



CLIMATE ACTION



MINISTRY OF FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL GREEN CLIMATE CONFERENCE.

THEME: COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENHANCED CLIMATE ACTION IN MALAWI

1.0. Context

The Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources would like to inform the general public that with support from the United Nations (UN) and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and in collaboration with other key stakeholders, it has organized a National Green Climate Conference. The Green Conference has been organized under the theme of **“Collective Responsibility for Enhanced Climate Action in Malawi”** and will take place on **24th – 25th August 2021**. The conference will be conducted in a hybrid format. A specific number of in-person participants reflecting appropriate Covid protocols shall attend physically at the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC), while other shall participate virtually.

The Green Climate Conference will be led by His Excellency, Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, the President of the Republic of Malawi and Honourable Nancy G. Tembo, MP, Minister of Forestry and Natural Resources. The proceedings will include; official statements, exhibitions, and presentations and moderated discussions on the following thematic areas: Status of climate action in Malawi; Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs); Climate services; Adaptation and resilience; Nature based solutions; Climate finance; Building back green after Covid-19; Catalysing further climate action and CoP 26 preparations.

2.0. Objectives

The National Green Climate Conference will consolidate and promote additional climate action for sustainability by:

- i. Assessing the status of climate action through the different commitments and activities of individuals, communities, businesses and organisations;
- ii. Connecting international commitments and national and sub-national initiatives for ensuring coherence and effectiveness of climate action;
- iii. Identifying how to overcome challenges and barriers to ensure that Malawi is able to meet its development objectives in the context of a changing climate;
- iv. Informing the SADC Conference on Green Climate Action to be held in September 2021, and presenting Malawi’s status and future climate action in that Conference;
- v. Providing inputs to the preparations for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (CoP 26) that will be held in the UK in November 2021,

including the finalization of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plan (NAP), national priorities for the negotiations, and evidence to showcase Malawi's climate action.

3.0. Expected Outcomes

It is expected that the conference will;

- i. Enable Malawi to define development pathways for the attainment of a low carbon emission and climate resilience nation by 2050;
- ii. Publicise the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and;
- iii. Build the country's position paper to the Twenty Sixth Conference of Parties (COP26) of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

4.0. How to Participate.

The Ministry cordially invites all Malawians to this important occasion. To virtually participate, register with the Conference Secretariat by visiting the following web link: <https://bit.ly/3eyjmcl>. For enquiries, please call us on +265 999 872 282.

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