

PRESS STATEMENT

Ankara, Wednesday, August 15, 2018-Vice-President Inonge Wina is tomorrow expected in Turkey for a three-day official visit.

Zambia's Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Joseph Chilengi said during the visit, Mrs Wina will hold bilateral talks with her Turkish counterpart, Fuat Oktay to discuss issues of mutual interest and development co-operation between the two countries.

Mr Chilengi also said the Vice-President will have a bilateral meeting with the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey, Binali Yildirim.

"This interaction with the Honourable Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, is important as you may be aware that the Turkish Parliament has established the Zambia friendship group to lobby for Zambia's interests and also explore possibilities of institution- to - institution co-operation with the National Assembly of Zambia," Mr Chilengi said.

He said Mrs Wina is also expected to meet Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) President, Dr Serdar Cam to discuss issues related to development cooperation and the opening of the TIKA country office in Lusaka announced by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during his historic visit to Zambia on July 28, 2018.

Mr Chilengi added that Mrs Wina will attend the Turkey-Zambia business forum at which a presentation on investment opportunities in Zambia will be made.

He said this platform will also be used to highlight Zambia's investment policy framework to potential Turkish investors.

"This is aimed at attracting Foreign Direct Investment into the country in line with our Foreign Policy which is anchored on Economic Diplomacy and also to inform the Turkish business community of the 20 Public Private Partnership pipeline projects recently approved by the Government of Republic of Zambia in various sectors such as road construction, Information and Communication Technologies, housing, waste management, education, railway construction and agriculture among others," Mr Chilengi said.

He further stated that the Vice-President will later be among 52 Heads of State and Government invited to attend the 6th Ordinary Session of the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) of the Republic of Turkey, scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2018.

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