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## RE: DIGITAL GOVERNMENT AFRICA SUMMIT, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, 4 - 6 OCTOBER 2023

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia I am pleased to confirm official patronage for the Digital Government Africa (DGA) Summit 2023.

As you are aware, across Africa, countries are now implementing progressive plans for e-government to digitise public services to increase efficiency and reduce the costs of bureaucracy. In Zambia, the National Electronic Government Plan is a priority where it can be seen how digital transformation will have a profound effect on the lives and wellbeing of our citizens.

The ambition is to accelerate the digitisation of government processes that will ensure reliable public service provision as part of the overall national digital economic transformation. E-participation of citizens, digital identity, authentication and the development of the digital government infrastructure are key pillars of electronic government.

The purpose of the DGA Summit is to bring governments from across Africa together with industry investors and leading solution providers to ensure a better understanding of digital systems and the technologies delivering fundamental change to our world. This is a meetings-based event allowing for public sector officials to have pre-scheduled meetings with those technology providers that can assist with the digital government infrastructure, cloud services, digital ID, electronic procurement, tax online, information systems security, financial services and integrated management systems.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia and the country's key stakeholders are committed towards the hosting of the Digital Government Africa Summit 2023. The SMART Zambia Institute under the Office of the President is responsible for the National E-Government Plan and this patronage extends to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security and the Ministry of Technology and Science.

These representative ministers are inviting their counterparts from across sub-Saharan and as the host country we are directing all our efforts to ensure the highest level of ministerial and government participation. Accordingly, we wish to deliver an outstanding, landmark summit and demonstrate to the world our commitment to building digital capacity and human capital development. To achieve these aims we must work as closely as possible with industry partners and world-class solution providers, hence having this unique meetings-based format for the event.

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

Best regards

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