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PRESS STATEMENT

CEJ URGES INSURANCE COMPANIES TO COMPENSATE FARMERS THAT INSURED THEIR CROPS

Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) has appealed to insurance companies in Zambia to compensate farmers registered on the Weather Index Insurance timely.

CEJ Head of Research Freeman Mubanga says farmers especially in Southern Province, which recorded erratic rainfall, are waiting for a clear roadmap from companies providing Weather Index Insurance on how they will compensate them.

Mr. Mubanga says the companies providing Weather Index Insurance must be commended as the move is a mitigation measure against the effects of climate change.

He has however, cautioned that some farmers will find it challenging to adopt the Weather Index Insurance innovation if insurance companies are not proactive in compensating them timely.

The CEJ Head of Research pointed out that most farmers under the Farmer Input Support Program - FISP contribute K100 towards the Weather Index Insurance.

He reminded insurance companies to proactively compile reports crop loss assessments in order to compensate the farmers timely because the next farming season is nearing.

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