



COMMUNIQUE FROM THE STAKEHOLDER'S WORKSHOP ON GREEN CLIMATE FUND STATE OF PLAY IN MALAWI

13-14th July 2017

Silver Sands Hotel, Salima

We, the stakeholders comprising of Civil Society Organizations, Academia, Development Partners and Media convened on the 13th through 14th July 2017 at Silver Sands Hotel in Salima. Collectively, we listened and deliberated upon various presentations related to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) state of play in Malawi and experiences on accessibility of the fund.

We understand that GCF is a global fund created to support the efforts of developing countries to respond to the challenge of climate change by promoting and investing into a paradigm shift to low-emission and climate-resilient development.

We understand that the Director of Environmental Affairs Department in the Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining is Malawi's National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point for GCF and therefore is responsible for, among others, creating a link between Malawi and the GCF, endorsing concepts/funding proposals, issuing letters of no objection, nominating candidates for accreditation, and conducting awareness and capacity building of stakeholders on GCF and its related processes.

We acknowledge government efforts and engagement with GCF, including acting as a link between stakeholders in the country and the GCF. Stakeholders understand that periodic engagements between and among government and non-state actors on GCF processes are crucial to enhance stakeholders participation in the processes.

Having applauded Government of Malawi for being awarded a US\$12.3 million project by GCF, we note with concern that Malawi GCF Supported Project on Strengthening Early Warning Systems and its accompanying processes is yet to be implemented since approval in 2015 and also not known among many organizations in Malawi.

We, the Stakeholders further noted that awareness of the GCF existence alone is not adequate but the ability to understand its processes and the various capacities on which the non-state actors could participate in would result in a more meaningful participation in GCF processes at national, regional and global level.

We recognize the role that non-state actors can play in GCF processes which include, among others being: an accredited entity; project developer/implementer; partner to an accredited entity or implementer; co-financier of a project; as well as dialogue, observer and monitoring partners to contribute to a successful implementation outside formal project arrangements.

We commend Government for nominating a number of institutions for accreditation to become National Implementing Entities under the GCF and for providing the necessary support to the nominated institutions as they undergo the accreditation process. As national stakeholders, we recognize the significance of having a nationally owned implementing entity to directly access, facilitate, coordinate and manage GCF activities and funds in Malawi.

We commend Government for developing and submitting its US\$3 m request to the GCF for the formulation of the National Adaptation Plans (NAP) having realised that the process stalled due to lack of financial resources.

We further commend Government for initiating a process of developing a country strategic framework that will outline national priorities in relation to climate change investments in Malawi

We hereby present a communique to highlight key recommendation adopted at the workshop as follows:

Recommendation	Responsibility
Awareness creation on the existence of Green Climate Fund and its related processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Malawi, Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining through Department of Environmental Affairs • CISONNECC • MEDIA

<p>Creation of a viable platform for experience and information sharing among experts on climate change financing, including the GCF processes, to enable easy access of information related to the processes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Malawi, Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining through Department of Environmental Affairs. • CISONECC
<p>Capacity building of government and non-state actors' institutions and relevant stakeholders on development of fundable GCF proposals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Malawi, Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining through Department of Environmental Affairs • CISONECC
<p>Foster private and public partnerships (PPP) to take advantage and opportunities under GCF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Malawi, Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining through Department of Environmental Affairs
<p>Revamp the task force set-up in 2015 aimed at developing national proposals to the GCF and other global climate change funds</p>	<p>Government of Malawi, Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining through Department of Environmental Affairs</p>
<p>Expedite setting up National Implementing Entities (NIE)</p>	<p>Government of Malawi, Ministry of Natural Resources Energy and Mining through Department of Environmental Affairs</p>
<p>Establish a GCF Technical Unit and a representative Advisory Committee within the Environmental Affairs Department to support the National Designated Authority in reviewing concept notes and proposals for endorsement to GCF</p>	<p>Government of Malawi, through Department of Environmental Affairs</p>
<p>Public officers with the capacity and expertise to manage GCF technical unit should be seconded by government without losing their office tenure</p>	<p>Government of Malawi, Department of Human Resource Management and Development</p>
<p>Present recommendations made in the GCF state of play report and from the stakeholders meeting to National Technical Committee on Climate Change</p>	<p>CISONECC</p>

On behalf of stakeholders present at the National Stakeholder's workshop on GCF state of play in Malawi.



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