

## CHEKE CHA MBUNDA – INTERIM NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON ELECTION REPORT

Dear Cheke Cha Mbunda Members,

I hereby reproduce events that led to the election results I am announcing below.

A notice was submitted to Cheke Cha Mbunda National Executive Committee (NEC) on 25th July 2017 as follows:

"Good evening friends.

I believe we are all equal to the task of handling the issues I am compelled to share with you. I am of the view that we would avoid blowing them out of proportion to the advantage of divisive elements. The issues are as follows:

- 1). I believe some of you are aware as I tried to notify you earlier of the two year NEC constitutional mandate that ended on 24th June 2017. That was the more reason why I tried to press for a AGM in July 2017. However, it is now water down the drain.
- 2). I have equally mentioned to some of you that my continued stay at the helm of the Association has had serious consequences with my Christian faith. As a result my concise regarding my services to my God has greatly been troubled.

Above being the case and for me to be in good standing to my God and in the congregation, I only had two options, to either not stand in the aforesaid elective AGM or resign.

- 3). Now that it appears we have all worked hard to explain the divisive issues raised by the other group with divergent views, I believe my leaving the Association now will not be construed to be cowardice or avoiding a problem.

Having prayerfully considered all above mentioned, allow me to give a two months' notice with immediate effect to leave the Association. I believe in the two months of my notice we would be able to recommend an interim successor who would possibly be elected as National Chairman at the eminent AGM, which could still be held within the same two months of my notice.

I will welcome any request for any more explanation on this position in case I have not been clear. I am committed to continue executing my duties during my two months' notice without let up.

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I Thank you all for your sentiments and I understand you all. I expected the sort of reaction concerning my faith but believe me this is not about being frustrated. If this was all about reaction to Association affairs, I would have stated them. My attitude towards defending the Association in my opinion could be next to 'last man standing'.

However, as a result of that attitude, I have stubbed myself with a lot of pain all over in my relationship with Jehovah. As a Jehovah's Witness some of you might not understand me fully, but I will explain it further during the suggested NEC meeting.

By copy of this, I suggest to the National Secretary to call for a full NEC meeting during the first weekend of August 2017. Unfortunately the coming weekend is not free for me since we have a three day Christian Convention from Friday to Sunday.

I reiterate that with the cooling down of the 'storm of challenges' that rocked the Association this is the fair time for me. As for seeing the Association in the right direction, (thanks for that Brother Kayongo), but I believe a direction has been set by way of a proposed Strategic Plan, Work Plan and Amendments to the Association Constitution. That's how far I can go as a human being but my scripturally trained concise cannot allow me to continue compromising my relationship with Jehovah further.

Wishing you a productive day.  
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[18/09 11:44] Ndandula Libingi: My two months' notice is drawing to a close. Now that the NEC meeting as proposed did not take place, I suggest one of the two members to be considered by NEC to step in my shoes due to their long experience in Cheke Cha Mbunda. These are ndokathzi Claire K. Limbwambwa and ndolome Pastor Kennedy N. Njamba.

May our Almighty God Jehovah help us.

[18/09 14:18] Ndandula Libingi: Below is a worthwhile suggestion from one of us. I totally agree with it as progressive and transparent:

"Va Chairman, I don't want to dwell on this bad news. But maybe we could vote by messaging. On an agreed date all NEC members could submit the name of their preferred candidate to you as returning officer. You would then analyse these and report back on the outcome"

I suggest the date as Wednesday the 20th September 2017. Please submit the names of your preferred candidate to me as suggested above, either on this forum or by SmS.

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21:09:2017

#### **NEC VOTING FOR INTERIM NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON 20/09/2017 - RESULTS**

I felt duty bound that before the results are announced, I submit the election report for verification to the National Treasurer and Vice National Treasurer. This was done to detail.

However, prior to the election Pastor Kennedy Njamba conveyed the following to me:  
"Va Chairman, I am greatly humbled at the show of your confidence in me. However, pliz excuse me. I am unable to take up the challenge. I endorse ndokathzi Limbwambwa! If she can accept an unopposed, it wud be much appreciated".

I however decided to allow democracy take its course and treated his request as more or less a candidate withdrawing after printing of ballot papers.

Below therefore is the tabulation as presented to me.

#### **TOTAL NEC AS ELECTROL COLLEGE**

Lusaka:	15
Copperbelt:	2
Western:	2
Total:	21

A frantic effort was made to notify all NEC members about the election, especially those without WhatsApp compliant phones. Despite sending SmSs, direct phoning was made. As a result;

- Four (4) could not be reached as their phones were constantly off.
- One (1) offered her resignation officially due to pressure of work (Rose Kabunda Liyungu).
- Two (2) members objected to the election.
- Therefore out of twenty (20) members, thirteen (13) did not object.
- Out of the thirteen (13), three (3) did not vote,
- Ten (10) voted with results as follows:

#### **TOTAL VOTES CAST**

- Lusaka: Eight (8) Votes
- Copperbelt: One (1) Vote
- Western: One (1) Vote

#### **CANDIDATES**

- Claire Limbwambwa:

Seven (7) Votes

- Kennedy Njamba:

Three (3) Votes

Comments from verifiers received are as follows:

- 1). "I have verified the votes as per your request and I validate the votes as Vice Treasurer of Cheke NEC".
- 2). "Thanks ba Chairman, this is an objective analysis, and I fully endorse it. I make the following observations- (1) 13/20, close to 2/3 didnot object, (2) 10/13 (more than a quorum) voted. Therefore the results are valid; we can announce".

Therefore with powers vested in me over this election as a Returning Officer hereby concur with the verifiers that the results are valid. That being the case declare Claire Kashukwe Limbwambwa as the duly elected Interim National Chairperson for Cheke Cha Mbunda Cultural and Writers Association.

My advice to the Interim Chairperson elect is to put the most awaited Annual General Meeting as a priority on her agenda to elect NEC substantive office bearers as the current NEC two year mandate expired on 24th June 2017.

Following this successful election, I will be submitting my resignation as National Chairman to the Interim National Chairperson and handover between now and the 24th September 2017.

Once again congratulations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Libingi', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Ndandula Libingi,  
**Outgoing National Chairman.**