



Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja

Press Release

No: MFA/PR/2026/208

NIGERIA CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT HAKAINDE HICHILEMA ON HIS RE-ELECTION

The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria warmly congratulates the Government and People of Zambia on the re-election of His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema as President of the Republic of Zambia for a second term following the presidential election held on 13 August 2026. The Electoral Commission of Zambia declared President Hichilema the winner after he secured approximately 60 percent of the votes cast during the election.

Nigeria commends the Zambian people for their participation in the electoral process and reaffirms its confidence in Zambia's democratic institutions and longstanding tradition of constitutional governance. Nigeria notes the competitive nature of the electoral process and encourages all stakeholders to sustain dialogue, tolerance and national unity in the post-election period.

Nigeria attaches great importance to its longstanding relations with Zambia, which are anchored on shared historical experiences, African solidarity, mutual respect and common interests. As members of the African Union, both countries share a commitment to the promotion of peace, security, democratic governance, regional integration and sustainable development on the continent.

The Federal Government of Nigeria looks forward to working closely with President Hichilema and his administration to further deepen and strengthening Nigeria-Zambia bilateral relations and expand cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including trade and investment, agriculture, energy, mining, infrastructure, education and people-to-people exchanges.

Nigeria recognises Zambia's important contributions to regional peace and stability and remains committed to working with Zambia and other African partners towards addressing the continent's peace and security challenges through African-led initiatives, dialogue and cooperation.

As President Hichilema commences his second term, Nigeria wishes him wisdom, strength and success in the discharge of his responsibilities. Nigeria expresses confidence that his renewed mandate will further contribute to Zambia's peace, stability, economic development and prosperity.

The Federal Republic of Nigeria once again congratulates President Hakainde Hichilema and wishes the Government and people of the Republic of Zambia continued peace, unity, stability and sustainable development.

Signed:

**Kimiebi Imomotimi Ebienfa, anipr
Spokesperson,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja
Wednesday 19th August 2026**