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## **Editorial Commentary: Bridging Traditions and Innovations for Zambia's Future**

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This December 2024 issue of the Mulungushi University Multidisciplinary Journal explores the intersection of tradition and innovation in Zambia's pursuit of a sustainable future. Our contributors examine the complex relationships between governance, technology, environment, education, and culture.

Articles in this issue tackle pressing governance challenges, including the marginalization of youth in Lukashya's commercialized politics and the paradox of Zambia's decentralisation efforts. We also delve into global power dynamics, critiquing the United States' use of veto power in the UN Security Council.

The impact of technological advancements is also explored, from AI-driven attendance systems to the energy insecurity exacerbated by load shedding. Environmental sustainability takes center stage, with analyses of small-scale mining risks in Kabwe, land-use impacts on Chongwe's water systems, and innovative agro-solutions like biochar-enhanced soybeans.

In the realm of education, our contributors debate financial inclusivity, including perceptions of student loan repayment, and highlight systemic barriers. Cultural studies reimagine postcolonial identity through literature and colonial-era anthropological legacies.

As we look ahead to our June 2025 edition, we celebrate the contributors whose work bridges Zambia's rich traditions with transformative solutions. We congratulate our authors and thank our readers for their engagement.

By **Dr. Charity Meki Kombe**

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