

CSO Preparatory meeting for Engagement with Parliamentary Committee on Natural Resources and Climate Change and Parliamentary Women Caucus

CISONECC and CADECOM National Office, funded by Scottish Government through SCIAF and Trocaire, and with support from Irish Aid through Trocaire, held a CSOs preparatory meeting ahead of the Orientation of Parliamentary Committee on Natural Resources and Climate Change, and Parliamentary women caucus on the draft Disaster Risk Management Bill, and the National Climate Change Management Fund, in Lilongwe in August, 2019. The main objective of the CSOs preparatory meeting was to harmonize the CSOs thinking and streamline the CSOs messages in order to best interface with the Members of Parliament (MPs) on the above mentioned legislative and policy issues.

Specifically, the meeting was meant to validate recommendations from various issues particularly from the two studies conducted under *Climate Challenge Programme Malawi (CCPM) – Climate Justice Advocacy Project (CJAP)* that focused on climate change financing and understanding climate injustices in Malawi. The meeting also focused on validating recommendation made by stakeholders on the draft DRM Bill; the design of the Climate Change Management Fund; and extract recommendations from various interventions on community led approaches implemented by CSOs to be delivered to parliamentarians during the meeting.

The meeting provided a platform for CSOs to discuss issues related to Climate Justice; Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices and Climate injustices with reference to studies done in the four CCPM target Districts of Chikwawa, Balaka, Mangochi and Machinga. The meeting also shed more light on Climate Change adaptation funding processes in Malawi as well as recommendations on the design of the Climate Change Fund from stakeholders. The meeting also validated the recommendations made by CSOs on the Draft DRM Bill.

For more information, refer to the full report.



Victor Mughogho, Executive Director of Eagles Relief and Development, facilitating the discussions during the preparatory meeting



Julius Ng'oma, CISONNECC National Coordinator, giving some comments during a plenary session



Some participants during a Group Discussion session at the meeting