



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE OCCASSION OF THE JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ONE STOP BORDER POST AT KATIMA MULILO BORDER POST, HELD FROM 4 - 5 JUNE 2025 IN LIVINGSTONE, REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

1. At the invitation of Mrs. Lillian S. Bwalya, Permanent Secretary of Trade and Commerce at the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry of the Republic of Zambia, the Commissioner of the Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA), Commissioner Sam SHIVUTE, led a delegation from the Republic of Namibia to participate in the Joint Steering Committee, preceded by the Joint Technical Committee, held from 3 to 5 June 2025 in Livingstone, in the Republic of Zambia.
2. The delegation of the Republic of Zambia was led by Mrs. Lillian S. Bwalya and supported by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security, Mr. Dickson Matembo. Both delegations comprised senior officials from the respective revenue authorities, government line ministries, state-owned enterprises, national police services, and other key border stakeholders.
3. Commissioner SHIVUTE expressed appreciation to the government and people of the Republic of Zambia for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements accorded to the Namibian delegation.
4. Commissioner Sam SHIVUTE also acknowledged the longstanding nature of the bilateral discussions on the One Stop Border Post (OSBP) and committed Namibia's efforts to ensure the finalization of the project within the next eighteen (18) months.
5. Commissioner SHIVUTE further praised Zambia's successful implementation of the Kazungula Bridge OSBP as a model from which Namibia could draw valuable lessons.
6. Mrs. BWALYA commended the Namibian delegation for her continued commitment to the successful implementation and realisation of the Katima Mulilo One Stop Border Post.



7. The meeting welcomed the reaffirmation made by H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia, and H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, committing to the establishment of the Katima Mulilo OSBP, during a Working Visit that was held from 15 to 16 May 2025 in Lusaka.
8. Mrs. BWALYA emphasised the urgent conclusion of the Implementation Plan, which outlines the critical activities to be undertaken, and further urged the Joint Technical Committee to sustain momentum and deliver measurable results.
9. The Joint Steering Committee adopted the draft Implementation Plan and resolved to finalise the Plan within a period of one (1) month.
10. The Joint Steering Committee, in addition, also approved the Governance Structure, including the Terms of Reference for various sub-committees that will be established to support the implementation of the OSBP.
11. The two co-chairpersons called upon all relevant institutions and senior officials to ensure consistent and effective representation at all future meetings, whether held in the Republic of Namibia or the Republic of Zambia and agreed that future meetings alternate between the two countries in accordance with mutual convenience and consensus. The meeting emphasised commitment and effective delivery of the project within the agreed time frame.
12. Commissioner SHIVUTE extended an invitation to Mrs. BWALYA for the next session of the Joint Steering Committee, to be preceded by the Joint Technical Committee, to take place in September 2025.

DONE AT LIVINGSTONE, REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, ON 5 OF JUNE 2025.