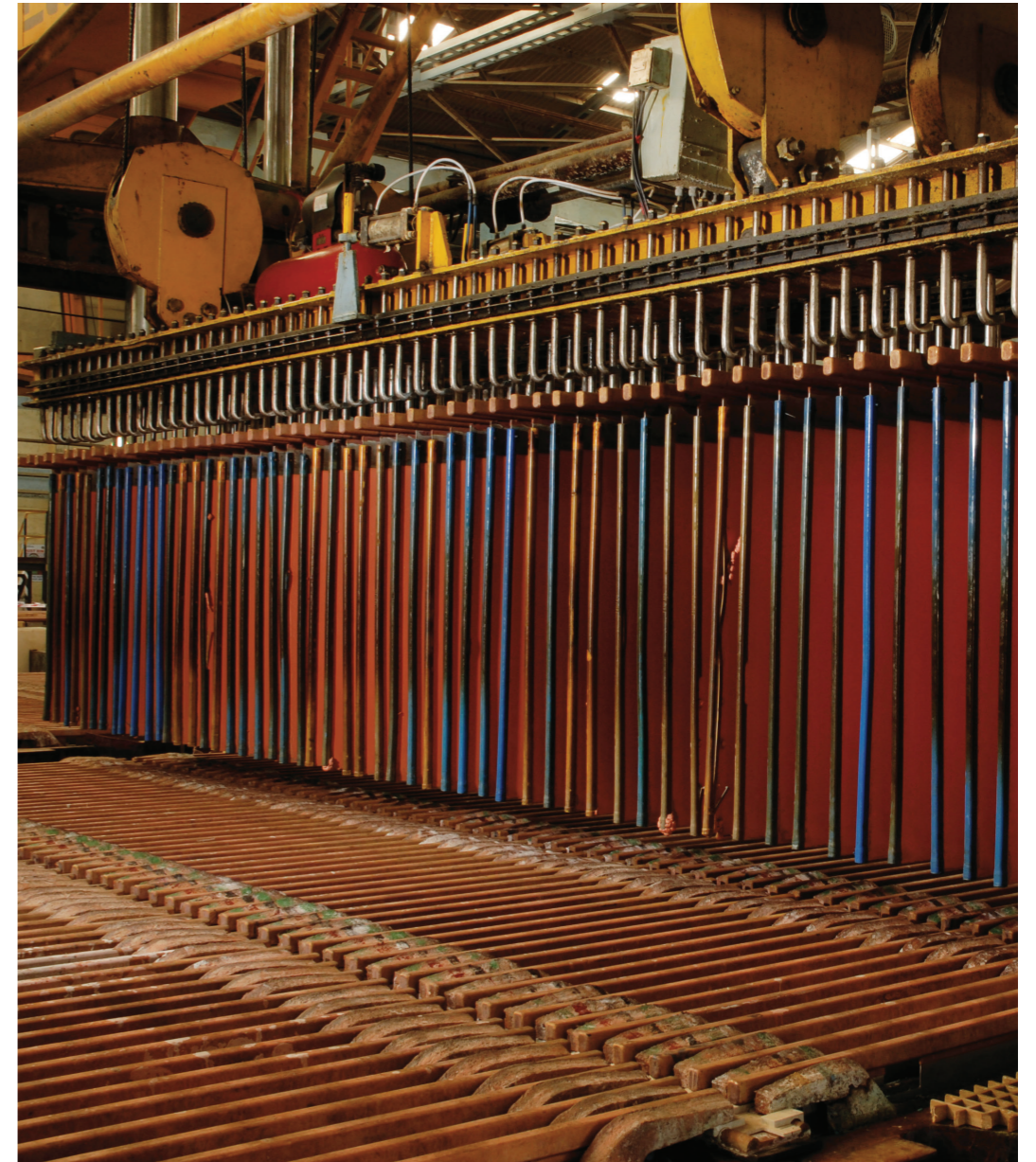


NATURAL RESOURCES

Zambia is Africa's second largest copper producer but potential abound for natural gases, oil and others. The government is ready to give concessions to long term investors.

Land is another natural resource that Zambia has in abundance with more than 50 percent of it being arable but largely under cultivated while huge bodies of water surround the country and a hungry neighbouring population continues to grow in DRC, Zimbabwe and Tanzania largely due to climatic change.

Zambia's GDP stood at about **US\$27 billion in 2014** according to the World Bank citing the Central Bank of Zambia while average per capita incomes are at about US\$2000 in 2013.



AREAS OF INVESTMENT



Zambia has various areas of investment the most obvious ones being the mining sector, agriculture, tourism, infrastructure, energy and indeed human development. It has a land mass of over 750,000 sq. kms that all fall under one jurisdiction of the President of the republic making settlement of disputes easier.

Zambia, a signatory of various international charters and current Head Quarters of COMESA is open for business. The Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) is currently the first entry point, apart from embassies for international investment **www.zda.org.zm** for all details.



BELOW IS SOME DATA ON ZAMBIA'S REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY



Zambia belongs to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the largest regional economic organization in Africa, with 19 member states and a population of about 390 million. COMESA has a free trade area, with 19 member states, and launched a customs union in 2009. COMESA has a Combined GDP of US\$560 billion.

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| ■ Burundi | ■ Kenya | ■ Sudan |
| ■ Comoros | ■ Libya | ■ Swaziland |
| ■ D.R. Congo | ■ Madagascar | ■ Uganda |
| ■ Djibouti | ■ Malawi | ■ Zambia |
| ■ Egypt | ■ Mauritius | ■ Zimbabwe |
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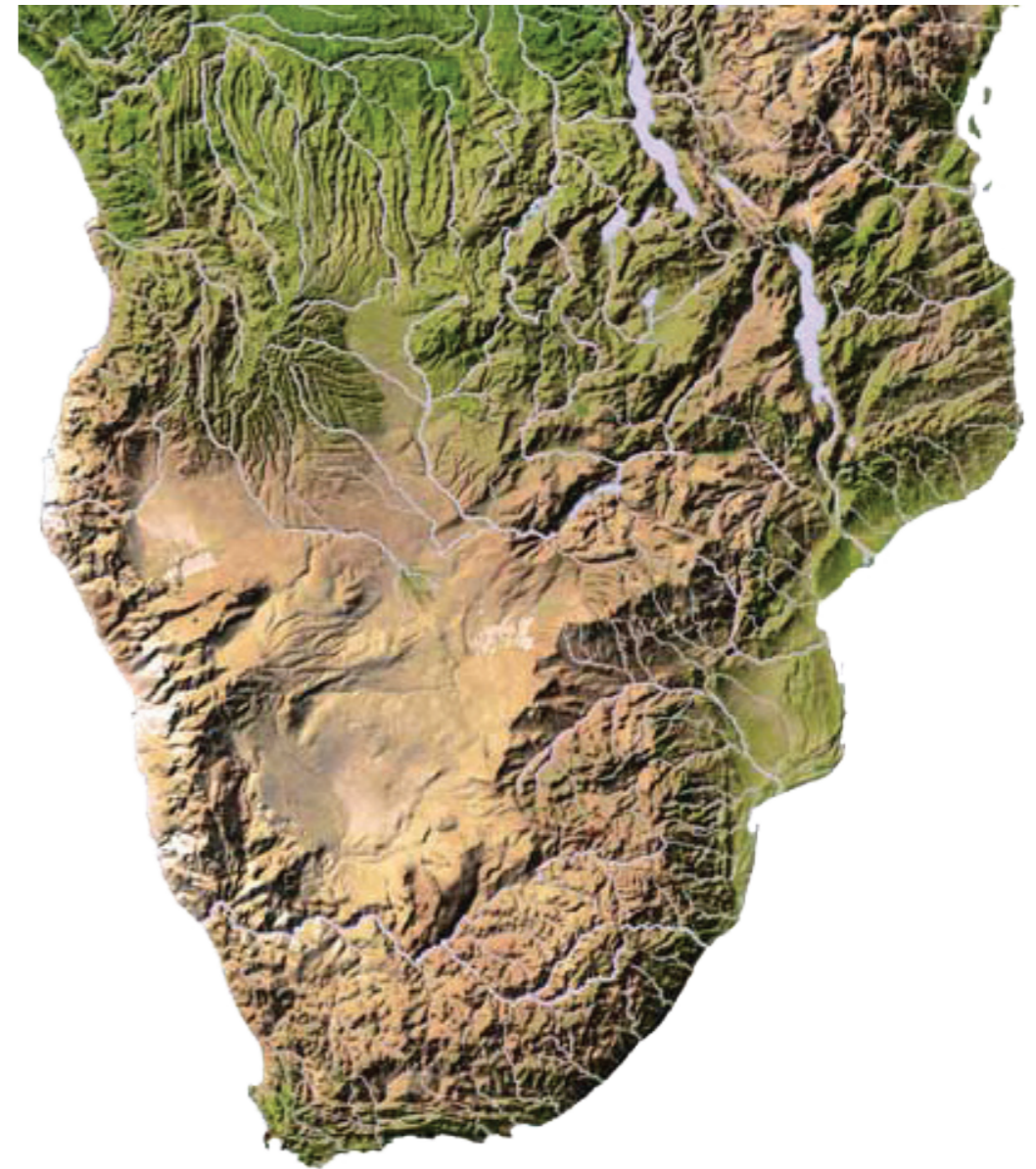
Zambia is also a member of the SADC region whose population some two years ago stood at about 300 million, DRC having the largest population of 72 million. 39 percent of the population in the region is urban.

The collective GDP for the region was set at US\$471.1 billion. SADC has a generally low average GDP Per capita compared to other regions globally according to studies.

The upside, however, is that the SADC is still the most developed in the whole of Africa. The SADC region of which Zambia is central to, is also well integrated and has a well-established foreign investment flowing within the region and from the United States of America that has signed various trade agreements with COMESA.

On a bilateral level Zambia is currently enjoying great relations with Sweden that are also assisting the country with about 200 million sek in funds for 'off the grid energy to boost the strained power sector in Zambia.

Sweden is also helping Zambia with more funds in procuring funds for reducing the death of mothers and babies at birth. This is being done through the Ministry of Health.



I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND YOU MAY ASK ANY QUESTION



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ZAMBIA

Capital: Lusaka

Currency: Kwacha

President: Edgar Chagwa Lungu

Religion: Christianity by constitutional decree

Main commodity: Copper



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