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2020**

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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 1 of 2020

Date of Assent: 23rd October, 2020

An Act to provide for an integrated national planning and budgeting process; strengthened accountability, oversight and participation mechanisms in the national planning and budgeting process; principles and modalities for formulation, approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of long and medium term national, provincial and district development plans and budgets; coordination of national development plans with the National Planning Framework; a participatory and decentralised national planning and budgeting process which promotes the participation of state and non state actors in the planning and budgeting process; evidence based decision making in national planning and budgeting; enhanced budget credibility; and matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

[26th October, 2020

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

PART I PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the National Planning and Budgeting Act, 2020, and shall come into operation on the date appointed by the Minister by statutory instrument.

Short title
and
commencement

(2) The Minister in consultation with the Minister responsible for finance, may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of different provisions or Parts of this Act.

Interpretation	2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
Act No. 1 of 2018	“Appropriation Act ” means an Act of Parliament authorising the Republic to incur expenditure of public monies for a specified purpose;
	“ budget ” means the estimates of revenue and expenditure for a financial year and “budgeting” shall be construed accordingly;
	“ chiefs’ representative ” means a person other than a chief who is appointed under section 7 or 10;
Cap. 1	“ civil society ” has the meaning assigned to the word in the Constitution;
	“controlling officer” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Public Finance Management Act;
Act No. 1 of 2018	“ Cluster Advisory Group ” means a cross sectoral advisory group constituted in accordance with section 13;
	“ District Development Coordinating Committee ” means a committee constituted in under section 10;
	“ financial year ” means a period of twelve months ending on 31st December of each year;
Act No. 1 of 2018	“ head of expenditure ” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Public Finance Management Act;
	“ implementation plan ” means a detailed list of activities, responsibilities, costs, assumptions, risks and timelines that are required to achieve the objectives of a plan;
	“ integrated ” in relation to national planning and budgeting means effective linkages created between development plans and budgets relating to development outcomes;
	“ Investment Plan ” means a plan that consists of investment policies and priorities, suitable for achieving development objectives taking into account time frames, financial situations and possible risks for a period exceeding five years;
Cap. 1	“ local authority ” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Constitution;