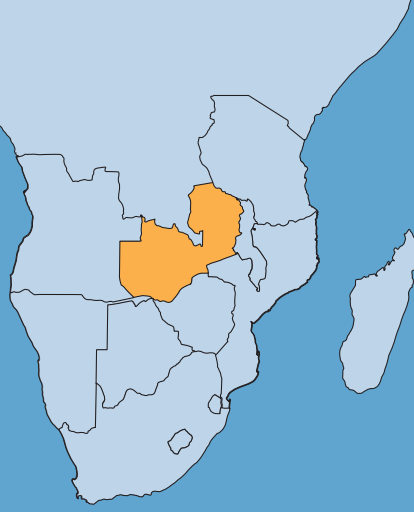


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ACCESS TO INFORMATION (ATI) IN ZAMBIA – OVERVIEW

The process of requesting information from public institutions was frustrating for the researcher. Only two public institutions were helpful and provided the requested information. Officials from the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare Services called the researcher to explain that the request was denied because the information could only be made available if it was to be used for academic purposes.



Efforts to pass an ATI law started over a decade ago but have not yet led to the adoption of a law despite continued promises by government.



At the 2017 Universal Periodic Review, the Justice Minister stated that the draft ATI law was ready for public scrutiny and would be tabled in Parliament.



The adoption of the current draft of the new Constitution would be vital as it expressly provides for the right of access to information.

Since 2009, the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) has evaluated the level of openness of government and public institutions in its annual Transparency Assessment. Carried out by MISA Chapters alongside local researchers, the study seeks to establish the ease or difficulty with which citizens can access public information.

The study assesses whether public institutions proactively make relevant information available via an online presence in the form of a website or social media accounts. It further evaluates to what degree information is made available to citizens upon request.

Every year, on 28 September, MISA joins the international community in commemorating the International Day for Universal Access to Information.

MISA marks the occasion through:



The regional launch of the MISA Transparency Assessment



Hosting national Golden Key and Golden Padlock Awards Ceremonies

ZAMBIA ASSESSMENT RESULTS - OVERVIEW

INSTITUTIONS ASSESSED

1. National Road Fund Agency (NRFA)
2. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL)
3. Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare (MCDSW)
4. Ministry of Gender (MoG)
5. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services (MIBS)
6. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (MLNR)
7. Zambia Public Procurement Authority (ZPPA)
8. Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA)

AWARDS RECIPIENTS

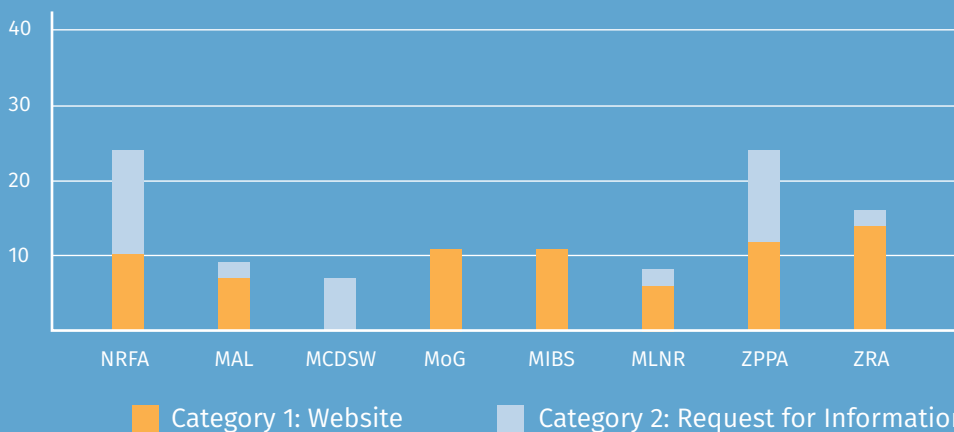


The recipient of the 2017 Golden Key Award, in acknowledgement of the institution's efforts to disclose information to the public, is the **National Road Fund Agency**.



The recipient of the 2017 Golden Padlock Award, as an institution not yet meeting recommended standards for the disclosure of public information, is the **Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare**.

ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONS



The maximum number of points allocated to categories 1 and 2 is 20 points each.

Category 1 (C1): Website Analysis

- 0 – 6 points: No or very limited website
- 7 – 13 points: Average website
- 14 – 20 points: Transparent website

Category 2 (C2): Requests for Information

- 0 – 6 points: Denied access or high level of secrecy
- 7 – 13 points: Average level of openness
- 14 – 20 points: Displayed openness