

Opening Remark of Mrs. Chizi

It gives me an immense pleasure to start this auspicious occasion by heartily welcoming everyone who has taken time off to be here with us.

Over the past 4 years in my role as honorary consul of Zambia here in the Hellenic Republic I have seen my fair share of trials and tribulations.

We are here to view and discuss business opportunities in Zambia,

Building economic relations or bridges from one continent to another is not always so simple, the culture of business is not always easy nor is it the same.

As we enter into discussions, I would like to assure everyone that Zambia is in a new dawn opening its gates for economic development with vast business opportunities.

With this being said, I would like to go ahead and thank Dr. Sotiris Mousouris - the President of the Hellenic-African chamber of commerce and development for his efforts in consistently connecting Africa to the Hellenic Republic

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Mr Christos Gribas, the First secretary of Economic and Commercial Affairs at the ministry of Foreign affairs thank you sir, for your valuable time

A special thanks to Mr John Kourkoutas who is not only the secretary of the Zambian Consulate but also the managing director of MrExporttoAfrica, I truly thank you for our tireless efforts without taking any more time, I would like to recognise the presence of my dear friend and colleague Mr Michael Kroupnik, the consul General of the the Hellenic Republic in the Republic of Zambia I welcome my Zambian counterpart Mr Jerome Chabuka Kawesha president of the Zambian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman of the Zambian Private Sector Alliance

And of course, I saved the best for last, because if not for her, we would not be here today Ms Jenny Kokoromiti Zachari The Director of the Hellenic African Chamber of commerce and industry. Ms kokoromiti has been instrumental in the coordination and the managing of this event and many others please let's give her a hand

I appreciate and thank each and everyone who put in efforts behind the success of this event