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## Zambezi Regional Council 6<sup>th</sup> Council Sworn In.



(Back); From left to right: Hon. Micky Lukaezi, Hon. Bennety Busihu, Hon. John Likando, Hon. John Mukaya & Hon. Ivane Kabunga.

(Front); From left to right: Hon. Bernard Sisamu, Hon. Warden Simushi & Hon. Humprey Divai.

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# About Us

## Mandate

**To govern and plan the socio-economic, physical and infrastructural development of the region.**

**To improve the living conditions of the inhabitants of the region and to ensure sustainable development.**

## Vision

**To be a prosperous region, developed through value addition and good governance"**

## Mission

**To plan and implement sustainable physical, socio-economic developmental programmes and projects for the region through effective governance."**

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

It is with pleasure to welcome you all to our 1<sup>st</sup> ever edition, volume 1, issue 1 of our official Newsletter of the Zambezi Regional Council called Zambezi Mirror. The Newsletter will be published every quarter. It will cover pertinent issues within Zambezi Regional Council,

The Newsletter will inform about important decisions, services, news and events throughout the eight constituencies.

This edition will abreast our readers with news pertaining to the swearing-in and elections of office bearers of the 6<sup>th</sup> Council of the Zambezi Regional Council as well as farewell of the 5<sup>th</sup> Council respectively.

I wish everyone a happy reading and please contact me for any further information regarding the Newsletter.

Enjoy the reading.

Happy festive season and Prosperous New Year!

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# Chief Regional Officer's DESK

Regina Ndopu-Lubinda



I am delighted to present to you our first quarterly Zambezi Regional Council Newsletter.

This newsletter is not only purposed to inform our stakeholders in general, and public at large, about the achievements that have made the Zambezi Regional Council an outstanding service provider of essential government services. It is also aimed at providing our readers with a greater understanding of our Mandate, Vision and Mission.

Our vision remains “to be a prosperous region, developed through value addition and good governance.” We are thus determined to build on our successes and achievements by continuing to remain committed to delivering excellent services that will continue to move our region forward. We are also determined to reinforce and build on our ability to deliver on our mission through continuous innovation and periodic transformation of our mandate.

Furthermore, in our efforts to address the challenges we face, we shall be guided by strong and meaningful values, including an unwavering commitment to integrity. Hence; excited about what 2021 has in store for us, as it will be a year of continuous growth and new opportunities for our institution.

A great strength of our institution has been our ability to embrace and welcome change. This first edition is focused on informing our readers on the new political leadership of Zambezi Regional Council. We believe that it is vital for the people of the region to know their leaders. Embracing change of leadership has been another key strength in the legacy we have been building for years, and we remain fully committed to ensuring that the new leaders build on the successes and accomplishments of their predecessors.

Moreover, we recognize the importance and vast contribution of our various stakeholders who have immensely contributed to our success through their continued support, dedication and commitment. We also take pride in and appreciate our most treasured asset: our staff members, whose work ethos and integrity are of utmost importance to the success and growth of the Zambezi Regional Council.

We hope you enjoy reading this first edition and we look forward to your feedback.

Best wishes to you and your families and a glorious 2021 from all of us at Zambezi Regional Council.

Warm regards,

*Chief Regional Officer*

# Zambezi Regional Council Conducts Swearing-In of the 6<sup>th</sup> Council

Following the Regional and Local Authority elections on 25 November 2020, Zambezi Regional Council held its swearing in ceremony on 2 December 2020. The eight Members took an Oaths and affirmations to serve on the 6th Council of the Zambezi Regional Council. From the outgoing Council, only two retained their positions, Hon. W. Simushi and Hon. J. Likando. The following members will serve on the 6th Council of the Zambezi Regional Council.



"We have heard you and we will ensure improved service delivery."

Hon. Warden Matengu Simushi  
Chairperson of Management Committee  
Katima Mulilo Rural Constituency



"For effective service delivery and better development, promote youth development and rural development for all."

Hon. Bernard Kamwi Sisamu  
Member of Management Committee  
Kabbe North Constituency



"To bring development, increase access to basic services and foster youth empowerment by walking the mile with our citizens."

Hon. Humphrey Gwelu Divai  
Member of Management Committee  
Lyabloloma Constituency



"Towards achieving socio-economic independence and prosperity for all."

Hon. John Musiyalela Likando  
Member of Parliament  
Kabbe South Constituency



"To engage with communities and play a mediation role between Government and communities."

Hon. Bennety Likukela Busihu  
Ordinary Member  
Kongola Constituency



"To serve as the servant of the people, fast track development and to remain approachable."

Hon. John Muchila Mukaya  
Member of Parliament  
Katima Urban Constituency



"To fight against GBV and promote renewable energy, agricultural facilities, rural roads, sports development and women in leadership."

Hon. Ivane Vistor Kabunga  
Ordinary Member  
Linyanti Constituency



"Committed to accountability, transparency and development of Zambezi region."

Hon. Micky Mumbali Lukaezi  
Member of Parliament  
Sibbinda Constituency





# ZRC bids Farewell to the 5th Council 2015-2020



The 5th Council ended its term on the 30th November 2020 regarded as a united team, six did not make it to the 6th Council. Speaking on behalf of the Council the former Chairperson Hon. Beaven Munali appreciated the Council for peace, and unity prevailed during the tenure of office. He highlighted some of the achievements during the term amongst others; the inauguration of the Zambezi Regional Council Office Park in 2017, Linyanti and Kabbe South Constituency Offices in 2018. Inauguration of Bukalo Village Council office in 2017. The former Chairperson indicated that the implementation of Constituency Development Fund to support communities and businesses was well realised. The provision of rural development services through projects in the eight constituency. The declaration of Kongola as a settlement and the planning of additional settlements of Sibbinda, Ngoma, Chincimane, Sangwali and Lusese were all realised during this term. More than 20 village areas have been electrified and about 80 were provided with boreholes and additional extensions for water provision. The construction of road infrastructure as well as the MTC and Telecom network towers have been provided in all constituencies. Under education, new schools, construction of classrooms as well as major renovations were undertaken particularly our school hostel. The former Chairperson extended gratitude to the Chief Regional Officer and the entire staff members of Zambezi Regional Council for the support and technical advice all times.



## Dementia

Time Communications <timecommunications1@gmail.com>  
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to me

Dementia and I share MY BRAIN. I use it to fully live out who I AM.

Dementia destroys/abuses it until who I AM is hidden in the dark voids of destruction for my loved ones / friend / stranger and enemy.

When I tried to explain to someone one day that DEMENTIA IS A TERMINAL DISEASE, the person replied with a confused facial expression: How can one die of forgetting?

Difference between FORGET and MEMORY: Dementia and the 100 plus diseases that result from Dementia are not the reason you FORGET but the thief who steals your MEMORY.

Therefore, Dementia is a PROGRESSIVE TERMINAL DISEASE condition. THE ONLY TERMINAL DISEASE for which there is no medication or surgery or therapy that can cure it.

Dementia is therefore not about forgetting people's names, but about permanently and progressively erasing the relationship that existed between such a person and you.

Dementia is not about FORGETTING where you kept your car keys, but the permanent and progressive MEMORY loss how and where to use the keys. This is the memory of how to drive a car / motorcycle / truck / train. It is the memory of how to use a vehicle and to drive safely from point A to point B.

It is to remember which side of the road to drive in Namibia and in Europe, to be able to interpret the road signs so that you and others on the road can be safe. Memory therefore gives you freedom and makes you independent, lets you live life to the fullest.

LOSS OF MEMORY robs you of FREEDOM and INDEPENDENCE. Dementia is not that you've FORGOTTEN if you have eaten this morning.

Dementia is permanent and progressive memory loss that you can't understand the feeling of hunger and thirst and how and with what you can correct it with, without weakening or

damaging your body by even eating something that is harmful to you like for example stones, sand or a bar of soap.

Dementia is not to FORGET to drink water regularly especially during exhausting heat. Dementia is permanent and progressive loss of MEMORY which means when your mouth is dry and your tongue sticks to your palate and you become weak due to dehydration but understand absolutely nothing and what is happening to you and how you feel the terrible thirst but can not quench it.

Even if someone offers you water, the memory is no longer there to grab "involuntary" the glass of water and empty it with one swallow. Or your memory of what is a glass or cup is no longer there to be recognized with joy and gratitude and it may be slapped out of the hand of your Good Samaritan as "communication through aggression" to get help for this horrible feeling of a week long trek in the desert without water".

Dementia is permanent and progressive memory loss that when I start walking I may still have a memory why I still want to walk, but I have no memory to find my way back.

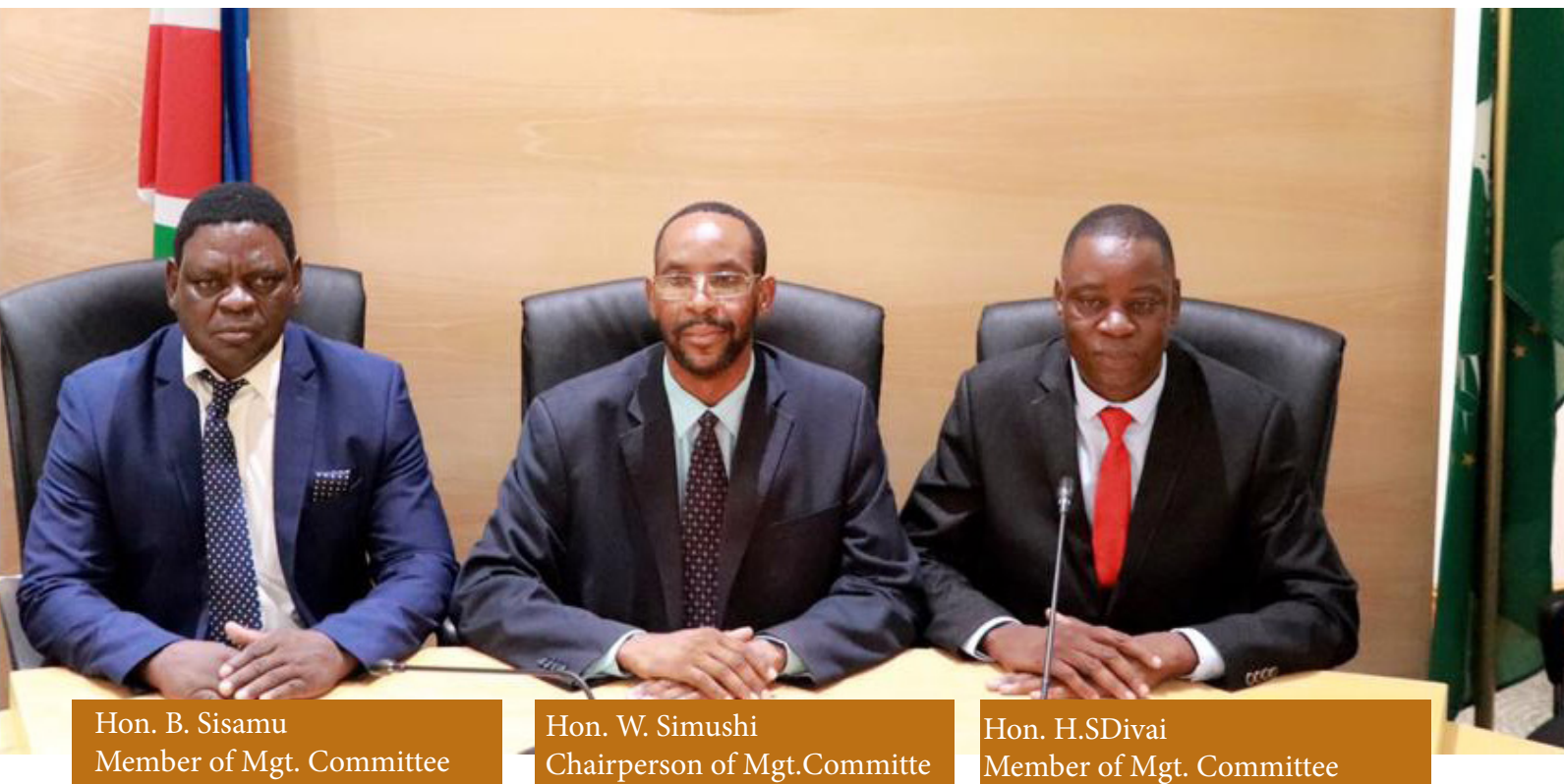
The terminal cruelty of Dementia happens when it destroys my memory TO BE ABLE TO WALK OR EVEN JUST STAND. Even babies can SUCK AND SWALLOW immediately after birth. A dementia person's "involuntary memory" to swallow as soon as it has been chewed and or as soon as liquid is in the mouth, is then permanently and progressively destroyed.

Then the end is not far away, because I AM still there but there is no longer a brain to use to introduce I AM to the world, because .....

Dementia is A PROGRESSIVE TERMINAL DISEASE. THE ONLY TERMINAL DISEASE for which there is no medication or surgery or therapy that can cure it.

While sharing my brain with Dementia, I will use my MEMORY for as long as I can and be an activist for the rights of people with Dementia.

*Berrie Holtzhausen  
aka AWF*



Hon. B. Sisamu  
Member of Mgt. Committee

Hon. W. Simushi  
Chairperson of Mgt. Committee

Hon. H.S Divai  
Member of Mgt. Committee

## Zambezi Regional Council Management Committee Members

Hon. Warden Simushi of Katima Rural Constituency was nominated and elected as Chairperson of the Management Committee of Zambezi Regional Council, while Hon. Humprey Divai of Judea Lyabboloma Constituency and Hon. Bernard Sisamu of Kabbe North were all nominated to serve the Zambezi Regional Council Management Committee respectively.

In his acceptance speech, the Chairperson Hon. Simushi acknowledged his fellow Councillors for the trust shown for his nomination and election to the Chairmanship. He indicated that he would serve everyone during his tenure regardless of political affiliation. He vowed to visit all constituency in the region to get first hand information as far

as development is concerned. He promised that "during his tenure tribalism, favouritism and corruption would not be tolerated at the expense of the residents of Zambezi region". He called his fellow Councillors to be united at all times in order to serve residents because the region was faced with many challenges.

Hon. Simushi also thanked the Governor, former Chairperson of the Management Committee and the 5th Council of the Zambezi Regional Council for the work well done during 2015-2020.



Hon. J. Likando  
Member of  
Parliament

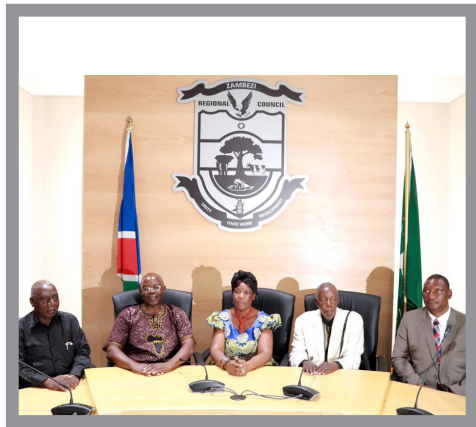
Hon. M. Lukaezi  
Member of  
Parliament

Hon. J. Mukaya  
Member of  
Parliament

## National Council Representatives Of Zambezi Region.

Hon. John Likando of Kabbe South Constituency retained his position to serve as representative of the region at National Council. His fellow Councillors nominated him, the newly elected Councillors, Hon. John Mukaya of Katima Urban and Hon. Micky Lukaezi of Sibbinda Constituency were all nominated to join Hon. Likando. Although they are all responsible for their respective constituencies, the three Hon. Councillors will represent the region for next five years at National Council.









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