

Attracting Finance and Investment for the Energy Transition in Malawi

Stakeholders Meeting

24 September 2024, 8:30 A.M to 14:00 P.M (SAST)

Umodzi Park Hotel, Lilongwe, Malawi

Malawi, through the Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC) is a beneficiary of a technical assistance project promoting and facilitating finance and investment in energy transition. This 3-year project, led by the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), is implemented in cooperation with other UN departments.

One of the project's key outputs is to develop a strategy to attract finance and investment in energy transition-related projects, such as renewable energy and green technologies. As part of the strategy development process, UNCTAD and MITC are jointly organizing this meeting to consult stakeholders from the private and public sectors, as well as development partners. The objective of the stakeholder meeting is to collect feedback, insights, and inputs for successful development and implementation of a national strategy to attract finance and investment to support the energy transition aspiration of Malawi.

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
	Opening Remarks
09:00 – 09:20	Mr Paul Kwengwere, Chief Executive Officer, Malawi Trade and Investment Centre (MITC) Ms. Nan Li, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD
	Keynote address
09:20 – 09:30	Honorable Ibrahim Matola, Minister of Energy <i>OR</i> Eng. Alfonso Chikuni Secretary for Energy at the Ministry of Energy
	Setting the Scene

09:30 – 09:45	<p>Attracting Finance and Investments for the energy transition</p> <p>Ms. Natalia Guerra, Senior Capacity-building Coordinator, Investment Promotion Section, DIAE, UNCTAD</p>
Panel Discussion I	
09:45 – 10:35	<p>Creating an enabling environment for green energy investments in Tanzania: Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Eugenia Masviken, Renewable energy expert, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Energy • Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA) • ESCOM • Mr. Brave Mhonie, President, Renewable Energy Industry Association of Malawi (REIAMA)
10:35 -10:50	Coffee Break & Group Photo
Panel Discussion II	
10:50 – 11:45	<p>Financing energy transition: innovative schemes and the role of development financial institutions and institutional investors</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ermias Biadgleng, Legal Affairs Officer, IPS, DIAE, UNCTAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rahul Agarwal, Institutional Investment Expert, UNCTAD (online) • Ministry of Finance • African Development Bank • NBM Development Bank of Malawi • United Nations Development Program, Malawi.
Focus Group discussions	
11:45 – 12:45	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Eugenia Masviken, Renewable energy expert, UNCTAD</p> <p>Catalyzing Green Investments: Overcoming barriers and identifying opportunities in Malawi’s Energy Transition</p> <p>All Participants</p> <p>Round table focus groups discussions: Participants will be divided into groups to discuss the challenges in energy transition/green investments and proposed recommendations.</p>
12:45 – 13:00	Summary of focus group discussion
Closing	
13:00 – 13:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Stella Chikhula Ng’oma, Director of Investment Promotion and Facilitation, Malawi Trade and Investment Centre (MTIC) • Ms. Natalia Guerra, Senior Capacity-building Coordinator, Investment Promotion Section, DIAE, UNCTAD
13:15 -14:30	Lunch