**Alick’s introduction message – transcript**

Welcome to Zambia. We know that you are delegates from different African countries who want to learn more about Zambia and the programme that it’s implementing in inclusive education.

Alick Nyirenda is my name. I’m the senior adviser for the community-based rehabilitation programme of the Norwegian Association of Disabled. We are piloting in collaboration with the Ministry of General Education programmes on inclusive education in Zambia

So, we know that you are teacher trainers, you are co-ordinators of programmes, and different interventions, from different African countries. We think that there is a lot we can share with you, and there is also a lot that we can learn from you and your different experiences from West Africa, from within Southern Africa, East Africa, the north and other parts of the world.

So as adviser I just want to welcome you. We are a country that welcomes you. We have 6 pilot schools on inclusive education and we just hope from these 6 pilot schools and some teacher training colleges in Zambia you’ll be able to learn a lot more about what is pertaining when we come to talk about inclusive education.

So as partner countries I welcome you as senior adviser from the Norwegian Association of Disabled. You are welcome to Zambia, welcome to Livingstone. Welcome to Shungu – this is one of the pilot schools. You will also be introduced to other pilot schools that will include Riverview School in Kazungula, Katapazi School as well in Kazungula District, Zimba, Nakowa and Luyaba. Apart from Shungu here we also have Nakatinde School in Livingstone.

As you can see, these children are also welcoming you. Can you just say “welcome”?

Children: Welcome!

Welcome to Zambia.

Children: Welcome to Zambia!

Welcome to Shungu.

Children: Welcome to Shungu!

OK, lovely. [clapping]