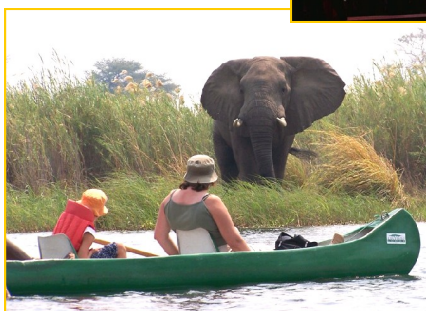


## Pre-Conference Tour 15—24 September 2012

- 15 September** Arrive Chisamba Protea Lodge, Lusaka
- 16 September** Visit to see mixed livestock & arable, game ranching and essential oils
- 17 September** Agro-complex and research
- 18 September** Visit to see dairying & tomato production, commercial broilers and a government livestock improvement project  
Travel to Lusaka
- 19 September** **Option 1**  
Visit to rose farm & crocodile farm  
Lunch & guided tour at mixed farm & game ranch  
**Option 2**  
Guided tour & lunch at mixed farm & game ranch  
Visit to Zambezi Ranching Corporation
- 20 September** Visit to small-scale dairy cooperative, integrated fisheries & pigs and beef & barley
- 21 September** Visit to agro-processors, sugar & coffee and dairy
- 22 September** Day at Anna Nawa's village: small-scale projects and African culture
- 23 September** Visit to training institution and animal cross-breeding centre  
Travel to Livingstone
- 24 September** Guided tour of Victoria Falls  
Boat cruise/game viewing

**N.B. For those wishing to sample Africa's wonderful wildlife, safaris are available before the tour or after Conference by separate negotiation.**



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## Welcome to Zambia 2012



The Agricultural and Commercial Society of Zambia is delighted to welcome the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC) to hold the 25th biennial conference in Zambia. We are proud that Zambia was chosen following a successful understanding and assistance mission' by the Next Generation of RASC that visited Zambia in 2007.

The conference theme of "Africa's Role in Sustainable World Food Production" is one which is very close to our hearts. As Zambia is currently enjoying surplus food production we are making a contribution to feeding the world's growing population by striving to maintain this goal. We are proud to show our country and give you a taste of the range and professionalism of our farmers, from small to large scale commercial farmers. World-class speakers will highlight opportunities for all of us, and I urge you to join us in September 2012.

The agricultural tour will take place prior to the conference, leaving you with adequate time to enjoy the other side of our country; its wildlife, adventure and culture. Zambia's unspoilt beauty, traditional way of life and opportunities are all unparalleled, within a warm, safe and friendly environment.

Please mark the dates in your diary so that we can welcome you in person.

**Dr Elizabeth C. L. Nkumbula**  
*President,*  
*Agricultural & Commercial Society of Zambia*

### Introducing our 25<sup>th</sup> biennial conference – draft programme

The overriding theme of the conference will examine the forecast demand for world food production, and the influence of population growth and climate change on our ability to feed ourselves. Africa's potential for food production will be a particular focus, as its natural resources in some parts provide an ideal platform for food production. The commercial challenges to be overcome if we are going to meet the demand, and the opportunities that science and technology have to offer will be examined.

Conference delegates are derived from Show Societies, all long-established knowledge transfer organisations who are actively engaged in promoting excellence in agriculture through competition. There will be sessions on Society and showground management and strategy, and a dedicated day for the Chief Executives and Next Generation groups to share experience. World class speakers will stimulate debate to ensure Societies are fit to fulfil their role for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

- Registration opens
- CEO and NG seminars
- Programme of tours of local facilities for delegates not involved in CEO and NG seminars
- Opening reception and dinner, keynote address by Guest of Honour

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Local agriculture day

- Zambian Agriculture and its contribution to the local and global economy
- Land tenure, current and future, and the implications for food production
- Deforestation – reasons for and influence on agriculture
- Environmental and technological challenges for African agriculture
- Finance for farming

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## Feeding People

## 24—27 September 2012

- Aquaculture
- Livestock development
- The role of small scale production, and the opportunities for commercialisation

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – World agriculture day

*A keynote speaker will set the scene.*

- The commercial challenges of meeting world food demand, including regional imbalances
- How science and technology can help to bridge the gap
- Cooperation and collaboration – some examples of success in supply chain economies of scale
- Climate change – opportunity or threat?
- The role of biodynamic, organic and conservation farming

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Show societies day, to include:-

- Understanding our role in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Show Society strategy within the umbrella of RASC
- Showgrounds and how to sweat the asset
- The next generation of leaders, how to engage with them and maintain interest

**Dr Jane Guise**  
Conference Secretary

Precise titles and speaker details will be published in the conference brochure to be published in December 2011, but expressions of interest in attending the conference are welcome now by emailing [rasc@commagshow.org](mailto:rasc@commagshow.org)

### Conference Hotel: Zambezi Sun Hotel

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