



WORKING TOGETHER

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NOW SHOWING



MAY 10: *Mo' Better Blues*



MAY 24: *The Cotton Club*

FREE
American Center
5:30 PM

American Embassy Lusaka
Public Affairs Section
American Center
COMESA Building
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Lusaka, Zambia
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TAKING STEPS TO MEET MILLENNIUM CHALLENGES



Above: Zambian dancers at the launch of the ZRA VAT registration program.

USAID/Zambia and the Millennium Challenge Threshold Program hosted a high-level delegation from the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) in late March. MCC Deputy CEO Rodney Bent and Maureen Harrington, MCC Vice President for Policy and International Relations had praise for Zambia's efforts thus far. *Full story on Page 3.*

A Message from Ambassador Carmen Martinez



Our business this past month, it seems, was business!

The other day I had the pleasure of attending the graduation of some 200 young Zambian entrepreneurs from a program called YouthIT. The program, which was led by the Rotary Club of Lusaka, and which received funding from the U.S. Department of State, promotes youth employment, youth-led business creation, entrepreneurship and leadership skills. I can say from my experiences that Zambia's business future is in good hands.

I also visited Terranova Coffee Farm in Mazabuka, along with my friends at the USAID Economic Growth team. Terranova is the only Zambian coffee grower currently selling to American coffeehouse giant Starbucks. I'm proud of our programs to help African coffee producers.

Add that to the great Millennium Challenge visit and you've got a great month for business.

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GETTING TO KNOW...

Musonda Kaluba



Musonda Kaluba is the Director for the Peace Corps' Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Education (WASHE) project.

Ms Kaluba oversees 40 Volunteers, in 20 districts throughout 6 provinces of Zambia. WASHE focuses on capacity building of Neighborhood

Health Committees to enable them to better implement appropriate and sustainable health interventions, concentrating on tuberculosis; HIV/AIDS and STIs; malaria; child health and nutrition; maternal and reproductive health; and environmental health.

Prior to joining the Peace Corps Ms. Kaluba worked with rural water supply and sanitation at the national level, developing training materials for district and community level WASHE committees. She played a key role in promoting the WASHE concept nationwide. Ms Kaluba brought to Peace Corps Zambia effective policy implementation experience that is already paying dividends..

"The best part of my job," she says, "is seeing the pride with which the community members report of their successful interventions and narrate the process they went through. Empowering the community and witnessing them forge ahead with more project is the *creme de la creme* of my work."

CELEBRATING CONTEMPORARY ZAMBIAN ART

The U.S. Mission & The Visual Arts Council of Zambia announce a public exhibition at the American Center

May 9, 2007 5:30—7:30 PM

Featuring artwork depicting scenes from life in contemporary Zambia. The artists chose these pieces based on themes highlighting the work of USAID/Zambia, in areas such as health, education and economic growth.



Open to the public. Admission **FREE.**

Featuring the work of 15 contemporary Zambia artists, in a variety of mediums.

Artwork on display through the month of May.

GETTING TOGETHER



(Left): Fulbright scholar Dara Ruskin takes time out to teach art at Sinai Community School in Chazanga Compound. Dara is in Zambia to research education policy and create opportunities for community schools.



Left: New members of the Peace Corps pose with Health Minister Angela Cifire.



(Above): First Lady Mrs. Maureen Mwanawasa and Ambassador Martinez, along with some local footballers, at the launch of the Call 990 HIV Talkline campaign. (Left): The Ambassador shows her dribbling skills.

MCA Threshold Program Success Means Better Business Practices, Less Corruption

During their visit, MCC executives Rodney Bent and Maureen Harrington toured a number of program sites and attended the official launch of the Zambia Revenue Authority's new value-added tax (VAT) registration process and code of ethics.



Vice President Rupiah Banda and MCC Deputy CEO Rodney Bent.

The pair toured the Ministry of Agriculture Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Services (PQPS) at the Lusaka International Airport. PQPS is using the MCA Threshold Program to upgrade its infrastructure to better able officers to identify pests on shipments and to streamline communications. They also

visited the Chirundu border post to assess progress towards an integrated border process. Finally, the delegation were given a presentation by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), where they learned of ongoing efforts of Integrity Committees to root out corruption.

On March 27, the MCC officials were joined by Zambian Vice President Rupiah Banda, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Andrew Passen and several Zambian Ministers for the launch of the Zambian Revenue Authority's (ZRA) new VAT registration procedures and refurbished customer service center. The new center and procedures will reduce business registration from 21 to 3 days. The ZRA is also a beneficiary of MCA Threshold funds for these upgrades.

In his remarks at the ZRA event, Mr. Bent applauded Zambia for the Threshold program results that are already clearly visible. "Zambia is a valued partner," he said, "and we take this partnership with your government and people very seriously. We want you to succeed, and we hope this Threshold program will continue to support overall reform efforts in this country that can lead potentially to MCC eligibility for full compact funding.



MCC Deputy CEO Rodney bent speaks with an official at the Chirundu station, at the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The visit was viewed as a big success. The MCC officials got a good sense of Zambia's progress and the Zambian Government was able to showcase its commitment to reforms.

WHAT'S AHEAD

MAY 26, 2007: MEMORIAL DAY-

Traditionally held in the U.S. on the last Monday in May, this holiday commemorates American men and women who have died in military service for their country. It was first celebrated in 1865 by freed slaves in South Carolina, and became official in 1866. For many it is also the unofficial start to summer in the U.S.

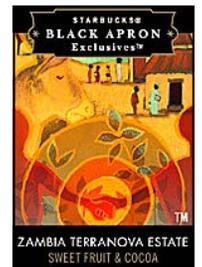


SPOTLIGHT:

Terranova Coffee

Terranova Coffee Estates in Mazabuka are making international headlines after striking an export deal with the American coffeehouse giant, Starbucks, owner of the world's most popular coffee shops. Terranova Coffee has become the newest addition to Starbucks's exclusive line of "Black Apron" coffees.

During an April 17 visit to the farm with the USAID Economic Growth team, U.S. Ambassador Carmen Martinez congratulated Terranova owner, Colin Street, and underscored the role of the U.S. government in encouraging the development of business and export opportunities in Zambia. USAID/Zambia has worked closely with the Zambia Coffee Growers Association and the Zambia Coffee Board to facilitate the country's membership in the Eastern African Fine Coffees Association resulting in increased exposure to lucrative international markets, improved production and processing that lead to higher quality and higher prices for Zambian coffee.



Terranova, entered the coffee market in 2000. In 2005, it sold 36 tons of coffee to Starbucks, and last year tripled to 108 tons. Terranova employs 182 permanent staff (and over 2,500 during peak season from March to October), supports a local school and clinic, and contributes to wildlife management in the Lower Zambezi National Park and to Chikankata Hospital. Woodward Academy, a private school in Atlanta, Georgia, has contributed over \$25,000 to help build and furnish the Terranova School with 340 students from the surrounding area.

Terranova is the first coffee producer in Africa to earn the Starbucks' C.A.F.E. (Coffee and Farmer Equity) Practices certification as a result of it's social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

U.S. Mission, Regional Security Teams Donate Law Enforcement Materials



Liliyai Police Training College Deputy Commandant Ms. Brenda Muntemba with U.S. Secret Service Attaché Ann Roman. Also seen are Dr. Solomon Jere, the Director of Training at the Zambia Police Headquarters, U.S. Embassy Regional Security Officer Den Ness, and Assistant Regional Security Officer Jeffrey Monroe.

More than 80 aspiring Zambian crime fighters from the Zambian Police College received anti-counterfeiting training from United States Secret Service (USSS) agents on March 27-28. The training was conducted by USSS Investigative Specialist Des Chetty and Assistant Country Attaché Felton Worrell. Both agents work out of the USSS regional office in Pretoria, South Africa, which oversees 21 countries, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. The anti-counterfeiting training consisted of presentations and a hands-on lab, where students could examine both genuine and fake currency. The USSS will be donating ultraviolet lights, linen testers and a microscope to the Police College so the lessons of the training sessions can be recreated for future police trainees.



AIRC Corner: What's Happening at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library

Turn Back the Clock to 1975: Coretta Scott King Dedicates MLK Library



Coretta Scott King, right, during her 1975 visit to Lusaka, seen with then-U.S. Ambassador to Zambia Jean Wilcowski. Seen between the women is then-U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young. At right of Mrs. King is her son, Martin Luther King III.

On November 25, 1975, the U.S. Embassy in Lusaka christened its library the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in honor of the life and legacy of the slain Civil Rights leader. For that ceremony, Dr. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, three of their children and United Nations Ambassador and Civil Rights leader Andrew Young traveled to Zambia. During their trip they met Dr. Kenneth Kaunda and his wife Betty.

Since that day, the MLK Library has served thousands of Zambians, of all ages, to widen their knowledge of American history and culture, business, law, and society. Dozens of Zambians come each month for free educational advising, and still more come for the 11 free internet stations!

Price of membership after all these years: **FREE**.



MLK & KK in the 1960's