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## AECOM assists with urban planning, infrastructure delivery in Zambia

*19 July 2018: AECOM has been appointed by the Department for International Development (DFID) to deliver its Cities and Infrastructure for Growth project in Zambia (CIGZ).*

CIGZ will provide demand-led technical assistance consultancy to national and local government in areas such as urban planning, infrastructure service delivery, and energy access, with a view to harness the power of cities and infrastructure for economic growth. It also aims to improve the quality of projects, promote investment opportunities in key projects, and harness opportunities offered by digital technologies.

The main aim is to drive economic transformation and job creation in Zambia. The DFID will work closely with Zambian government to implement its 7<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan, which looks to diversify the economy, reduce poverty, create jobs, and set Zambia on a path to becoming a middle-income country.

**Simone Anzboeck**, Associate Director, International Development at AECOM, said: "We are proud to be supporting the DFID in this hugely-positive initiative. With an urbanisation rate of 4.2% a year, Zambia is one of the fastest urbanising economy in Africa. For its cities to keep up with the pace of this change, CIGZ has come at the right time. AECOM is looking forward to supporting the Zambian government in addressing the constraints of urban infrastructure service delivery."

The project further enhances AECOM's long-term strategic partnership with the DFID, having secured a contract last year to manage its Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus), in collaboration with Saana Consulting.

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