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Lusaka, 15 January 2023: The International Labour Organization (ILO) Assistant Director General and Regional Director for Africa, Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon arrives in Zambia today to attend the annual Retreat for ILO Directors in Africa which will be held in Lusaka from 18 to 20 January 2023.

Prior to the Retreat, which is being held under the theme: *'Delivering of the 2019 Abidjan Declaration for ILO constituents in Africa and implementation of the Global Coalition on Social Justice'*, Ms. Samuel-Olonjuwon will hold high-level meetings with the Government and Tripartite partners among them; the Zambia Federation of Employers (ZFE) and the Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU).

She is expected to meet Republican President, His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema at State House, Minister of Labour and Social Security Honourable Brenda Tambatamba, MP, as well as representatives from employers' and workers' organizations.

Ms. Samuel-Olonjuwon will also hold a press briefing as part of her continued engagement before undertaking a site visit to the Lusaka South Multi Facility Economic Zone (LSMFEZ) which is an ILO's Skills for Energy in Southern Africa (SESA) Project intervention area.

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About the ILO Country Office for Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique

The ILO's office in Zambia was established in 1968 following an agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Zambia and the International Labour Office. Originally, the Lusaka Office was responsible for eight countries in the Southern African region, namely: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The office also organised and supported ILO assistance to liberation movements of South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe. Following the end of the apartheid regime in South Africa and the opening of an ILO office in Pretoria in 1995, the country Office in Lusaka is now responsible for three countries: Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique.

Since 1968, the Lusaka Country Office has been providing technical assistance advancing social justice to constituents for the countries. The support is provided through direct support to constituents or via development cooperation projects and programmes that enhance the Decent Work Agenda.