

# press release

## **Second Lady joins StanChart's 'P.L.A.N.T. Campaign'**

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**7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014 – Lusaka, ZAMBIA: Standard Chartered Bank CEO, Andrew Okai, and the Second Lady, Dr. Charlotte Scott commemorated World Environment Day by planting 100 trees at the Bauleni School for Children with Special Needs. The commemoration is part of Standard Chartered Bank's P.L.A.N.T. Campaign - *People Loving And Nurturing Trees*, which was launched on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**

Speaking at the tree-planting event at Bauleni School for Special Needs, Dr. Charlotte Scott said, *"I would like to commend Standard Chartered Bank for recognizing the country's environmental challenge and for taking strategic efforts to support Bauleni School for Special Needs over the years. I am encouraged that Standard Chartered Bank staff have come out to volunteer here today and I urge the Bank to continue this commendable effort."*

Dr. Charlotte Scott also said she was pleased that the bank had built the library at the school, of which some of the funds were donated by the bank's Group CEO, Peter Sands.

Standard Chartered Bank CEO, Andrew Okai, said, *"One of the bank's key objectives under the bank's Sustainability agenda is to protect the environments in which we operate. Tree-planting is a major part of this objective. We have been planting trees across Zambia for some years now and the involvement of bank staff plays a vital role in helping us to meet these objectives."*

*"This year, we have set ourselves a new challenge - we launched our 'P.L.A.N.T. Campaign' on Wednesday – PEOPLE LOVING AND NURTURING TREES. This is a challenge to Standard Chartered Bank staff to plant at least 1 tree in June – I am confident that we will meet this challenge,"* Mr. Okai added.

With over 750 people directly employed by the bank in Zambia, the P.L.A.N.T. Campaign will result in the bank planting at least 750 trees in the month of June alone.

Mr. Okai also thanked the teachers and management at Bauleni Special Needs School for the work they are doing to ensure that children with special needs can access a high quality education.

Dr. Charlotte Scott and Mr. Okai also took the opportunity to unveil a plaque at the school library, which was built by Standard Chartered Bank.

DHL Managing Director, Mrs. Nomsa Mumba, joined the Second Lady and Standard Chartered at the event. Mrs Mumba said she was highly impressed by the work of Bauleni Special Needs School.

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