

## **ICAZ Media Briefing – 19 September 2017**

### **Chartered Accountants Students society (CASS)**

#### ***Who we are?***

The Chartered Accountants Students' Society (CASS) is a students' body under the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe (ICAZ). The society boasts of over 700 members and has have grown from strength to strength. We remain premised on the unwavering commitment to high ethical and quality standards that have come to be inculcated in our culture and ethos by ICAZ. We pride ourselves in being the foundation on which future business leaders are born!

#### ***Our Purpose is to:***

- To create a forum for the students to discuss their concerns and suggestions to ICAZ
- To create a platform for social interaction for the students because we want to form an active and progressive student community.
- To develop positive relationships between all students where we have growth, culture exchange and friendship among students of all backgrounds.
- And most importantly to create awareness of the Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe) profession to prospective students and the general public.

#### ***Our events***

We have an active and interesting calendar of events throughout the year.

1. The students showcase their various sporting talents in the annual CASS Soccer League and "The Inter Firm Sports Day".
2. The Society shows its commitment to the community through its CSR events. We make donations to the less privileged members of our society, mainly children's and old people homes around Harare. In April 2017, the Society hosted a sponsored walk from Harare Town House to Alexandra Sports Club where over 100 students participated. The walk was succeeded by a fun day with the children from Village of Hope Children's Home, with lots of games and entertainment provided. Donations in the form of a lawnmower, stationery and medical supplies were made, which was aimed at improving the lives of the children at the home. We also made a donation of groceries and toiletries to the Harare House of Smiles in August.
3. Our flagship event, the CASS Seminar, marks the end of our calendar in spectacular fashion. The event seeks to bring together all CASS student members to share experiences as well as be updated on issues related to the profession and the economy at large. Attracting an attendance of over 150 students annually, the CASS Seminar has become one of the largest gatherings of young professionals, representing the future of Zimbabwe. Every year the society invites business and economic leaders to come and address the young professionals on key business and economic related issues. It also serves as a career guidance platform for students who would have completed their training and would want to venture into different sectors of the economy. Some of the previous speakers have been:-
  - Mr. Ngoni Kudenga, the first black CA and ICAZ President, and the Managing Partner, BDO Zimbabwe Chartered Accountants
  - Mrs. Gloria Zvaravanhu – Nicoz Diamond, General Manager Corporate Services and immediate past president of ICAZ
  - Mr. George Guvamatanga – Managing Director, Barclays Bank of Zimbabwe Limited;

- Mr. Jonas Mushosho – Chief Executive Officer, Old Mutual Zimbabwe Limited Group;
  - Miss Rudo Boka – Chief Executive Officer, Boka Tobacco Auction Floors;
  - Mr. Douglas Mboweni – Chief Executive Officer, Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Limited;
  - Hon. Ministers Saviour Kasukuwere and Supa Mandiwanzira
  - Mr. Never Nyemudzo – Group Chief Executive Officer, CBZ Holdings Limited
  - Mr. Bothwell Nyajeka – Chief Executive Officer of Sable Chemicals, and former ICAZ President
4. Career guidance days with both high school and university students across the country.

### ***Vimbiso Scholarship Fund***

Together with ICAZ, CASS is a proud co-founder, of the Vimbiso Scholarship Fund, formerly known as the ICAZ-CASS Scholarship Trust Fund. The Fund was launched in 2015 to prioritise youth education as a sustainable and impactful way of improving society. The Trust was borne out of a realisation that the cost of education has continually increased, taking with it the hopes and dreams of an academically gifted but economically disadvantaged student population.

The Trust stands guided by the following objectives and more:

- To offer educational assistance to academically gifted persons from disadvantaged backgrounds wishing to pursue careers as Chartered Accountants in Zimbabwe;
- To groom, mentor and provide life skills to beneficiaries;
- To promote the maintenance of any school or faculty providing education in relation to the business of ICAZ and CASS;
- To provide mentorship and career guidance to the beneficiaries;
- To nurture scholarship life beneficiaries to have a heart for the community that will help them to willingly make contributions to the Trust when they have successfully completed their training.

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