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### NGOCC CONGRATULATES MS. MAIMBO ZIELA AND MS. YVONNE CHIBIYA

The Non-governmental Gender Organisations' Coordinating Council (NGOCC) congratulates Oxfam's Program Development and Quality Lead Ms. Yvonne Chibiya and Lusitu Chambers Lawyer Ms. Maimbo Siamuzyulu Ziela on their appointment to serve as Vice Chairperson and Board Member, of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) respectively.

Ms. Chibiya is a seasoned governance and human rights champion with competencies in research, advocacy, multi country programme implementation and change management. She has extensive experience working in Southern Africa with various actors including government, private sector, policymakers and civil society.

Ms. Ziela, is a proficient legal practitioner, human rights advocate and transformational leader who has been an advocate for professional integrity and accountability. Ms Ziela has served in various legal and administrative capacities in government bodies, local and international Non-Governmental Organisations. Ms Ziela has a wealth of expertise in gender and criminal prosecution, policy analysis and development, strategic advocacy for law reforms, as well as action-oriented research, among others.

NGOCC is alive to the challenges, especially the effectiveness of the ACC in the fight against corruption which has become endemic in our society. It is our hope therefore that the two will contribute to the Commission reasserting itself to enhance the fight against corruption. Corruption, without doubt, takes away valuable resources from the public purse to private pockets of a few people advancing their own self interests.

We are confident that with the necessary political support, Ms. Chibiya and Ms. Ziela will add value to the work of the Commission given their track record in their previous assignments. A hearty congratulations to Ms. Chibiya and Ms. Ziela for this deserved achievement!

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