



MALAWI'S THIRD NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION (NDC 3.0) VALIDATION WORKSHOP

Concept Note

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Lilongwe and Dowa Districts, Malawi

Malawi is in the final stages of developing its Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), with formal submission to the UNFCCC targeted for March 2026. As the country transitions from consultation and drafting to finalisation, validation has emerged as a critical step to ensure that the NDC 3.0 is not only ambitious, but also credible, implementable, and nationally owned. To this end, the **Government of Malawi**, through the **Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change**, is undertaking a series of NDC 3.0 validation workshops prior to submission to the UNFCCC. These include regional validation workshops engaging district-level stakeholders across Malawi's regions as well as a sectoral validation workshop engaging NDC sector focal points at the central level. This approach is designed to confirm sectoral priorities, clarify roles and responsibilities, and ensure alignment with institutional capacities and on-the-ground realities.

In support of this process, the **UNFCCC, through its Regional Collaboration Centre for Eastern and Southern Africa (RCC EASA)**, is providing direct country support to the Government of Malawi to conduct the Central Region Validation Workshop and the Sectoral Validation Workshop. This support aims to strengthen national ownership, enhance institutional coherence, and ensure readiness for effective implementation, thereby positioning Malawi's NDC 3.0 as a robust, credible, and actionable national climate commitment. The development of Malawi's NDC 3.0 has been supported through the NDC Partnership, with technical assistance from the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and Climate Analytics. This support enabled the completion of an NDC 2.0 Stocktake and the preparation of a draft NDC 3.0.

OBJECTIVES

The validation workshops seek to:

- Validate sectoral priorities, measures, and targets contained in the draft NDC 3.0 through structured engagement with line ministries, sector focal points, and district-level stakeholders.
- Strengthen national ownership and buy-in by ensuring meaningful participation of central and sub-national actors responsible for NDC implementation.
- Clarify roles, responsibilities, and coordination arrangements across sectors and levels of governance for NDC implementation.
- Identify key implementation, capacity, and support needs required to operationalise NDC commitments post-submission.



- Ensure readiness for submission of a robust, coherent, and nationally endorsed NDC 3.0 to the UNFCCC.

Expected Outcomes

- Sectoral and sub-national inputs validated and integrated into the final NDC 3.0;
- NDC measures and targets reviewed, endorsed, and confirmed by key sector and district stakeholders;
- Enhanced understanding of NDC 3.0 commitments, expectations, and implementation pathways among participating stakeholders;
- Strengthened institutional coherence and coordination across sectors and levels of government;
- Increased national ownership, accountability, and readiness for implementation and resource mobilisation following NDC 3.0 submission.

AGENDA

Time	Session	Speakers/Facilitator
08h30 - 09h00	Welcome and registration of participants	ALL
09h00 - 09h30	Official opening of the workshop	UNFCCC RCC EASA Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining- EAD
	Presentation of the workshop objectives and agenda	EAD
09h30 - 10h00	Coffee break	
	Group photo	
10h00-11h30	Setting the scene: Introduction to the NDC	EAD
	Presentation of the NDC3.0	Climate Analytics
11h30-12h00	Plenary discussion: With focus on clarifications	Participants
12h00 - 13h00	Lunch break	
13h00 - 14h30	Deep-dive: Sectoral working group session to review the NDC3.0 document	Participants



14h30	-	Feedback from the working group session	Participants
15h30	-	Next steps Official closing of the workshop	Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining- EAD