



OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERHSHIP MALAŴI
OPEN PARLIAMENTS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
COMMITMENT STATEMENT

This Commitment is made this 6th day of June, 2023 between:

HIS EXCELLENCY, Dr. LAZARUS McCARTHY CHAKWERA, THE PRESIDENT OF MALAŴI; and the OPEN PARLIAMENTS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

FOLLOWING the adoption of the National Action Plan by the Government of Malaŵi on 31st December, 2022 and the readmission of Malaŵi as an active member by the OGP Global Secretariat;

REALIZING the importance of Open Government Partnerships in achieving increased transparency, accountability and citizen participation while strengthening platforms for ongoing dialogue, in order to contribute to the successful attainment of the Malaŵi 2063 National Vision;

WE, the OPEN PARLIAMENTS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, hereby commit to HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT and THE PEOPLE OF MALAŴI, to undertake the following interventions:

1. Strengthen scrutiny of the legal framework for public finance management to increase transparency on public debt to enable responsive budget and loan authorisation Bills;
2. Carry out consultative meetings with relevant MDAs and the Parliamentary Committee on Budget and Finance to inform situational analysis of challenges faced and proposed solutioning to issues relating to transparency in sovereign public debt and loan authorisations;
3. Conduct a Situational Analysis Report on public debt and loan authorisation;
4. Present situational analysis report findings and consultations with MDAs and parliamentary committee chairs to inform the process of development of templates for committee briefs (public debt and loan authorisation); and
5. Increase access to information for citizens on public debt through parliamentary committee public hearings.

Ms. Fiona Kalemba
Government Co-Chair

Ms. Phoebe Kasoga
Civil Society Co-Chair

Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera
President of the Republic of Malaŵi



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**OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERHSHIP MALAŴI
DIGITAL GOVERNANCE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
COMMITMENT STATEMENT**

This Commitment is made this 6th day of June, 2023 between:

HIS EXCELLENCY, Dr. LAZARUS McCARTHY CHAKWERA, THE PRESIDENT OF MALAŴI; and the DIGITAL GOVERNANCE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

FOLLOWING the adoption of the National Action Plan by the Government of Malaŵi on 31st December, 2022 and the readmission of Malaŵi as an active member by the OGP Global Secretariat;

REALIZING the importance of Open Government Partnerships in achieving increased transparency, accountability and citizen participation while strengthening platforms for ongoing dialogue, in order to contribute to the successful attainment of the Malaŵi 2063 National Vision;

WE, the **DIGITAL GOVERNANCE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**, hereby commit to **HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT and THE PEOPLE OF MALAŴI**, to undertake the following interventions:

1. Enhance Government's capacity to utilise ICT in service delivery;
2. Ensure ongoing alignment of the strategies to the National Digitalisation Policy;
3. Lobby Cabinet to review, approve and operationalise the National Digitalisation Policy; and
4. Promote citizen utilisation of ICT in accessing information to make service delivery transparent, responsive, and accountable.

Mr. Hetherwick Njati
Government Co-Chair

Dr. Paulos Nyirenda
Civil Society Co-Chair

Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera
President of the Republic of Malaŵi



OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERHSHIP MALAŴI
NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
COMMITMENT STATEMENT

This Commitment is made this 6th day of June, 2023 between:

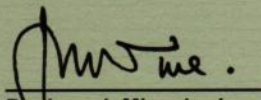
HIS EXCELLENCY, Dr. LAZARUS McCARTHY CHAKWERA, THE PRESIDENT OF MALAŴI; and the NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

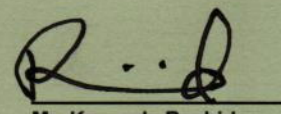
FOLLOWING the adoption of the National Action Plan by the Government of Malaŵi on 31st December, 2022 and the readmission of Malaŵi as an active member by the OGP Global Secretariat;


REALIZING the importance of Open Government Partnerships in achieving increased transparency, accountability and citizen participation while strengthening platforms for ongoing dialogue, in order to contribute to the successful attainment of the Malaŵi 2063 National Vision;

WE, the NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, hereby commit to HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT and THE PEOPLE OF MALAŴI, to undertake the following interventions:

1. Facilitate the operationalization of Mines and Minerals Act, 2023.
2. Ensure that the of list of registered, licensed, and operational mining companies is published;
3. Carry out consultative meetings with relevant MDAs and chairs of Parliamentary Committee for Natural Resources and Climate Change to inform situational analysis of challenges faced and proposed solutioning to issues relating to transparency in mining contracts;
4. Conduct Situational Analysis Report on mining contracts; and
5. Present situational analysis report findings and consultations with MDAs and parliamentary committee chairs to inform the process of development of templates for committee briefs on mining contracts.


Dr. Joseph Mkandawire
Government Co-Chair


Mr. Kennedy Rashid
Civil Society Co-Chair


Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera
President of the Republic of Malaŵi



OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERHSHIP MALAŴI
RIGHT TO INFORMATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
COMMITMENT STATEMENT

This Commitment is made this 6th day of June, 2023 between:

HIS EXCELLENCY, Dr. LAZARUS McCARTHY CHAKWERA, THE PRESIDENT OF MALAŴI; and RIGHT TO INFORMATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

FOLLOWING the adoption of the National Action Plan by the Government of Malaŵi on 31st December, 2022 and the readmission of Malaŵi as an active member by the OGP Global Secretariat;

REALIZING the importance of Open Government Partnerships in achieving increased transparency, accountability and citizen participation while strengthening platforms for ongoing dialogue, in order to contribute to the successful attainment of the Malaŵi 2063 National Vision;

WE, the RIGHT TO INFORMATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, hereby commit to HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT and THE PEOPLE OF MALAŴI, to undertake the following interventions:

1. Ensure recruitment of staff for the Office of Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP).
2. Carry out situational analysis and subsequent report on records of registered political parties, funding sources and those accessing State funding;
3. Carry out consultations and ensure development of fundraising guidelines on political party financing (i.e. funding disclosure procedures and report templates);
4. Facilitate development of draft guidelines and templates for submission of information on political party financing;
5. Ensure Office of Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) request for list of registered political parties in preparations for orientation on fundraising and disclosure guidelines; and
6. Implement orientation and fundraising and disclosure guidelines on political party financing for registered political parties.

Ms. Habiba Osman
Government Co-Chair

Mr. Michael Kayiyatsa
Civil Society Co-Chair

Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera
President of the Republic of Malaŵi



**OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERHSHIP MALAŴI
ANTI CORRUPTION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
COMMITMENT STATEMENT**

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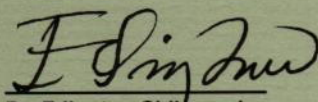
HIS EXCELLENCY, Dr. LAZARUS McCARTHY CHAKWERA, THE PRESIDENT OF MALAŴI; and ANTI CORRUPTION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

FOLLOWING the adoption of the National Action Plan by the Government of Malaŵi on 31st December, 2022 and the readmission of Malaŵi as an active member by the OGP Global Secretariat;

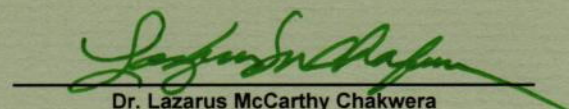
REALIZING the importance of Open Government Partnerships in achieving increased transparency, accountability and citizen participation while strengthening platforms for ongoing dialogue, in order to contribute to the successful attainment of the Malaŵi 2063 National Vision;

WE, the ANTI CORRUPTION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, hereby commit to HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT and THE PEOPLE OF MALAŴI, to undertake the following interventions:

1. Institutionalise and operationalize (by collecting, publishing, verifying, and using) the Companies (Beneficial Ownership) Regulations, 2022 for beneficial ownership transparency for all legal entities in Malaŵi engaged in public procurement;
2. Issue of a public notice of and reiteration of compliance requirement for submission of list of beneficiaries by all registered companies;
3. Assess and verify reporting of compliance by registered companies to Companies (Beneficial Ownership) Regulations, 2022;
4. Bi-annual publication of list of compliant companies (Beneficial Ownership);
5. Legislative mapping of legal provisions supporting transparency of beneficial ownership, public procurement policies, regulations and processes, access to information and corrupt practices for development of public service announcement communication materials;
6. Review of whistle blowing and corrupt practices reporting and response mechanisms available within institutions such as ACB, Deloitte (anonymous tip-offs mechanism), Competition and Fair-Trading Commission and Office of the Ombudsman; and
7. Facilitate the development and revision of Public Procurement Guidelines.


Dr. Edington Chilapondwa
Government Co-Chair


Ms. Bertha Phiri
Civil Society Co-Chair


Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera
President of the Republic of Malaŵi



OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERHSHIP MALAŴI
NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE
COMMITMENT STATEMENT

This Commitment is made this 6th day of June, 2023 between:

HIS EXCELLENCY, Dr. LAZARUS McCARTHY CHAKWERA, THE PRESIDENT OF MALAŴI; and THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) MALAŴI

FOLLOWING extensive consultations on the development of the National Action Plan and its subsequent adoption by the Government of Malaŵi on 31st December, 2022 and the readmission of Malaŵi as an active member by the OGP Global Secretariat;

REALIZING the importance of OGP in achieving increased transparency, accountability and citizen participation while strengthening platforms for ongoing dialogue, in order to contribute to the successful attainment of the Malaŵi 2063 National Vision;

WE, the NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP MALAŴI, hereby commit to HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT and THE PEOPLE OF MALAŴI, to lead the implementation of Malaŵi's 2023-2025 OGP National Action Plan and to undertake the following interventions:

1. Provide technical expertise, guidance, and support to relevant Government agencies, civil society organisations, private sector, and various stakeholders in the implementation of the commitments in Action Plan;
2. Facilitate ongoing dialogue and collaboration between Government, Civil Society and Private Sector;
3. Provide open, accessible, and timely information as well as reporting to all stakeholders and citizens on the progress being made on NAP implementation;
4. Provide inclusive and informed opportunities for ongoing dialogue and collaboration during the implementation and monitoring phases of the action plan; and
5. Report to Malaŵians and the OGP global body at the end of the implementation period on progress of implementation of the Malaŵi's 2023-2025 OGP National Action Plan.

Ms. Colleen Zamba
Chairperson

Mr. Kossam Munthali
Civil Society Representative

Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera
President of the Republic of Malaŵi