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ABBREVIATIONS

DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
EMIS	Environmental Management Information System
EPM	Environmental Planning and Management
ILO	International Labour Organisation
SCP	Sustainable Cities Programme
SLP	Sustainable Lusaka Programme
SKP	Sustainable Kitwe Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme



PREFACE

In Zambia the Sustainable Cities Programme was implemented in Lusaka from 1994-2001 to address high levels of poverty and inequality experienced in the city resulting from a shrinking economy as the country's copper-dominated export sector started to dwindle and government's capacity to adequately deliver public services was impaired. The city suffered major environmental challenges particularly air and water pollution; insufficient water resources; ineffective solid waste management; inadequate sanitation systems; traffic congestion; limited urban planning capacities and open quarrying. In 2002, the programme was extended to Kitwe city, to help address environment-development problems of inadequate and inefficient urban services particularly in low income areas, growth and expansion of informal settlements; congestion in the town centre; air pollution and a declining economic base. This was coupled with weak institutional capacities that were unable to facilitate city-wide service delivery on a sustainable basis. In both cities the programme, founded on a broad-based stakeholder participatory approach, was targeted at building capacities in environmental planning and management (EPM) in urban local authorities and their partners; it also supported measures for poverty alleviation, particularly in unplanned settlements and promoted environmentally sustainable socio-economic development and growth. This report documents the activities of the Sustainable Lusaka Programme and Sustainable Kitwe Programme in Zambia in the period 1994-2007.





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