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Zambia is calling for stronger collaboration with Australia on a range of environmental initiatives, particularly in climate change mitigation, renewable energy and sustainable agriculture, according to Minister of Green Economy and Environment Mike Mposha.

During a courtesy visit by the Australian High Commissioner to Zambia, Minoli Perera, on Friday, Mposha emphasized the value of joint efforts in tackling climate challenges, noting that both countries could leverage their strengths to address urgent environmental issues.

Mposha highlighted Zambia's current initiatives, which included afforestation and reforestation projects, smart agriculture, renewable energy, pollution management and expanding climate infrastructure.

He added that policy and legal frameworks were also being strengthened to address these issues effectively, but adequate resources and technology were essential for impactful results.

Key areas of collaboration, he said, included climate research, adaptation strategies and green technologies, with a particular focus on renewable energy projects like solar and wind power.

"Sustainable agriculture and forestry are also vital areas where Zambia and Australia can cooperate to build climate resilience and conserve biodiversity," Mposha added, stressing the importance of community-based resource management to support sustainable livelihoods.

In response, High Commissioner Perera acknowledged the long-standing relationship between Zambia and Australia, expressing optimism about partnering on climate change initiatives.

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SkyPower Global has signed a 1 GW solar power purchase agreement (PPA) with a Zambian utility to supply electricity to approximately 4 million homes. Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema hailed the significance of the deal amid ongoing droughts.

SkyPower Global has signed a 1 GW PPA with state-owned utility Zambia Electricity Supply Corp. (ZESCO). The Canadian solar developer said that the Green Giant Zambia project will supply electricity to approximately 4 million homes, create jobs, and support infrastructure development.

"The Green Giant Zambia initiative is a monumental step towards a sustainable future," said Michael



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Prest, Country manager and special adviser to SkyPower. "By leveraging cutting-edge solar technology and our collective expertise, we are set to dramatically transform Zambia's energy landscape, making it a model for renewable energy development worldwide."

The PPA has been heralded as a pivotal component of Zambia's Integrated Renewable Energy Plan, which is geared toward developing renewable energy sources, including solar, wind and hydropower. Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema said the deal is a crucial component of this plan, especially due to the current problem of droughts caused by climate change.

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