

PRESS STATEMENT:

STATEMENT - FOOD AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) PAY COURTESY CALL ON HER HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President Inonge Wina has commended the Food and Agriculture Organisation for its support in enhancing conservation farming and aqua culture in Zambia.

The Vice President says the use of conservation farming has helped to preserve soils and water by farmers who use less chemical fertilizers and other inputs yet still increase their yields.

Speaking today, in Bangkok, Thailand when a team from FAO paid a courtesy call on her, Mrs. Wina called for continued and enhanced

cooperation.

She also thanked the organisation for investing in agriculture and forest sectors as well as aquaculture in Zambia adding that the programme should continue and spread throughout the country especially in areas with water bodies as this will help address issues of protein deficiency as part of improving diets.

Mrs. Wina explained that over 200 farmers are being trained to train others in aquaculture adding that apart from maize, fish production will be next hallmark in the Zambian economy.

She urged FAO to continue supplementing government's efforts through various projects to help in enhancing food security in the country.

And FAO Assistant Director- General, Economic and Social Development Dr.

Kostas Stamoulis said his organisation is committed to helping Zambia.

Mr. Stamoulis commended Zambia for embarking on the E- voucher system adding that this process has helped government serve millions of kwachas by targeting deserving beneficiaries and job creation through agro-dealers.

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