



# European Union Delegation to Zambia and COMESA

**DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION**  
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# Overview



The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Zambia and COMESA is responsible for managing official relations between the European Union (EU) and Zambia, and with the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA).



Led by Ambassador Gilles Hervio [since 2011](#), the Delegation employs around 50 people from a wide variety of backgrounds, disciplines and nationalities.

The EU Delegation's mandate covers a wide range of political and economic relations. One of its most important roles is to manage and promote development co-operation, which it does in accordance with the Cotonou Agreement, the aid effectiveness agenda, the internationally-agreed Millennium Development Goals, and the European Commission's new policy framework, the ['Agenda for Change'](#).

To fulfil this mandate, it draws on the expertise of thematic and country experts in Brussels-based European institutions (e.g. the European Commission and the European External Action Service).

Along with its Member States and other Cooperating Partners in Zambia, the EU works towards better coordination, harmonisation and alignment of its development work with Zambia's development priorities and targets.

For the period 2008-2013 (under the 10<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund) the EU committed €490m for the national programme for Zambia, focusing on general budget support, transport infrastructure, health, agriculture, and public financial management.

For the period 2014-2020 (under the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund) the EU will make €484m available to support Government priorities in Energy, Agriculture and Governance (see page 4 for more on this).

The Delegation also plays an important role through its regional mandate, where it leads the coordination of the EU's regional cooperation and integration activities in Eastern and Southern Africa (including Indian Ocean island states).

[Read more about our regional co-operation](#)



## Who are we?

The Delegation was opened in 1975 following Zambia's signing of the first [Lomé Convention](#). Since then, the EU has established a durable and dynamic partnership with Zambia as one of its oldest development partners.



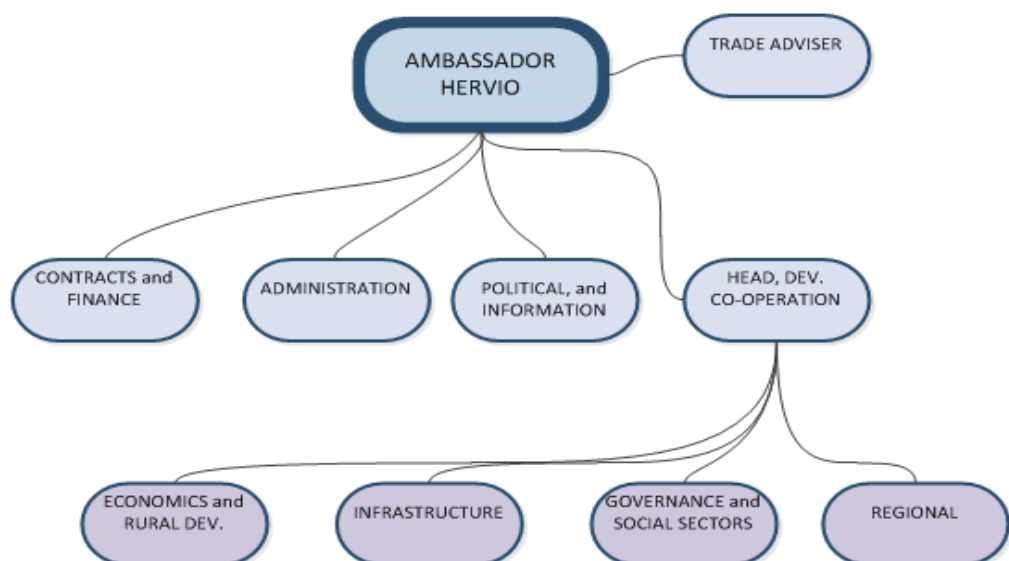
The Delegation plays an essential role in providing to Zambian counterparts with information on the policies and institutions of the EU. In doing so, the Delegation works closely with Member States' Embassies in Zambia and is fully involved in the coordination with the Cooperating Partners represented in Zambia and in political dialogue with the Government of Zambia and COMESA.

The EU Delegation is one of the largest donors in Zambia. Not including the contributions of EU Member States, the European Union contributed around \$75m in 2012 ([OECD data](#)), making it the third single biggest donor after the US and the UK.

### The staff of the EU Delegation

The structure of the Delegation reflects the EU's mandate, and its staff are drawn from all parts of Zambia and from many different EU Member States, including France, Belgium, Spain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Italy, Poland and the United Kingdom. For a more detailed staff list, see page 10.

The Delegation is structured into several thematic teams – see below.



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# Supporting Zambia's long-term development



The EU is at a key turning point in its history of development co-operation. The European Commission's new [Agenda for Change](#) policy framework means that, for the 2014-2020 period, EU assistance globally will focus on two priority areas:

- 1) Human rights, democracy and other key elements of good governance;
- 2) Inclusive and sustainable growth for human development.

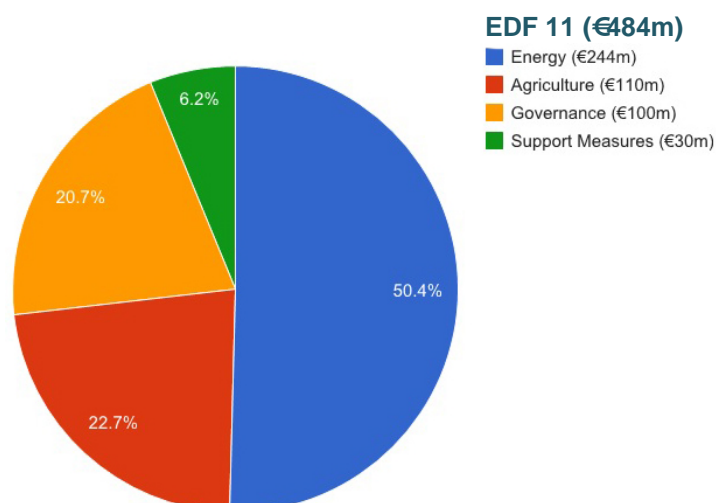
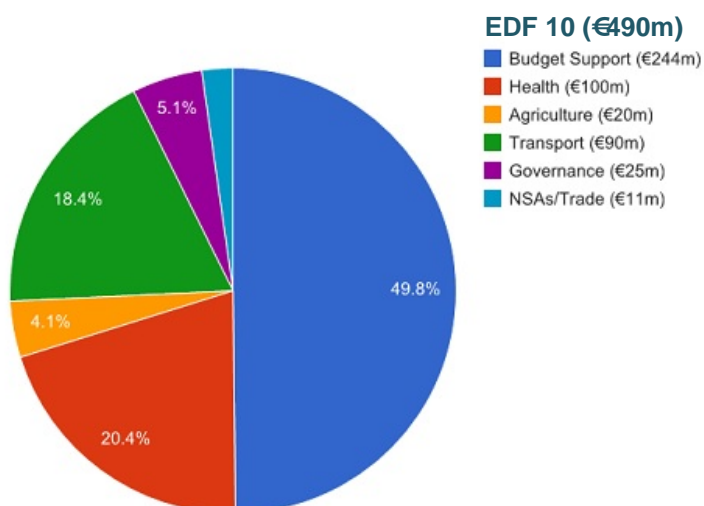
## What does this mean for Zambia?

During 2013, the EU undertook consultations with the Zambian Government, Member States and other donors, and civil society organisations in agreeing and outlining strategic EU priorities for development co-operation from 2014-2020. The aim was to ensure that future support was aligned with Zambia's long-term needs, and to maximise results, impact and value for money.

As a result, under the provisions of the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (2014-2020), EU support of Zambia's development priorities will focus on three sectors:

- **Energy:** helping to maintain growth and improve competitiveness through improved access to clean, reliable and affordable energy for all. One of the first projects to be financed will be the rehabilitation of the [Kariba Dam](#).
- **Agriculture:** continued support to poverty reduction, directly through agriculture, aiming to improve the income and nutrition of smallholder households, while promoting environmental sustainability.
- **Governance:** advancing democratic accountability and state effectiveness for all, centred on increasing equality of access to justice, continuing our [support to the electoral system](#) and better resource management and service delivery.

This new indicative programme for 2014-2020 was jointly signed by Commissioner Piebalgs and Zambia's Secretary to the Treasury Fredson Yamba on 10th October 2014. Below are two charts which outline the sectors supported under EDF 10 (2008-2013), and under EDF 11. For updates on new EU projects under EDF 11, please visit [our website](#)





## Current core projects #1

Over the next three pages are summaries of our large projects currently (as of October 2014) being implemented with 10<sup>th</sup> EDF funds.

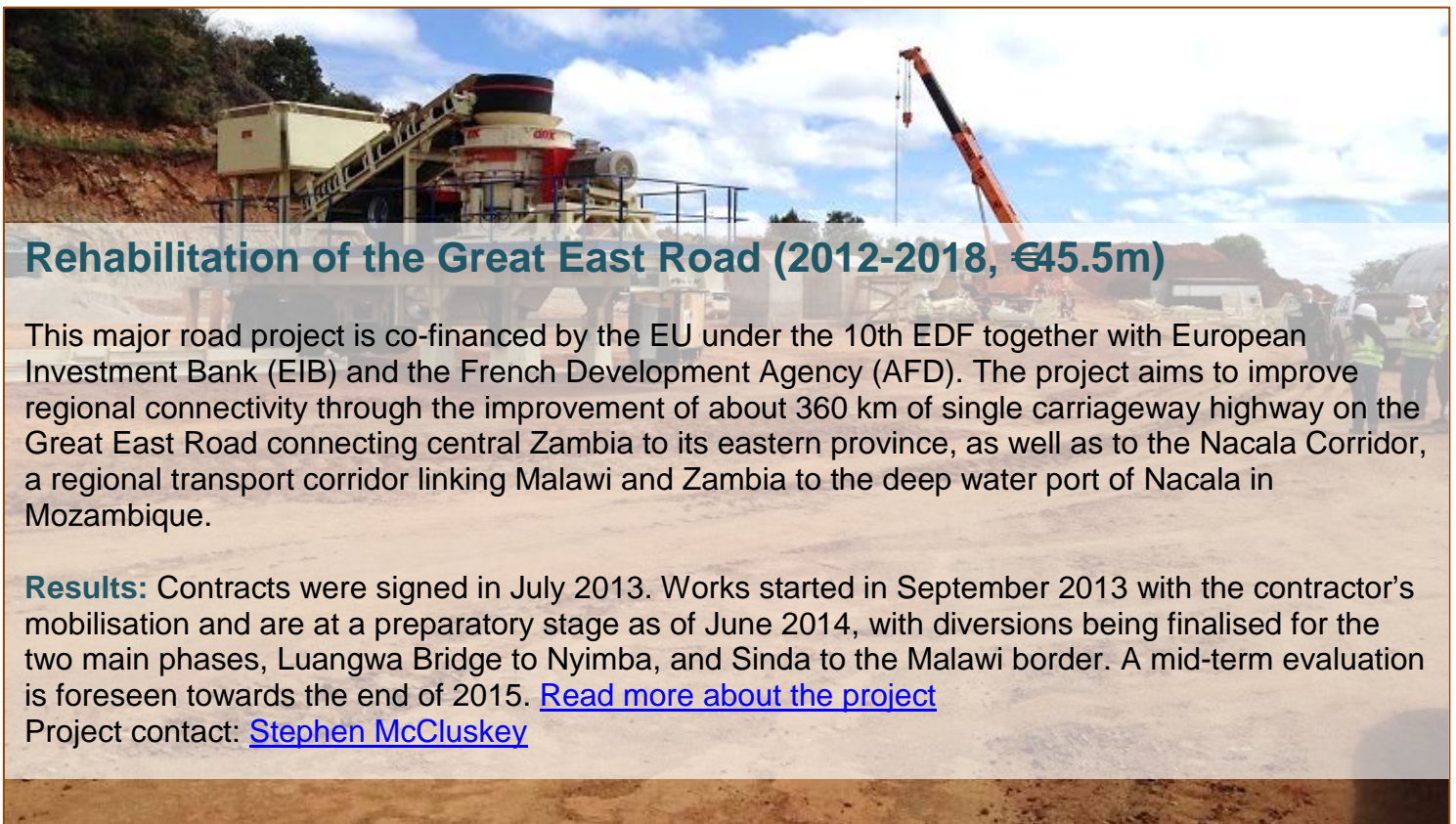
### Poverty Reduction Budget Support (2009-2017, €229m)

This was the biggest component of the EU's support to Zambia under the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF. Budget Support aimed to support the Government's focus on accelerating progress against the Millennium Development Goals and reforms in public finance management.

**Results:** A [major evaluation](#) of budget support in Zambia (covering 2005-2010) noted several successes, noting that budget support between 2005 and 2010 contributed to a number of improvements. For example, for urban and rural health facilities, there was an increase in the number of health workers from 12,000 in 2005 to 17,000 in 2010 and the availability of essential drugs improved from 71% to 82%.

More recently, however, the use of budget support as an aid modality in Zambia has stalled. This reflects a wider trend: in 2013, the total of General Budget Support disbursements by all donors in Zambia amounted to US\$60.6 million compared with US\$161.2 million disbursed in 2012.

Project contact: [Sophie Autie](#)



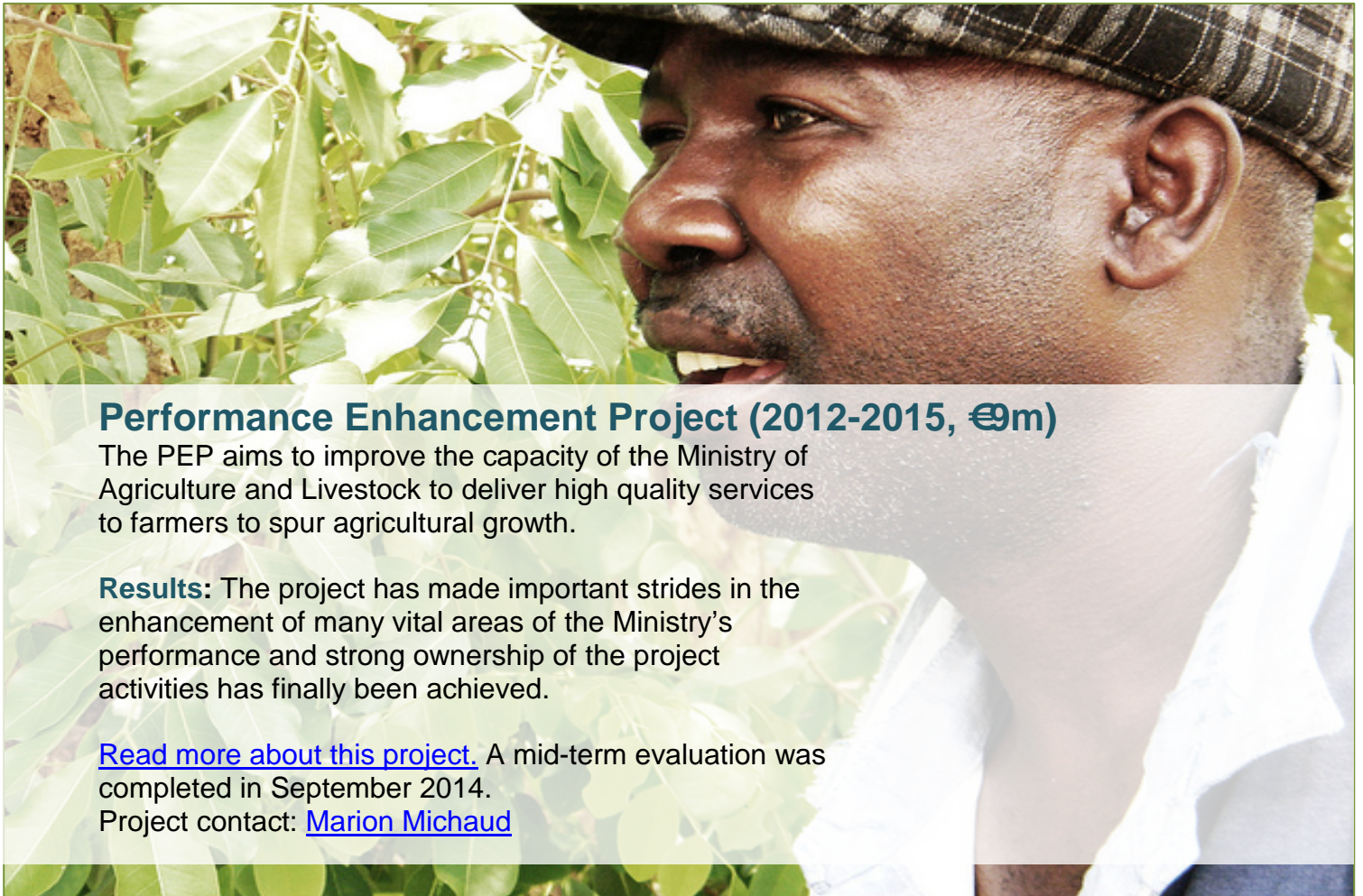
### Rehabilitation of the Great East Road (2012-2018, €45.5m)

This major road project is co-financed by the EU under the 10th EDF together with European Investment Bank (EIB) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The project aims to improve regional connectivity through the improvement of about 360 km of single carriageway highway on the Great East Road connecting central Zambia to its eastern province, as well as to the Nacala Corridor, a regional transport corridor linking Malawi and Zambia to the deep water port of Nacala in Mozambique.

**Results:** Contracts were signed in July 2013. Works started in September 2013 with the contractor's mobilisation and are at a preparatory stage as of June 2014, with diversions being finalised for the two main phases, Luangwa Bridge to Nyimba, and Sinda to the Malawi border. A mid-term evaluation is foreseen towards the end of 2015. [Read more about the project](#)

Project contact: [Stephen McCluskey](#)

## Current core projects #2



### **Performance Enhancement Project (2012-2015, €9m)**

The PEP aims to improve the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to deliver high quality services to farmers to spur agricultural growth.

**Results:** The project has made important strides in the enhancement of many vital areas of the Ministry's performance and strong ownership of the project activities has finally been achieved.

[Read more about this project.](#) A mid-term evaluation was completed in September 2014.

Project contact: [Marion Michaud](#)



### **Aviation Sector Support Programme (2011-2014, €3m)**

EU is the only Cooperating Partner engaged in the aviation sector.

This programme continues to help Zambia develop enhanced regulatory and operational know-how, and technology transfer with results in the specific areas of air safety, security and traffic management.

**Results:** On 10th January 2013, Zambia was [reported by ICAO](#) to have successfully resolved the Significant Safety Concern. This is a crucial step towards the removal of Zambia from the ICAO Safety Watch list – and paves the way for removal from the EU Ban List. A mid-term evaluation will be completed in October 2014. Project contact: [Stephen McCluskey](#)



## New projects started in 2014

Although the identification and design of EDF 11 projects begin this year, 2014 also sees the launch of the final projects funded under EDF 10. Below are summaries of new projects starting in 2014.

### **Accelerating Progress Towards Maternal, Neonatal and Child Morbidity and Mortality Reduction in Zambia (€48m, 2013-2017)**

This large project – also known as the Millennium Development Goal Initiative – is implemented through UN agencies (including UNICEF), and the health ministries of the Zambian government. It aims to accelerate much-needed progress on maternal and child health in the peri-urban areas of Lusaka and Copperbelt provinces, in a total of 11 districts. The project's inception phase is due to conclude in November 2014. [More on this project](#) | Project contact: [Esther Bouma](#)

### **Strengthening Health Systems (€18m, 2014-2018)**

This project will complement the above maternal and child health project. It has two components: one aims at assuring safety and quality of medicines through strengthening the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) and at improving the availability of drugs through support for logistic and procurement systems in collaboration with MSL. The other component supports the Ministry of Health in further developing its policies and Health Management Information Systems. Contracts are being signed, and implementation is expected to start October 2014. [More on this project](#) (PDF) | Project contact: [Esther Bouma](#)

### **Support Programme to the Economic Governance Processes in Zambia: Public Finance Management, Domestic Accountability and Statistics (2014-2017, €13m)**

This major package of support on economic governance focuses on increased revenue collection, strengthened parliamentary control of the budget, and the improvement of monitoring to enhance overall effectiveness of budget execution. The parliament component commenced in September 2014. [More on this program](#) | Project contact: [Sophie Autie](#)

### **Conservation Agriculture Up Scaling (2013-2017, €11m)**

This project, implemented through the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation, aims to reduce poverty and improve incomes in over 30 districts by improving skills in conservation agriculture for the extension workers and farmers; improving farmer input and output supply chains and promoting best international practice in environmental and gender issues. The project is finalising baseline data collection phase and is due to begin implementation in the second half of 2014. [More on this project](#) (FAO website). Project contact: [Marion Michaud](#)

### **Support for non-state actors (2014-2017, €5.5m)**

The 10th EDF set aside an allocation of €5.5 million for the capacity building of national civil society organisations. With administrative and technical support from the Zambian Governance Foundation, this project will provide grants to selected CSOs and will support them in implementation. The capacity building support targets CSOs working on 'Media' and 'Access to Justice', and started implementation in the third quarter of 2014, with a Call for Proposals launched in October 2014. [More on EU's work with civil society](#) | Project contact: [Lorraine Mupeta](#)

## Supporting Zambian civil society



In addition to funding large projects with EDF funds, the EU Delegation also manages a variety of smaller projects across a number of sectors and locations in Zambia. These tend to be funded either through the EU's global [Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights](#), or through the EU [Development Co-operation Instrument](#), and are implemented by a range of local council authorities and NGOs.

In total, there are 18 ongoing projects in the following sectors: health, education, human rights, water and sanitation and agriculture. Five additional projects supporting community schools will be signed later in 2014. Below, we profile three of our existing projects. [More on our work with civil society](#)



### Quality Education for Sound Development

Implemented by CELIM. (Jan 2013-Jan 2016, €670,000)

This project aims to improve provision of basic education Siavonga, Southern Province. In the first 18 months of implementation, this project is already reporting modest increases in Grade 7 pass rates (from 12% in January 2012 to 28% in January 2014) enrolment and an improvement in the rate of collection of school fees. Visit the [CELIM project website](#).



### Wealth creation through Irrigation in the North-Western Province

Implemented by IDE (December 2012-ends December 2015, €695,400).

This project is about improving the livelihoods of farmers in Solwezi without resorting to handouts. It aims to raise the incomes of 3,500 households by an average of \$350 per annum by introducing them to the income generating opportunities afforded by higher value crops and to take advantage of local economic opportunities.

[Read the IDE-EU case study.](#)



### Promotion of maternal health in underserved rural communities

Implemented by Marie Stopes International (Dec 2012-2015, €750,000)

This project aims to reduce the incidence of maternal mortality and morbidity from unintended pregnancy and post-partum hemorrhage in Muchinga Province. The target group is 26,000 women of reproductive age 15-49 – so far, the project is mentoring 27 health centres in the project, training doctors to perform tubal ligations, and has provided 16,139 couple-years protection (a proxy equivalent used in family planning projects – this figure is equivalent to 20 maternal deaths averted, 7,000 unintended pregnancies averted and 1,000 unsafe abortions averted.)

[Read more about Marie Stopes International's work in Zambia.](#)

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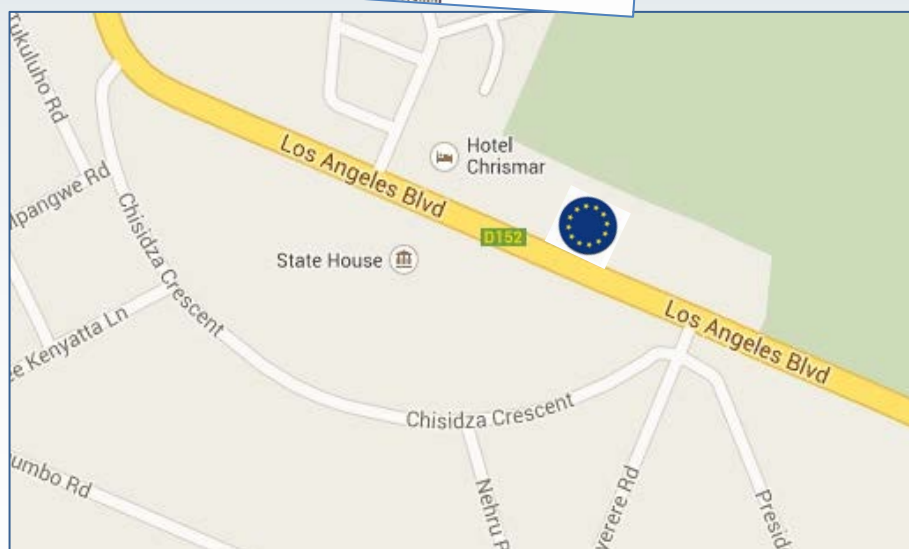
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