

# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: REVIEW OF THE EIZ ACT NO. 17 OF 2010

Dear Esteemed Members,

The Engineering Institution of Zambia (EIZ) is pleased to invite submissions from the general membership of the Institution towards the review of the EIZ Act No. 17 of 2010. This is a significant opportunity for members to contribute to the enhancement of the regulatory framework that governs the engineering profession in Zambia.

# Scope of Submissions:

Members are urged to submit their views with a clear focus on the following specific themes. These themes will ensure that the proposed amendments are aligned with the goals of making the EIZ more efficient, relevant, and responsive to both national and international standards.

# 1. Cost Effectiveness (Economic Viability)

Members are urged to propose amendments that make the EIZ more affordable and sustainable in the long term. This may include suggestions for optimizing resource allocation, reducing unnecessary expenditures, and enhancing revenue streams.

# 2. Benchmarking (International Best Practices)

Members are urged to propose amendments that align the EIZ with international standards, particularly those established by bodies such as the International Engineering Alliance (IEA), Southern African Federation of Engineering Organizations (SAFEO), Federation of African Engineering Organizations (FAEO), and World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO). Submissions should demonstrate how proposed changes align with these international frameworks to maintain global relevance and competitiveness.

# 3. Jurisdiction (Scope of Authority)

Submissions should focus on clarifying and refining the scope of the EIZ's jurisdiction. This may involve distinguishing between the roles and responsibilities of various engineering disciplines and ensuring that the Act is neither overly broad nor too restrictive.

# 4. Amendments (Correction of Errors and Omissions)

Members are urged to identify and rectify any errors or omissions in the current Act. This criterion is vital for improving the functionality and enforceability of the law.

# 5. Protectionism (Safeguarding Members' Interests)

Submissions should address the protection of members' interests, ensuring that the EIZ acts as a guardian of professional standards and rights. Proposals could include measures for protecting the welfare, reputation, and professional development of members.

### 6. Transparency (Openness and Accountability)

Members are urged to make proposals that enhance transparency and accountability within the EIZ. This could involve clearer reporting mechanisms, better communication channels, and more inclusive decision-making processes.

### 7. Innovation (Adaptability to Technological Advancements)

Proposals should consider the need for the EIZ to adapt to emerging technologies and innovations in the engineering field. This could involve updating the Act to include provisions for new engineering disciplines, technologies, or methodologies.

### 8. Inclusivity (Diversity and Representation)

Members are urged to make submissions that promote inclusivity within the EIZ, ensuring that the Act represents the diverse membership of the organization. This could involve addressing issues related to gender, ethnicity, and the representation of various engineering disciplines

#### 9. Compliance (Legal Consistency and Harmonization)

Members are urged to ensure that proposals aim to harmonize the EIZ Act with other relevant Zambian laws and regulations, avoiding conflicts or inconsistencies.

#### Submission Guidelines:

- 1. Format: Submissions should be structured in a clear and concise manner, preferably in the following format:
- Title of Submission: Clearly indicate the section of the Act being addressed.
- Issue Identified: Briefly describe the issue or gap in the current Act.
- Proposed Amendment: Suggest specific changes or additions.
- Rationale: Provide a reasoned explanation for the proposed amendment, including any supporting evidence or examples.

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# 2. Submission Process:

- All submissions should be sent electronically via email to <u>crc@eiz.org.zm</u> or via WhatsApp on 0966755599.
- The subject line of the email should read: "Submission for EIZ Act Review [Member's Name/Institution]."
- If the submission includes multiple sections, please ensure each section is clearly labelled and organized.
- 3. Deadline: All submissions must be received by 30th November 2024.

Your active participation and valuable insights are crucial in ensuring that the EIZ Act remains robust, relevant, and responsive to the needs of this dynamic industry.

We look forward to your contributions and thank you in advance for your commitment to the advancement of engineering in Zambia.

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Yours sincerely,

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