

# ZAMBIA-U.S. AGRI BUSINESS FORUM MINNESOTA

**APRIL 29TH - MAY 2ND, 2024**

**VENUE:**

**McNamara Alumni Center, 200 SE Oak Street, MN.  
Located at the University of Minnesota**



**THEME:**

**Building Strategic Partnerships  
for Economic Growth & Opportunities  
in Agriculture**

## **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

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Promoting Investment for Zambia in Diaspora

This Event is Hosted By BMMSwift &  
Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
in partnership with:

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Agriculture,  
Zambia



Embassy of the Republic of  
**ZAMBIA**  
Washington, D.C.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY	
<b>29th: (Monday): Meet and great cocktail reception:</b>		
5:30 pm - 7:30pm		
<b>DAY 2: Tuesday 30th – Business Forum 8:00am – 3:30pm</b>		
8:00 am - 9 am:	Arrival of guests and breakfast	
9:00 am - 9:10 am:	Opening remarks by – <b>BMMSwift - Betty Muhau</b>	
9:10 am - 9:20 am:	Welcome Remarks by - <b>MDA Commissioner - Thom Petersen</b>	
9:20 am - 9:30 am:	Remarks by - <b>Emerging Farmers Minnesota-TBA</b>	
9:30 am - 9:40 am:	Remarks by - <b>Zambia Farmers Union President- Mr. Jervis Zimba</b>	
9:40 am - 9:50 am:	Remarks by <b>Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture - Ms. Yvonne Mpundu</b>	
9:50 am - 10:00 am:	Remarks by <b>Keynote Speaker- Jeff Dykstra</b>	
10:00 am - 10:10 am:	Speech - <b>Zambian - Zambia Ambassador to the US - Zambia-Ambassador Chibamba Kanyama.</b>	
<b>Moderated discussion</b>		
10:10 am - 10:50 am:	Government -to - Government Bilateral Agriculture Engagement	<b>Topic: Building Strategic Partnerships Between State of Minnesota and Zambian Government Ministry of Agriculture for Economic Growth, Leveraging Opportunities and Innovation in Agriculture.</b>
		<b>Moderator: TBA</b>
		<b>Speakers:</b> a) Permanent Secretary Ministry Agriculture (Zambia) b) Minnesota Department of Agriculture c) International Trade - Food and Agriculture d) Technical Director Ministry of Agriculture (Zambia) e) Zambian Ambassador to the United State
10:50 am -11:00 am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
11:00 am - 11:15 am	<b>Agriculture (Opportunities - Zambia) presentation</b>	
11:15 am - 11:30am	<b>Agriculture (Opportunities - Minnesota) presentation</b>	
11:20 pm -12:20 pm	<b>Break out session / High-Level -Business -to- Business Meeting</b>	
12:20 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

TIME	ACTIVITY
<b>Second Panel Discussion</b>	
1:00 pm - 1:40 pm:	Moderated panel discussion:
	<b>Topic:</b> Cultivating Agricultural Growth: Strategies for Sustainable Global Trade, Innovation, and Resilience
	"Adapting Agricultural Practices: A Comparative Analysis of Market Access, Skill Development, and Policy Incentives in Minnesota and Zambia"
	<b>Moderator - Vitalis Tita</b> <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Director policy (Zambia)</li> <li>ii. Director Seed /soil (Zambia)</li> <li>iii. Partners in Food Solutions</li> <li>iv. COMACO</li> <li>v. Land O' Lakes</li> <li>vi. Fertilizer company, and Agri equipment</li> <li>vii. Assistant Commissioner MDA</li> <li>viii. Climate Smart Agriculture Expert</li> <li>ix. Java Foods Zambia</li> </ul>
1:40 pm -1:50 pm	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
1: 50 PM - 2:00 pm	<b>Successful Story telling. Monica Musonda CEO -Java Foods</b>
<b>Third Panel</b>	
2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Moderated panel discussion
	<b>Topic:</b> <i>Enhancing Agricultural Sustainability and Food Security: Addressing Supply Chain Efficiency, Financial Challenges, Collaboration, and Sustainable Development Initiatives</i>
	<b>Panel Moderator: Alexandra Spielloch</b> <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Global Minnesota</li> <li>b) Cargill</li> <li>c) General Mills</li> <li>d) Minnesota University school of Agriculture</li> <li>e) Lema Technology</li> <li>f) Africa Development Center (ADC)</li> <li>g) SBA</li> <li>h) Woman in Agribusiness</li> <li>i) Emerging Farmers</li> <li>j) President (ZNFU)</li> <li>k) International Trade Food and Agriculture (MDA)</li> </ul>

2:50 pm - 3:00 pm	Q & A
3:00 pm - 3:15pm	Building Actionable Strategies for the Future of Agriculture (Follow-ups) - <b><i>Ambassador, Chibamba Kanyama (to close the discussion sessions)</i></b>
3:15 pm - 3:30pm	Closing remarks for the day: BMMSwift Board Chairman - Nasibu Sareva
4:00 PM:	<b>END OF FORUM</b>

### Sponsored Private Dinner - 6pm to 8pm

TIME	ACTIVITY
<b>DAY 3 Wednesday 1st MAY Farm Visits (by invitation only)</b>	
8: 00 am	Departure from the Hotel to Farm 1
8:00am - 10:30	Farm 1 visit
10:30 - 12:00pm	Farm 2
12:00pm - 1:00 pm	Minnesota University
1:00pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch / last visit
<b>6pm to 8:30pm</b>	<b>Hosted Private Dinner</b>
<b>DAY 4 -2nd May Thursday - Company Visit (by invitation only)</b>	
8:00 am	Departure from Hotels
8:00am to 10:00am	Company 1
10:30pm - 11:30pm	Company 2
<b>12:30pm to 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
2:00pm - 4:00 pm	Meeting with the Governor (invite only)
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>End of Visit</b>

### DINNER RECEPTION - 6PM to 9:00PM

TIME	ACTIVITY
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm:	Arrival of guests at the venue and networking cocktail
6:30 pm - 6:40 pm:	Opening remarks - BMMSWIFT
6:40 pm - 6:50 pm:	Speech - Mayor
6:50 pm - 7:10pm:	Remarks -Ambassador
7:10pm -7:20pm:	Remarks -Commissioner
7:20 pm - 7:30pm:	Remarks - Guest of Honor -TBA

7:30 pm - 7:40pm:	Keynote Speaker - TBA
7:40 pm - 7:50 pm:	Dinner served and entertainment
7:50 pm - 8:00pm	Famers presentations and sponsors
8:00pm - 8:15 pm	Successful Story- Java Foods /COMACO
8:15pm - 8:25 pm	Closing remarks - Africa Development Center
8:25 pm - 8:30 pm	Vote of Thanks - BMMSWIFT/MDA
<b>DAY 5 Thursday: Meeting with Zambians in Minnesota and Tourism Visit</b>	
	<b>Private Lunch and Dinner</b>
	<b>Day 6: Departure</b>