



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY,
MR. MICHAEL CHILUFYA SATA,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, ON THE
OCCASSION OF THE SOUTH-SOUTH AWARDS, HELD
ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2012 IN NEW YORK**

- YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, HONOURABLE BALDWIN SPENCER;

- YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SOUTH SOUTH CORPORATION AMBASSADOR FRANCIS LORENZO;
- YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD TOURISM ORGANISATION DR TALEB RIFAI;
- YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION;
- HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS HERE PRESENT;
- INVITED GUESTS;
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

I WANT TO GRACIOUSLY THANK SOUTH – SOUTH CORPORATION, THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION, AND THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD.

THE SOUTH – SOUTH GLOBAL GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP
AWARD EPITOMIZES ZAMBIA’S RESOLVE FOR:

1. DEMOCRATIC TENETS IN AFRICA THROUGH THE
HOLDING OF FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS OVER THE
YEARS AND YEARS TO COME,
2. ENHANCED GOOD GOVERNANCE PRACTICES AND
3. GENDER EQUALITY.

I ACCEPT THIS AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIAN
PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXHIBITED RESILIENCE AND
VIGILANCE TO ENSURE ZAMBIA CONTINUES TO
PRACTICE FREE AND FAIR NORMS OR ELECTORAL
GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA, I TAKE THIS AWARD AND
PLEDGE TO CONTINUE WITH THE RENEWED AND
RE-INVIGORATED ENERGY IN CONSOLIDATING THE

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES WHICH FACILITATE
EQUITY OF DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES AND
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL
ZAMBIANS AND FOR POSTERITY.

WHILE I STILL HAVE THE PLATFORM, LET ME TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU TO ZAMBIA AS WE HOST
THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANISATION GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, IN AUGUST 2013.

I ASSURE YOU OF ZAMBIA'S EXCELLENCE OF TOURISM
ENDOWMENTS IN THEIR NATURAL AND UNDISTURBED
HABITATION, INCLUDING BUNGEE JUMPING OVER THE
VICTORIA FALLS, ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE
WORLD.

SEE YOU IN ZAMBIA

I THANK YOU.