



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

PRESS RELEASE

LAUNCH OF ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC REPORTS

- Malawi State of Environment and Outlook Report;
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the Environment and Natural Resources Management Sector;
- Environmental Sustainability Criteria Framework for the Environment and Natural Resources Management Sector in Malawi;
- Second National Communication on Climate Change; and
- Report on Economic Valuation of Sustainable use of Natural Resources in Malawi.

The Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning wishes to inform the general public about the launch of the above mentioned reports which will take place at Sogecoa Golden Peacock Hotel located at City Centre in Lilongwe on **Friday 20th January 2012** starting from 9:00 am.

The Malawi State of Environment and Outlook Report is produced in line with the provisions of the Environment Management Act (1996) to provide information on the state and trends of environmental changes in the country. This provides a basis for policy and planning processes such as the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) and budgetary allocation to the environment and natural resources sector. The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the Environment and Natural Resources Management Sector is a tool for sustainable management of environment and natural resources as it provides guidance on a set of indicators necessary for monitoring performance by the environment and natural resources sector. The Environmental Sustainability Criteria Framework for the Environment and Natural Resources Management Sector in Malawi outlines strategic approaches to be taken in the planning processes in order to promote sustainable environmental management in line with the Millennium Development Goal No.7 on “Environmental Sustainability”. The Second National Communication on Climate Change provides a detailed account of the green house gas emission inventories from various sectors in the country, technology transfer on climate change, research and systematic observations, among others. This provides basis for planning, implementation and monitoring of climate change programmes in the country. The Economic Analysis on Sustainable Use of Natural Resources in Malawi provides an account of the contribution of the natural resources sector to the national socio-economic development and the associated costs of not managing the environment sustainably.

The Malawi State of Environment and Outlook Report and the Report on Economic Analysis on Sustainable use of Natural Resources in Malawi have been prepared with financial and technical support from the joint United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI) project while the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Environmental Sustainability Criteria Framework; and Second National Communication have been supported by the UNDP’s Energy and Environment for Pro-poor Growth project and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, respectively.

The successful use of these reports is critical for mainstreaming and integration of environmental issues in the national development planning, programming and budgeting for sustainable development.

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