



Weekly Update
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## **Auditor General lauds ZINWA**

Auditor-General, Mrs Mildred Chiri, yesterday heaped praise on ZINWA management and staff for being one of the few organizations in Zimbabwe that is putting serious effort towards raising awareness on the critical role of the internal audit profession. Mrs Chiri said this in her keynote address at the Authority's KG 6 offices where she was the guest of honor as ZINWA launched its commemoration of the Internal Audit Awareness month.

She said May is celebrated globally as the Internal Audit Awareness Month- a time to dispel several misconceptions about the profession and observe its contribution to good governance and risk management. "The public fully understand the role of many other professionals such as teachers, doctors, lawyers and journalists but the same cannot be said on public's understanding of the role of internal audit. It was deemed fit to declare the month of May as the Internal Audit Awareness Month to help raise the profile of internal audit. The Internal Audit Awareness Month is therefore an opportune time for helping the public to have an appreciation of the work of internal auditors and to help dispel some of the long-held misconceptions about the profession," Mrs Chiri said.

She said despite the fact that organizations cannot survive without internal audit, the unit is often mischaracterized at as a witch-hunt department whose main objective is to find fault. "While internal audit plays an integral role in the attainment of the organization's overall strategic goals and objectives through bringing a systematic and disciplined approach, the function is often seen differently as a witch-hunt unit bent on fault finding," said Mrs Chiri. Speaking on the same occasion, ZINWA Chief Executive Officer Eng Taurai Maurukira said management's commitment to create an enabling environment for internal audit to play its part in the Authority's pursuit for good organizational governance remains unshaken.

"I would like to assure you of management's support for the internal audit function and promise that we will not depart from the commitment we made last year to create an enabling environment for internal audit to play its part in our pursuit for good organizational governance and effective oversight," said Eng Maurukira.

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## Manyame gets first female OIC

For the first time in Manyame Catchment, a female employee- Sibongile Negondi has been appointed to the post of Operator In- Charge (OIC) following her triumph in interviews held recently to fill in the vacant at Guruve Water Supply. The Guruve OIC post became vacant after the death of Mr Nyakatembo early last year.

Negondi, who has 17 years of service under her belt, started off as a cashier in Kadoma in 2005 before being transferred to Chivhu where she joined the Operations department as a Water Supplies

Operator. She became one of the pioneers of the Revenue department after she joined it as a Revenue Collector in Gokwe before rejoining the Operations Department as an Operator.

Speaking during Negondi's introduction to staff at Guruve recently, Manyame Catchment Human Capital officer, Mr Lawrence Mathaba encouraged Negondi to remain focused in order to excel in her new challenging position.

He called on her not to be intimidated by the fact that she has risen to become the OIC and will now be leading a male dominated team.

"As the In- Charge you should focus on team building so as to take Guruve station a step further. You should do away with silos and be a unifier amongst your subordinates as you also ought to learn from them since they are the ones who have been holding fort before you came," said Mr Mathaba.



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