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### **ZNWL HOLDS THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR FEMALE COUNCILLORS**

The Zambia National Women's Lobby will this Thursday and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 hold the third National Conference for Female Councillors.

The conference brings together all the 83 female councillors in Zambia to build their capacities in readiness for the 2016 elections.

The conference whose theme is '***strategising for the retention of female councillors in the 2016 elections***' will focus on the development of a retention strategy action plan for female councillors between now and the 2016 election.

The conference is also aimed at building partnerships and synergies amongst female councilors from different political parties for enhanced cross-party collaboration ahead of the 2016 elections.

Zambia National Women's Lobby Executive Director Juliet Chibuta says Gender Minister Pof.Nkandu Luo is expected to officailly open the conference on Thursday.

Ms. Chibuta says this year's conference is important because it offers an opportunity to the female councillors and other stakeholders to truthfully reflect and analyse the possibility of the female councillors being re-elected in the 2016 elections.

She says the Councillors will also share experiences and lessons learnt from previous elections.

Ms. Chibuta says invitations have been sent and all the 83 female councillors are expected in Lusaka for the conference which will be held at the Golden Peacock Hotel.

"Invitations have been sent to all the 83 female councillors so we expect to have representation from different political parties during the conference, we have also

invited political party Secretary Generals because apart from being the Chief Executive Officers of the political parties, they are also key in the adoption process during elections” Ms. Chibuta said.

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