



Bank of Zambia

PRESS STATEMENT

WARNING AGAINST MONEY CIRCULATION SCHEMES

The Bank of Zambia has observed, with concern, the continued participation of members of the public in fraudulent financial schemes. The schemes typically promote investment options that promise abnormally high returns. Countless citizens continue to lose their hard-earned money to such schemes.

The Bank reiterates that any person who conducts or participates in a money circulation scheme or issues a notice, circular, prospectus, proposal or other document inviting the public to subscribe to a money circulation scheme commits an offence. Promoting such schemes contravenes, among others, *Section 157* of the Banking and Financial Services Act which states that, “*a person who conducts or participates in a money circulation scheme commits an offence and shall be liable to prosecution.*”

Members of the public are, therefore, encouraged to be on the look-out and report any suspicious financial institutions to law enforcement agencies. They are particularly encouraged to only deal with licensed financial service providers when making investments. This is the first step in safeguarding one’s money.

Unlicensed institutions perpetrating fraudulent financial services and products and members of the public participating in such schemes are warned that they do so at the risk of prosecution.

The following are the institutions licensed by the Bank of Zambia:

[Commercial Banks](#)

[Non-Bank Financial Institutions](#)

[Payment System Institutions](#)

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