ZAMBIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS
(ZABS) PRESENTATION ON NATIONAL MIRROR COMMITTEES

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INTRODUCTION

- ZABS is the national standards body established by an Act of Parliament
- Comprises of 4 technical depts. and 2 support depts.
- ZABS is a Correspondent member of ISO.
- However, under New Members Rights, ZABS is participating in three ISO committees as a P member
- These are ISO/TC 34 (food products), ISO/TC 242 (energy management) and ISO/TC 82 (mining)
BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE NMC

- Getting appreciation of international standards development through participation in International Meetings
- Establishing linkages with other experts
- Ensuring that the views of Zambia (developing countries) are taken on board by commenting and voting on a number of issues
CHALLENGES FACED BY NMC

- Low stakeholder participation
- Erratic internet connectivity
- National experts sometimes change jobs hence continuity is affected
- Lack of resources to participate in all international meetings;
- Some members are not able to access documents from the ISO portal

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FUTURE GOALS.

- Becoming a p member
- Have more NMC for various ISO/TC’s
- Continue actively participating in ISO/TC deliberation
- Explore ways on establishing a twinning arrangement with developed countries
Thank you.
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