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“Taldar, Airtel Africa’s CEO highlights telco’s impact on sustainability”

Lusaka, Zambia – 2nd July 2026: Airtel Africa has reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability, digital inclusion and socio-economic transformation, following the presentation of the Airtel Africa 2025/26 Sustainability Report by Group Chief Executive Officer Sunil Taldar during a media roundtable earlier today. The session provided insights into the Group’s progress and highlighted Airtel Zambia’s growing contribution to national development through impactful programmes and partnerships.

During the briefing, Airtel Zambia’s role in bridging the digital divide was underscored, particularly through its partnership with UNICEF, which has connected 300 schools to the internet across the country. This initiative has reached over 292,000 learners and empowered 5,189 teachers with access to digital tools and learning platforms, significantly enhancing the quality of education and expanding access to information in underserved communities.

In addition to connectivity, Airtel Zambia continues to invest in education infrastructure through its school adoption programme. Over the past year, the company has adopted five schools across Mufulira, Chipata, Solwezi, Mansa, Chipata and Mongu, providing classroom blocks, computer laboratories, internet connectivity and improved sanitation facilities, with two schools successfully handed over in Chipata and Solwezi. These interventions have contributed to improved learning environments and increased learner enrolment, reinforcing Airtel’s commitment to long-term social development.

Airtel Zambia’s efforts to foster entrepreneurship and support economic empowerment were also highlighted during the media roundtable. Through the ZICTA Innovation Challenge, the company has trained more than 500 innovators, supported the commercialisation of over 30 start-ups and facilitated the creation of more than 200 direct jobs. These initiatives are helping to build a robust innovation ecosystem while creating opportunities for young people to participate meaningfully in the digital economy.

The media roundtable emphasised that Airtel Zambia’s sustainability agenda is anchored on expanding access to connectivity, empowering communities through digital skills, supporting entrepreneurship and promoting responsible environmental practices. Through these integrated efforts, the company continues to deliver measurable impact while supporting Zambia’s broader development priorities.

Mr. Taldar reaffirmed Airtel’s commitment to scaling these initiatives and strengthening partnerships that drive inclusive growth, ensuring that more individuals and communities benefit from the opportunities created by a connected and digital future.

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