



CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE (CEJ)

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIALOGUE 2026

Theme:

“SAFEGUARDING OUR FUTURE: ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION IN ZAMBIA”

Date: 14th – 16th October 2026

Venue: Mulungushi International Conference Centre – Kenneth Kaunda Wing, Lusaka - Zambia

Convening Partners:



Objectives

1. Promote and showcase the best practices in designing and constructing tailing dams with robust safety measures to minimize the risk of failure.
2. Promote engagement of local communities and stakeholders to address concerns and ensure that their rights are respected.
3. Advocate for stronger regulations and enforcement mechanisms to prevent tailings failure and collapse.
4. Advocate for regular monitoring and maintenance to ensure the structural integrity of tailings dams.
5. Build strong partnerships for the future EPD hosting and implementation of resolutions.

Official Opening

S/N	Session	Responsible	Time (CAT)
1.	Registration/Cultural dance entertainment Arrival of Delegates: CSOs, Dev. partners, corporate entities, community members, govt. line ministries Arrival of CEJ Executive Director ▪ Maggie M. Mwape (Ms) Arrival of CEJ Board Members ▪ Chairperson & members Arrival of EPD2026 Convening Partners	Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) Secretariat and EPD consortium partners	08:00 – 08:30 Hrs
2.	Arrival of Faith Leaders ▪ Bishop Eddie Mulenga, <i>Liberty Christian Centre</i> ▪ Dr. Andesen Zulu Council of churches in Zambia	Protocol by Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) Team	08:30 – 08:45 Hrs
3.	Arrival of Their Royal Highnesses: ▪ <i>Chairperson HOC Chief Bunda Bunda, Snr Chief Nkula, Snr Chief Imwiko</i> ▪ <i>Snr Chief Kopa, Snr Chief Shakumbila, Snr Chieftainess Nkomesha,</i> ▪ <i>Chieftainess Malembeka, Chief Mnutwa, Chief Ishima, Chief Kabamba,</i> ▪ <i>Chief Lumpuma Chieftainess Muwezwa, Chieftainess Msoro,</i> ▪ <i>Chieftainess Mwenda, Chieftainess Sinazongwe, Chief Mailo,</i> ▪ <i>Chief Dr. Mumena, Chief Choongo, Chief Chisuka, Chief Nalubamba</i>	Protocol by: <i>Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development (MLGRD) and CEJ</i>	08:45 – 09:00 Hrs
4.	Arrival of Foreign Dignitaries and Guest of Honor ▪ <i>EU Embassy, Italian Embassy, Swedish Embassy</i> ▪ <i>Canadian High Commissioner</i> ▪ Guest of Honour Hon Minister Dr. Gilbert Siame	Protocol Team: <i>Ministry of Green Economy & Environment, (MGEE) and CEJ Secretariate</i>	08:45 – 09:00 Hrs

5.	▪ National Anthem (All Stanzas) ▪ Opening Prayer	Media Team Apostle Erick Chabanga	09:00 – 09:10Hrs
6.	Welcome, recognition & entertainment - Director of Ceremony Mr. Samual Machishi ▪ Protocol recognition ▪ Cultural dance ▪ Music	Director of Ceremony:	09:10 – 9:30Hrs
7.	Opening Remarks. ▪ Ms Maggie M. Mwape – <i>Executive Director, Centre for Environment Justice</i>	Director of Ceremony:	09:30 – 9:40Hrs
8.	Theological Perspective ▪ Bishop Eddie Mulenga – <i>Liberty Christian Centre</i>	Director of Ceremony	09:40 – 09:50Hrs
9.	Remarks • Mr. Mwape Sichilongo, Regional Director, International Cranes Foundation	Director of Ceremony	09:50 – 10:00Hrs
10.	Remarks • Mr. Mz. Motaz, President and CEO, Cornerstone International, Germany	Director of Ceremony	10:00 – 10:10Hrs
11.	Remarks ▪ Mr Vincent Ziba – <i>Board Chairperson, Centre for Environment Justice</i>	Director of Ceremony	10:10 – 10:20Hrs
12.	Entertainment (Culture & Music)	Entertainment	10:20 – 10:30Hrs
13.	Keynote Speech: ▪ Dr. Yao Graham, Third World Africa	Director of Ceremony:	10:30 – 10:50Hrs
14.	Guest of Honour Official Opening of 2026 Environmental Protection Dialogue ▪ Hon. Dr. Gilbert Siame, Minister Green Economy and Environment ▪ Photos All	Director of Ceremony:	11:00 – 11:30Hrs
Official Opening done: All delegates go for Lunch.			
AFTERNOON SESSION: 14 OCTOBER 2026 - ATTENDANCE STRICTLY BY INVITATION.			
1. Traditional Leaders Caucus: 20 Traditional leaders convene to discuss the topic: Why conservation Matters! 2. Civil Society Caucus: 60 CSOs convene to discuss the Role of Civil Society Organizations in Monitoring Environmental Violations and Strategic Environmental Litigation in Zambia			

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1.	Registration of delegates: Arrival of Delegates: Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Development. partners, corporate entities, community members, govt. line ministries, CEJ secretariate, EPD Consortium/Convening partners, Arrival of Traditional Leaders: - Chairperson HOC Chief Bundabunda, Snr Chief Nkula - Snr Chief Imwiko, Snr Chief Kopa, Snr Chief Shakumbila - Snr Chieftainess Nkomesha, Chieftainess Malembeka - Chief Mnukwa, Chief Ishima, Chief Kabamba, Chief Lumpuma Chieftainess Muwezwa, Chieftainess Msoro, Chieftainess Mwenda - Chieftainess Sinazongwe, Chief Mailo, Chief Dr. Mumena - Chief Choongo, Chief Chisuka, Chief Nalubamba	CEJ Secretariat	Participants register details	08:30 - 09:00 Hrs
2.	Convening partner key statements - Environment Africa - Oxfam	Director of Ceremony <i>BCM Consult</i>	Convening partners share key statements on the topic of discussion and share their work.	09:00 – 09:20 Hrs
3.	Presentation: EPD Framework strategy implementation success, opportunities and challenges	EPD Coordinator Patricia Nangoyi	<i>Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) and the EPD Consortium partner representative to highlight status and call for support</i>	09:20 – 09:40 Hrs
4.	Plenary: Delegates reactions, questions & feedback	Moderator:	Clarifications, feedback, and questions.	09:40 – 10:00 Hrs
5.	Tea Break, refreshments & snacks served	All Delegates	Participants Refresh	10:00 – 10:30Hrs
6.	Panel 1 Discussion: The Role of Traditional Leadership in Tailing Dam Management: Bridging community concerns and industry Practices Discussants - Chief Mumena, Chieftainess Msoro, Chief Ishima, Chieftainess Muwezwa, Chief Mnukwa	Moderator: <i>Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) Ms. Isabel Mukelabai</i>	<i>Discussion to highlight the role traditional leaders play in ensuring responsible mining practices. By facilitating community engagements, resolving conflicts and promoting sustainable development</i>	10:30 – 11:30 Hrs
7.	Panel 2 Discussion: Zambia regulatory frameworks for tailings dams in Zambia: Are they adequate? Discussants -Ministry of Mines, Walusiku Neil Luputa;	Moderator: WWF Zambia: Nalucha Nganga; Country Director	<i>Discussion on the effectiveness of current regulatory frameworks and standards for tailings dams, and potential areas of improvement</i>	11:30 – 12:30 Hrs

	Senior Program's Officer- Norwegian Church Aid- Danish Church Aid (NCA - DCA), Simukali Mulongwe - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Benson Chongo; Principal inspector- Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA), Elijah Mutambo; Senior Community Development-Ministry of Water Development, Petronella Chungu Minerals Regulation Commission (MRC)			
8.	Lunch and Networking	<i>All Delegates</i>	Meals and Refreshments	12:30 – 13:45 Hrs
9.	Panel 3 Discussion: The Human cost of tailings dam failures: Lessons from the past, implications for the future ▪ Discussants – Jennipher Mwanangombe Head of Programme (CEJ), Ucizi Ngulube-Greenpeace Africa, Likezo Musobani - Acting Director: Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU), Kalima Kunda-Consultant: Conservation Advocates Zambia (CAZ)	Moderator: <i>Transparency International Zambia (TIZ): Gift Nyambe; Project Officer</i>	<i>Discussion on the human impact of tailings dam failures, including community displacements, health effects, and economic losses</i>	14:00 – 15:00 Hrs
10.	Panel 4 Discussion: The future of tailings management: Can technology save the day? Discussants - Eng. Chispine Chomba- Engineering Institute of Zambia (EIZ), Dr. Mubanga- University of Zambia, Talent Ng'andwe- Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Zambia Chamber of mines (ZCM), Mutale Chisanga- Tailing Dam Engineer- Mopani Copper Mine	Moderator <i>Oxfam: Chitimbwa Chifunda – Policy Advocacy and Influence Lead /Zambia Country Focal Point</i>	<i>Discussion on the role of technology in improving tailings management, including innovation, construction, and monitoring</i>	15:00 – 16:00Hrs
11.	Plenary: <i>Delegates reactions, questions & feedback</i>	Director of Ceremony	Clarifications, feedback, and questions addressed by panel discussants.	16:00 – 16:50 Hrs
12.	End of day 2 - -	BCM Consult	Prepare for Day 3	15:30 – 15:40 Hrs

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13.	Registration of delegates: Arrival of Delegates: - CSOs, Dev. partners, corporate entities, community members, govt. line ministries, Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) secretariate, EPD Consortium/Convening partners, Arrival of Traditional Leaders: - Chairperson HOC Chief Bundabunda, Snr Chief Nkula - Snr Chief Imwiko, Snr Chief Kopa, Snr Chief Shakumbila - Snr Chieftainess Nkomesha, Chieftainess Malembeka - Chief Mnukwa, Chief Ishima, Chief Kabamba, Chief Lumpuma Chieftainess Muwezwa, Chieftainess Msoro, Chieftainess Mwenda, Chieftainess Sinazongwe, - Chief Mailo, Chief Dr. Mumena, Chief Choongo, Chief Chisuka, Chief Nalubamba	CEJ Secretariat	Participants register details	08:30 – 09:00 Hrs
14.	Youth and Children Statements - Siamatika Secondary, Dimuna Allina - Mukelabai Foundation, Sepo Mukelabai - Care for Nature Zambia, Lungile Zulu - Centre for Environment Justice, Lutanda C. Mumba	Director of Ceremony: BCM Consult	Welcomes the delegates and runs through the programme of the day.	09:00 – 09:30 Hrs
15.	Panel 5 Discussion: Sustainable tailings management: Is it possible? Discussants – James Dutchman- Principal Engineering Geologist-SRK Consulting, Mutuso Dhliwayo- Executive Director -The Global Tailings Management Institute (GTMI), Brian Sungachito- Environmental Specialist-Mopani Copper Mine. Tabo Chisenga Environmental Superintendent Dr. Micheal Musialike: Lecturer School of	Moderator: Zambia Alliance of Women (ZAW)- Ceasar Katebe: Program Manager	Discussion on strategies for sustainable tailings management, including minimizing waste, promoting rehabilitation, and ensuring long-term stability.	09:30 – 10:30 Hrs

	<i>Mines- CBU</i>			
16.	Tea Break, refreshments & snacks served	All Delegates	Participants Refresh	10:30 – 11:00 Hrs
17.	Panel 6 Discussion: Balancing economic interests with environmental and social responsibility. ▪ Discussants – Mr. Mfumu Richard Lungu: Director of Environmental Management- Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Nsama Kearn: Executive Director (ED) -Care for Nature Zambia, Martin Kampamba: ED- Futurepreneur Zambia, Milton Malama- Economic Association of Zambia,	Moderator: <i>Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ)- Haggai Nyambe; M&E specialist</i>	<i>Discussion on trade-offs between economic benefits, environmental and social costs of tailings</i>	11:00 – 12:00 Hrs
18.	Panel 7 Discussion: Development Partners support to Zambia's Green Growth Agenda: Where are we? ▪ Discussants – <i>Lena Zutelija European Union (EU), Ambassador Enrico De Agostin Embassy of Italy, Canadian high commission, Swedish Embassy</i>	Moderator: <i>Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR)- Mr. Brian Mwiinga</i>	<i>Embassies and UN Agencies highlight their support to Zambia in fostering the green growth agenda and overall environmental protection</i>	12:00 – 13:00 Hrs
19.	Lunch and Networking	All Delegates	Meals and Refreshments	13:00 – 14:00 Hrs
20.	Study Findings on Mine tailings Awareness by University of Zambia (UNZA) Students Youth Statements: Chitambo Patrick, Hope Mbewe, Dalisto Mvula	Director of Program	<i>Students share their findings from the study conducted</i>	14:00 – 15:00 Hrs
21.	Plenary: <i>Delegates reactions, questions & feedback</i>	Director of Program	Delegates debate on the topics and make recommendation	15:00 – 16:00 Hrs
22.	Official Closing of 2026 Environmental Protection Dialogue: ▪ Environment Africa ▪ House of Chiefs Chairperson ▪ Ministry of Water Development & Sanitation ▪ Board Member, Centre for Environment Justice	Director of Ceremony	Appreciate stakeholders, emphasis importance of EPD, and the need for implementing the resolutions.	16:00 – 17:00 Hrs