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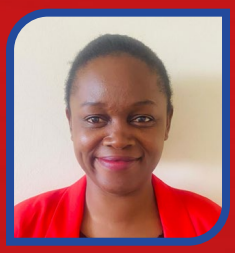
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"Advancing The Veterinary Profession Through Leadership, Innovation and Collaboration"

Dear Members, Partners and Stakeholders,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this edition of the Veterinary Association of Zambia (VAZ) Quarterly Magazine following the successful conclusion of the 82nd Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting held at Sandy's Creation Resort in Lusaka from 22-24 April 2026.



Dr. Eugene Chisela Bwalya
President, Veterinary Association of Zambia (VAZ)

The conference brought together veterinary professionals, veterinary para-professionals, academia, government representatives, industry leaders, development partners and students under a common purpose of advancing animal health, public health, food security and national development. The event provided an important platform for scientific exchange, professional networking and strategic reflection on the future of our profession.

As an Association, we continue to operate in an increasingly dynamic environment characterized by emerging diseases, evolving regulatory frameworks, climate change challenges, antimicrobial resistance concerns and growing demands for safe and sustainable food systems. These realities reinforce the critical role of veterinary professionals as guardians of animal health, public health and national economic growth.

Over the past year, the Association has recorded significant progress in several strategic areas. We successfully finalized the VAZ Strategic Plan, providing a clear roadmap for strengthening professional development, advocacy, governance, partnerships and institutional sustainability. We have also developed key corporate governance policies and

an Executive Committee Charter aimed at improving accountability, transparency and organizational effectiveness.

One of our major advocacy priorities remains the establishment of a robust legal framework for veterinary medicines regulation. VAZ continues to engage government and regulatory authorities to ensure that veterinary medicines receive adequate recognition within national legislation and that veterinary expertise is fully represented in regulatory decision-making processes.

The Association has further strengthened its engagement with Parliament, regulatory bodies and other stakeholders on matters affecting the veterinary profession. We remain committed to promoting professional standards, improving employment opportunities for veterinary professionals and supporting policies that contribute to national livestock development goals.

I am particularly encouraged by the steady growth in membership and the increasing recognition of the veterinary profession's contribution to One Health initiatives. The success of World Rabies Day activities, participation in national exhibitions and collaboration with local and international partners demonstrate the growing visibility and relevance of our profession.

However, challenges remain. Participation in Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes remains below expectations, and member engagement in some subcommittees requires improvement. I therefore call upon all members to actively participate in Association activities and embrace lifelong learning as a professional responsibility.

As we move forward, our focus will remain on strengthening institutional capacity, expanding professional opportunities, implementing our strategic plan and delivering value to members. Together, we can build a stronger, more influential and more resilient veterinary profession.

I wish to sincerely thank all conference participants, sponsors, partners, speakers and volunteers whose contributions made the Scientific Conference and AGM a success. Your commitment continues to drive the growth and transformation of our Association.

Let us continue working together as Veterinary Professionals – Guardians of Food and Health.

Dr. Eugene Chisela Bwalya
President Veterinary Association of Zambia



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 82ND VAZ SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND AGM

The Veterinary Association of Zambia successfully hosted its 82nd Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting in Lusaka, bringing together veterinary professionals and key stakeholders from across the country to deliberate on issues shaping the future of animal health and veterinary practice in Zambia.

Key Conference Highlights

1. Scientific presentations and discussions focused on contemporary challenges affecting animal health, food safety, animal welfare, One Health and veterinary service delivery.







2. The conference was officially opened by the Permanent Secretary, Dr Max M. Choombe, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, reaffirming Government's recognition of the important role played by veterinary professionals in national development.





3. Strategic partnerships with industry sponsors and development partners continued to strengthen opportunities for professional growth, research and innovation.







Major AGM Outcomes

1. Strengthening Governance
Members ratified the appointment of Dr. Eugene Chisela Bwalya as President of VAZ and endorsed ongoing governance reforms aimed at strengthening accountability, transparency and institutional performance.

2. Strategic Plan Completed
The Association announced the completion of the VAZ Strategic Plan 2026-2030, providing a framework for advancing advocacy, professional development, member services and organizational sustainability over the coming years.

3. Veterinary Medicines Advocacy
Members reaffirmed their commitment to advocating for stronger veterinary medicines regulation and the establishment of appropriate legal and institutional mechanisms to support veterinary pharmaceutical oversight.

4. Investment and Sustainability Initiatives
Significant progress was reported on the Association's investment portfolio, including plans for redevelopment of the VAZ property and continued work towards operationalizing the Chibombo Agro-vet Shop as part of efforts to diversify income streams and strengthen financial sustainability.

5. Professional Development
The AGM emphasized the need for increased participation in Continuous Professional Development programmes and encouraged members to take advantage of available learning opportunities offered through VAZ and partner organizations.

6. Animal Welfare and One Health

Members reaffirmed their commitment to promoting animal welfare, zoonotic disease control and One Health collaboration. Discussions highlighted the need for stronger implementation of animal welfare legislation and increased stakeholder engagement.

7. Recognition of Excellence

Outstanding professionals were recognized through the Zoetis Awards, celebrating excellence, commitment to learning and contribution to the veterinary profession.

Looking Ahead

The AGM resolved that the 83rd Annual General Meeting will be hosted in Livingstone, marking another important milestone in the Association's journey of growth and national engagement.

As VAZ continues implementing its Strategic Plan, members remain united in pursuing a shared vision of a vibrant, respected and impactful veterinary profession that contributes to improved animal health, public health and national prosperity.





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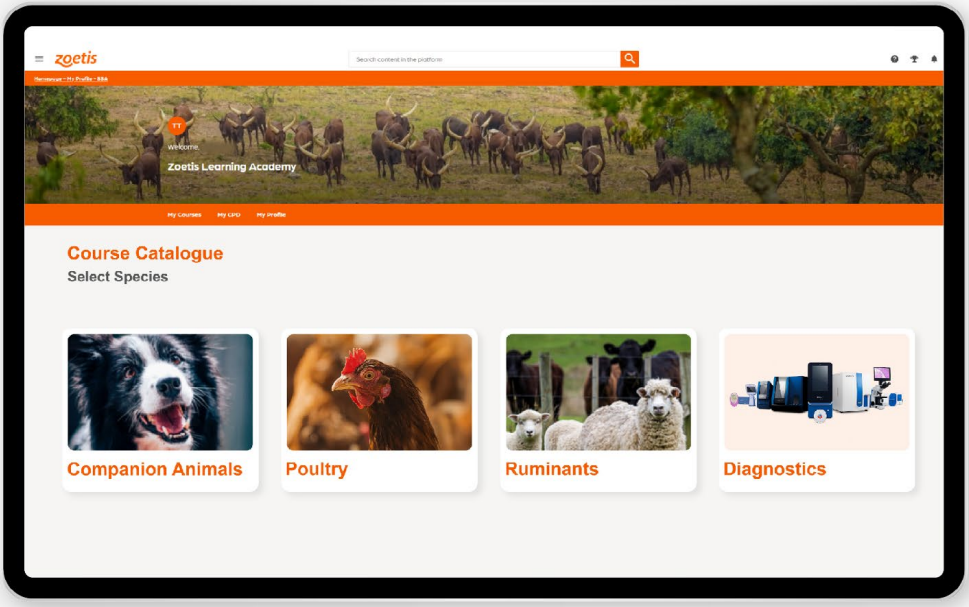
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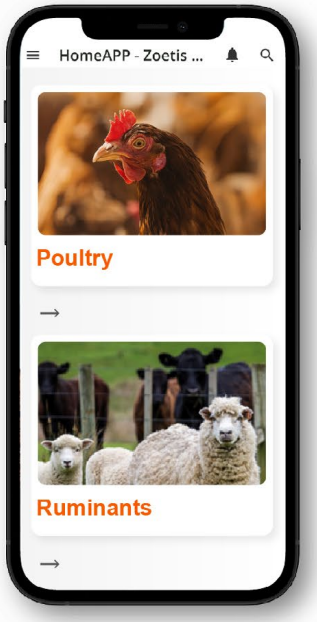
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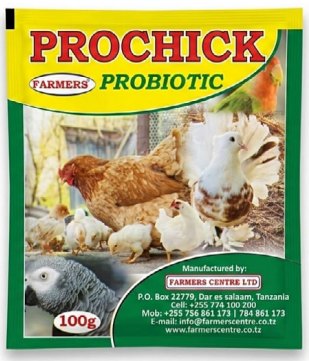
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