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NAQEZ NATIONAL CONFERENCE-SEPTEMBER, 2020

BACKGROUND

National Action for Quality Education in Zambia [NAQEZ] was formed in 2014 but legally registered [ORS/102/35/5502] with Registrar of Societies on 20th February, 2015. On 23rd July, 2015, the organization was officially launched by Dr. Micheal Kaingu, then Minister of Education. NAQEZ was formed by Zambians from different persuasions for the purpose of helping government to improve the poor standards of education in Zambia.

Today, NAQEZ is the leading champion of quality education in Zambia. It has a Board of Governors, a dynamic National Executive Committee [Secretariat] of 12, sixty [60] very hardworking Provincial Coordinators and 140 able District Coordinators and Secretaries. The outfit also boasts of more than 500 patriotic and paid up member in almost all the 116 districts of Zambia.

NAQEZ has a standard financial system in place, up to date audited financial reports, a code of ethics and a clear policy on **Gender and HIV**.

Being a national organization, NAQEZ has strong working relationships with more than 95 Radio stations, more than 16 TV Stations, 8 Newspapers, more than 20 online publications and uses various social media platforms to communicate to its leaders, members and the general public. This has made NAQEZ a reliable and influential civil society organization in Zambia.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The NAQEZ Constitution provides for a National Conference but the organization has not had one since its formation in 2015. There is now urgent need for a National Conference due to the following reasons:

1. In order for all NAQEZ leaders and members to be equipped with advocacy and leadership skills. **This will improve efficiency and performance of NAQEZ.**

2. To allow NAQEZ leaders and members to come up with clear positions on many critical educational matters. This will make the voice of the organization more louder on important issues affecting quality education in Zambia.

3. To allow leaders and members share ideas and experiences in teaching and leadership. This experience will enable more cohesion and comradeship between and among NAQEZ members.

ACTUAL CONFERENCE-DETAILS

The conference will attract 210 delegates, five [5] Board members, twelve [12] National Executive Members, forty [41] Provincial Executive Members, Seventy [70] District Coordinators and their Secretaries and eighty two [82] members.

This important conference is planned to be held during the first week of September, 2020 in Lusaka, at a venue to be announced.

The Minister of General Education will be invited to officially open this two days conference while more than 30 media houses will be in attendance to provide coverage. Further, Some senior MoGE Officials, about 15 strategic educational stakeholders, well-wishers, selected academicians, selected Universities and Colleges will be invited for this historic event.

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