



2023 National Energy Conference: “Energy Diversification for Sustainable Development”  
Sunbird Livingstonia Beach Hotel, Salima, MALAWI



Thursday 26.10.2023 • ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION & POLICY DAY			
Day 1 • SESSION A			
<b>07:30 – 08:50</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY SESSION</b>		
07:30 – 08:30 <i>Main Hall</i>	<b>Arrival</b>	Arrival and registration at the entrance.	<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b> WAT Events Management Company
08:00 – 08:50 <i>Car Park</i>	<b>Arrival</b>	Exhibition visits and demonstrations	<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b> WAT Events Management Company
<b>08:50 – 09:45</b>	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION</b>		
08:50 – 09:00 <i>Main Hall</i>	<b>Conference Start</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delegates should be seated.</li> <li>Guest of Honour and REIAMA Board enter the Hall.</li> </ul>	<b>MODERATOR:</b> Mr. Mathews Malata
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Opening Plenary</b>	<b>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b>	<b>SPEAKER:</b> Mr. Soustain Chigalu  <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> President of Renewable Energy Industries Association of Malawi (REIAMA) Board
09:10 – 09:20		<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“The link between energy diversification and sustainable development”</li> </ul>	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> Mr. Schizzo Thompson  <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> CEO at Sky Energy Africa
09:20 – 09:30		<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Scottish Government Global Renewables Centre (GRC): A new platform for knowledge exchange”</li> </ul>	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mr. Damien Frame (Scotland)  <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Knowledge Exchange Associate at University of Strathclyde
09:30 – 09:45		<b>ADDRESS BY THE GUEST OF HONOUR</b>	<b>GUEST OF HONOUR:</b> Hon. Ibrahim Matola  <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Minister of Energy at Government of Malawi

Supported by:



09:45 – 09:50	GROUP PHOTO
09:50 – 10:00	NETWORKING HEALTH BREAK: <i>Grab a coffee/tea and something savoury/sweet.</i>

**Day 1 • SESSION B**

**10:00 – 13:30** Theme: ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION: A STEP TOWARDS ENERGY SUFFICIENCY AND SECURITY

10:00 – 10:10 <i>Main Hall</i>	Opening Plenary	<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>SPEAKER:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“An overview of the energy situation in Malawi”</li> </ul>	Eng. Alfonso Chikuni	Secretary for Energy at the Ministry of Energy
10:10 – 10:20		<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>SPEAKER:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Lessons from Zambia on energy diversification”</li> </ul>	Mr. Matanda Mwewa (Zambia)	Chairperson of the Solar Industry Association of Zambia (SIAZ)

**10:30 – 11:30** PARALLEL DISCUSSIONS  
(sessions are occurring at the same time. Delegates are required to choose which sessions to attend and shift between sessions based on interest)

<i>Breakout Rooms</i>	Parallel Breakout Sessions	<b>Breakout Room A</b>	<b>Breakout Room B</b>	<b>Breakout Room C</b>
		<p><b>SECTORAL CHALLENGES BORDERING GENERATION, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF CENTRALISED ENERGY</b></p> <p>10-min presentations</p> <p>5-min question and answer sessions</p>	<p><b>DEMYSTIFYING THE ROLE OF DECENTRALISED ENERGY SOURCES IN ACHIEVING ENERGY ACCESS AND LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND</b></p> <p>10-min presentations</p> <p>5-min question and answer sessions</p>	<p><b>MALAWI’S ENERGY MIX AND ADOPTION OF VARIOUS ENERGY SOURCES IN HOUSEHOLDS, BUSINESSES, HEALTH CARE, AND AGRICULTURE BY THE PUBLIC</b></p> <p>10-min presentations</p> <p>5-min question and answer sessions</p>

Supported by:





Government of Malawi



10:30 – 10:45		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Diversifying power generation” by Dr. Maxon Chitawo, Acting CEO at EGENCO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Addressing challenges to finance through piloting energy as a service and microfinance” by Mr. Brave Mhonie, General Manager at SolarAid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Energy security: A look at the roles of energy demand and technology” by Mr. Charles Chibambo, Partner and CEO at S.I.T.E Engineering</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Malawi-Mozambique / Malawi-Zambia Interconnectors presentation” by Mr. Maxwell Mulimakwenda, Chief Operation Officer at ESCOM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Reaching the last mile through improved social institutional cooking” by Mr. Yamikani Banda, Project Coordinator at Maeve Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Presentation on ethanol fuel and cookstoves” by Mr. Jona Sibale, Process Manager at PressCane Ltd</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Malawi eCooking Roadmap” by Mr. James Namalima, Principal Economist at Malawi Ministry of Energy and Mr. Will Coley, Global Energy Programmes Manager at Self Help Africa (SEforALL/MECS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Requisite information for waste-to-energy generation” by Dr. Francis Chagunda, Lecturer at Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Presentation on the adoption of biogas in Malawi” by Mr. Clement Kandodo, CEO at EcoGen Malawi</li> </ul>
11:25 – 11:40	<b>Consolidation Plenary</b>	<b>PANEL</b> Reports from the rapporteurs of the three (3) breakout sessions.		<b>MODERATOR:</b> Mr. Mathews Malata
<i>Main Hall</i>				
11:40 – 12:00	<b>Closing Plenary</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Towards alternative fuels as a vehicle for energy transition”</li> </ul>		<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mr. Joseph Kalowekamo
				<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Director of Energy Services (Liquid Fuels and Gas)
12:00 – 13:30	<b>LUNCH BREAK: Enjoy your lunch at the Livingstonia Beach Hotel Restaurant!</b>			

Supported by:



Day 1 • SESSION C				
13:30 – 17:15		Theme: REFLECTIONS ON MALAWI'S ENERGY REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT		
13:30 – 13:45 <i>Main Hall</i>	<b>Opening Plenary</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“An overview of the direction being taken in Malawi’s energy regulatory and policy environment”</li> </ul>	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Eng. Wilfred Kasakula	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Senior Renewable Energy Specialist at Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA)
13:45 – 14:00	<b>Full Plenary</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Spatial Energy Data for Malawi: a joint presentation of the Ministry of Energy and Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)”</li> </ul>	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mr. Chisomo Kasamba	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Principal Energy Officer at Malawi Ministry of Energy
14:00 – 14:15		<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Enhancing energy statistics to support energy policy and decision making in Malawi”</li> </ul>	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mr. Duncan Millard <b>(France)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> International Energy Statistics Advisor at the African Energy Commission (AFREC) of African Union
14:15 – 14:30		<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“A review of the regulatory framework: The role of standards”</li> </ul>	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Dr. Stephen Chalimba	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Deputy Director of Testing Services at Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS)
14:30 – 14:45		<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Market trends: Policy and regulatory environment”</li> </ul>	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mr. Collin Gumbu <b>(Tanzania)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Policy and Advocacy Manager at Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA)

Supported by:



14:45 – 15:15 <i>Main Hall</i>		<b>INTERACTIVE Q&amp;A SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections on Malawi’s energy regulatory environment</li> <li>• Recognising positive strides that support the energy mix.</li> <li>• Addressing legislative and regulatory bottlenecks that are barriers to implementation across energy-related spheres that have an impact on delivery of the country’s targets and vision for the future.</li> <li>• Learning from best practices in the region.</li> </ul>	<b>MODERATOR:</b> Mr. Mathews Malata  <b>QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE POSED TO:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)</li> <li>• Parastatals</li> <li>• Stakeholder platforms/associations</li> <li>• Private sector companies</li> <li>• Development Partners/Donors</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>
15:15 – 15:30	<b>NETWORKING HEALTH BREAK: <i>Grab a coffee/tea and something savoury/sweet.</i></b> <b>(delegates who are not participating in the REIAMA AGM to return to their accommodations afterward to prepare for the evening segment)</b>		
15:30 – 17:30 <i>Main Hall</i>	Full Plenary	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable Energy Industries Association of Malawi, 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)</li> </ul>	<b>CONVENOR:</b> Mr. Beston Gama  <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> REIAMA Board Member

Day 1 • EVENING SEGMENT AT SUNBIRD WATERFRONT HOTEL GARDEN			
17:15 – 21:30	DINNER AND MPHAMVU AWARDS EVENT		
17:15 – 18:30 <i>Accommodations</i>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM participants return to their accommodations to change into attire for the evening theme</li> </ul>	<b>NOTE TO BE TAKEN:</b> <b>The theme and dress code for the evening is African Print attire (any clothing made from chitenje fabric or any colour)</b>
18:30 – 19:00 <i>Sunbird Waterfront Hotel Beachfront</i>	All	<b>EVENING FIRESIDE CHAT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking by the beach</li> <li>• Guests should begin taking their seats at various tables</li> </ul>	<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b>  WAT Events Management Company

Supported by:



19:00 – 19:45	All	<b>DINNER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinner is served</li> </ul>	<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b> Sunbird Waterfront
19:45 – 20:00			
20:00 – 21:30	All	<b>MPHAMVU AWARDS EVENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Award presentations in 7 categories             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy Marketing Stars</li> <li>Championing Humanitarian Energy Access</li> <li>Next Level Energising</li> <li>Energy Efficiency Excellence</li> <li>Phasing Out Open Fires</li> <li>Lighting Up Malawi</li> <li>Energy Personality of the Year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>MASTERS OF CEREMONY:</b> Ms. Khadija Sungezi Mussa  <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> President at the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Association in Malawi  <b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b> Music DJ  <b>RESPONSIBLE:</b> Sound Addicts Live

Friday 27.10.2023 • ENERGY INVESTEMENT AND FINANCE DAY				
Day 2 • SESSION D				
08:00 – 10:15 Theme: INVESTING IN MALAWI'S ENERGY SECTOR: FOSTERING LONG-TERM GROWTH				
Main Hall	Opening Plenary	<b>LEVERAGING ON INVESTORS AND PROJECT DEVELOPERS IN ENHANCING ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION</b>  <b>PRESENTATION</b> <i>"Opportunities, barriers, and challenges of the mini grid sector in Africa: Kenya's experience"</i>  <b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>"The role of climate finance and impact investment in enhancing energy access"</i></li> </ul>	<b>MODERATOR:</b> Mr. Mathews Malata	
08:00 – 08:15			<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mr. Joseph Njuguna (Kenya)	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Energy Consultant at Energy Advisory Limited
08:15 – 08:30			<b>PRESENTER:</b> Ms. Cynthia Tapera (Zimbabwe)	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Certified Expert in ESG and Impact Investing at Pivot Africa

Supported by:



<p>08:30 – 08:45</p> <p>08:45 – 09:00</p> <p>09:00 – 09:15</p> <p>09:15 – 09:30</p> <p>09:30 – 09:45</p>	<p><b>Full Plenary</b></p>	<p><b>CASE STUDIES IN ENERGY INVESTMENTS, MARKETS, AND IMPACT: HIGHLIGHTING STORIES OF INVESTORS AND PROJECT DEVELOPERS IN THE ENERGY SPACE</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“UNDP’s role and aspirations in the mini grid sector”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Productive Use of Energy: Putting Energy to Work!”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Estimating mini grid demand and setting cost-reflective tariffs: Lessons from the field”</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Building the investment case for minigrids in Malawi”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Increasing electricity access? Cross-pollination of regulation models between water, energy, and telecoms utility services”</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>MODERATOR:</b> Mr. Mathews Malata</p> <p><b>PRESENTER:</b> Mr. Emmanuel Mjimapemba</p> <p><b>PRESENTER:</b> Ms. Pia Hopfenwieser</p> <p><b>PRESENTERS:</b> Mr. Edgar Bayani and Mr. Damien Frame <b>(Scotland)</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTER:</b> Dr. Aran Eales <b>(Scotland)</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTER:</b> Eng. Dr. Collen Zalengera</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Programs Manager for Energy Access at UNDP Malawi</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Component Manager at GIZ Energising Development (EnDev) Programme</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTIONS:</b> Country Director at Community Energy Malawi (CEM) Knowledge Exchange Associate at University of Strathclyde</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Research Associate at University of Strathclyde</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Renewable Energy Engineer</p>
<p><b>09:45 – 10:00</b>      <b>NETWORKING HEALTH BREAK: <i>Get new energy through a coffee/tea and something savoury/sweet.</i></b></p>			

Supported by:



Day 2 • SESSION E				
10:00 – 13:30 Theme: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENERGY FINANCE IN MALAWI				
Main Hall	Full Plenary	<b>BREAKING THE STATUS QUO: TOWARDS ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES THROUGH INNOVATIVE FINANCE</b>		
		10:00 – 10:15	<b>PRESENTATION</b> <i>“Lessons from Implementation of the Women Energy Fund by Christian Aid Malawi”</i>	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mrs. Dunia Phiri Mphande
10:15 – 11:30		<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <i>“Access to finance for project developers and SMEs in the renewable energy space”</i>	<b>MODERATOR:</b> Ms. Cynthia Taperera <b>(Zimbabwe)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Certified Expert in ESG and Impact Investing at Pivot Africa
		<b>PANELISTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard Bank Plc</li> <li>- NBS Bank, Plc</li> <li>- Green Economic Transition Facility (GETF) under the Malawi Innovation Challenge Fund (MICF)</li> </ul>	<b>PANELISTS:</b> Mr. Graham Chipande Mr. Frank Nakhoma Mr. Tambulani Chunga	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Head of Business Banking Head of Corporate Banking Deputy Fund Manager
11:30 – 12:00	Consolidation Plenary	<b>CONFERENCE WRAP-UP:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takeaways from the conference</li> <li>• Agreeing on conference resolutions</li> </ul>		<b>MODERATOR:</b> Mr. Mathews Malata
12:00 - 13:30 <b>LUNCH: Enjoy your lunch at the Livingstonia Beach Hotel Restaurant!</b>				

Supported by:





2023 National Energy Conference Corporate Social Responsibility Programme  
Salima, MALAWI

Day 2 • SESSION F • (Optional field visit for delegates to attend as they leave Salima)			
14:00 – 15:30 VOLUNTARY POST-CONFERENCE AFTERNOON SEGMENT			
14:00 – 15:30 <i>Sunbird Livingstonia Hotel Car Park (meeting point)</i>	<b>Interested participants</b>	<b>COPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) FIELD VISIT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field visit along the stretch between Sunbird to Salima Boma</li> <li>Donation of Solar Home Systems (SHS) and branded materials to end-users in Salima</li> </ul>	<b>ORGANISER:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REIAMA and WAT Events Management Company</li> </ul>
15:30	End of event	Return from various activities and end of the event.	ALL

Supported by:

