Present status of standards

• Exports and imports subject to SPS inspections
• SPS inspections determined by importing countries with reference to International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures
• Standards for imports based on pest risk analysis which are regularly reviewed
• Conformity standards also done on demand
Present status of standards (2)

• Commercial exports need to meet additional standards;
• Exports to Europe require GlobalGap Standards;
• Additional standards required for exports to specific countries such as England, Switzerland, Holland
• Other standards based on lobbying for women working conditions, environment

Present status of standards (3)

• ZEGA has established code of practice based on GlobalGap;
• The ZEGA/NRDC was a private sector initiative to meet industry demands, but handed over to Government;
• Organic products- Organic Producers and Processors Association of Zambia (OPPAZ), ‘Developed’ Zambia Organic Standards to facilitate Honey, Vegetables etc for exports;
• Specialists available in inspections, research, teaching at both university and college levels;
Management of multiplicity of standards

- Global issue and national sector too small to influence anything
- ZEGA joined the Horticultural Council of Africa through which such issues are articulated;
- Locally the Zambia Bureau of Standards is the statutory body tasked with development of Standards;
- Though not much has been achieved

Regional collaboration

- Only regional collaboration is Horticultural Council of Africa through ZEGA membership
- This is in its infancy
- Stakeholders in process of establishing a broader based national organization for better regional coordination
Opportunities and constraints

• Standards providing opportunities for production and consumption of better quality fresh produce
• They are an inevitable extra cost for commercial producers
• They are a real barrier to smallholder participation in commercial exports

Thank you