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Dear Friends of JCTR,

RE: CALL FOR ARTICLES TO THE FOURTH QUARTER BULLETIN

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) is a research, education and advocacy organization that promotes study and action on issues linking Christian faith and social justice in Zambia. Through a faith-based perspective, JCTR strives to critically understand current issues, which emphasize human dignity at individual, household and national levels and generate activities to promote social justice. With the vision to educate, inform, advocate and lobby, JCTR publishes the JCTR quarterly bulletin covering a wide range of topical issues.

The 2022 Zambia's national budget has raised unprecedented euphoria among the ordinary citizens, political leaders and the civil society organisations. A national budget is a guiding policy on the expenditures and income generation. More importantly, it is the integration of development planning and national budgeting. Arguably, the 2022 National Budget whose theme is "Growth, Jobs and Taking Development Closer to the People" is expected to benefit the most vulnerable sector of the Zambian society. However, for the budget to be able to benefit the poor and vulnerable communities it will require implementation par excellence coupled with measures to address perennial issues of financial mismanagement. The budget is not only about spending. To this effect, the government together with the private sector have a mammoth task to ensure consolidated revenue generation to finance the budget of K173 billion.

In the light of this background, JCTR is calling for articles analysing various aspects of the national budget and how it can play a cardinal role in ensuring economic development as well as promote decentralisation processes. **For the forthcoming JCTR Bulletin, JCTR is specifically calling for articles on the following:**

1. A critical reflection on the 2022 national budget
2. National planning and budget promoting decentralisation processes
3. Decentralisation for development
4. The relevance of effective and active community participation in governance processes.
5. Debt traps as a neo-colonialism agenda which needs African government's critical reflection
6. Taking development to the ordinary citizens.
7. Promoting decentralisation for better accountability and transparency
8. A radical call and need for the expansion of the current Zambia's Bill of Rights.

9. Extensive analysis of other key regional and international issues

The dateline for article submission for the fourth Quarter JCTR Bulletin is 15th November 2021. The articles should be in Times New Roman, Font 12 and NOT exceeding 1,500 words and must be sent to bulletin@jctr.org.zm and copy jctrbulletin@gmail.com

Thank you and we will greatly appreciate your positive response.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Muyebe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "M".

Fr. Alex Muyebe, S.J.

Executive Director/Bulletin Editor