

**PRESS STATEMENT**

**UNITED NATIONS AND MALAWI GOVERNMENT SET TO SIGN UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK 2024-2028**

(Lilongwe, Malawi – 22 November 2023) The Government of Malawi and the United Nations will sign the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2024-2028 on 23 November 2023. The framework signifies a commitment to accelerate sustainable development efforts in Malawi, aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the national development plan, Malawi 2063.

The Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Malawi, Rebecca Adda-Dontoh, highlighted the significance of this pivotal moment, stating, "The signing of a Cooperation Framework represents a bold new commitment to strengthen partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and national development priorities. It also represents renewed hope in our collective resolve to do all we can to positively transform the lives of the people we serve, leaving no-one behind, while protecting the planet for the generations to come."

Despite facing challenges like climate-induced disasters, health crises, and geopolitical conflicts, Malawi remains resolute in achieving the SDGs by 2030 and the goals of Malawi 2063. The framework aims to regain development momentum, leveraging six critical transitions across food systems, energy access, digital connectivity, education, jobs, and climate change.

Embedded within the framework are guiding principles of inclusivity, human rights, gender equality, resilience, sustainability, and accountability.

Both the Government of Malawi and the United Nations reaffirm their commitment to work hand in hand, ensuring full accountability to the people of Malawi to deliver on the promises outlined within the Cooperation Framework.

The upcoming signing of the UNSDCF marks a pivotal moment in the journey towards sustainable development in Malawi, heralding renewed hope and a strengthened commitment towards a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

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