



THE ECAMA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Hello our valued members...

This is ECAMA's third newsletter, intended to brief all our highly esteemed members, about the association's activities undertaken in the quarter and inform you of what we intend to do in the fourth quarter.

Development of a new website

Since the crashing of ECAMA's website, ecamamw.org, our interaction with the members through the cyber space has been minimal; leaving members unable to access some crucial publications and important information that were only available through our website. The secretariat sort to restore the website with uttermost determination, howbeit, efforts to recover the crashed website were met with towering-technical-hardships.

After going through such technical challenges, we are pleased to inform you that we are rounding up on the creation of a new web page for the association that is expected to be launched in less than a month's time. Not only does it contain the documentation and features of its predecessor, but also enhanced features that allow members to easily renew their membership subscription and maximize their membership benefits.

Annual Economic Conference

Since 2012, ECAMA has been organizing annual conferences targeting high-level representatives from the private and public sector, academia, civil society organizations and development partners. The annual conference aims at encouraging open, proactive debate and policy dialogue on pertinent economic issues in Malawi so as to inform policy formulation and influence the development

agenda of the country. There is no doubt as to the value of a high-level policy dialogue platform provided by the ECAMA annual conference as the conference communiques are highly regarded in policy circles.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the association is geared yet again to hold its prestigious Annual Economic Conference (AEC) at Sunbird Nkopola Lodge in Mangochi on the 22nd and 23rd of November. The theme for this year's conference will be: ***“Current and Emerging Challenges Towards Transformative Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth.”*** Following the previous year's theme, the 2018 Annual Conference places emphasis on how identified pillars and structures as well as suggested solutions can now be operationalized to ensure that they impact positively on the country's development.

The conference will include the following sub-themes:

1. **Creating and Enhancing the country's macroeconomic policy environment**
 - a) Long-term Development Planning: Is National Planning Commission (NPC) a Panacea for Growth? - *NPC Chairperson, Prof. Richard Mkandawire;*
 - b) Economic governance and economic growth- *UNDP Economic Advisor, Malawi and Namibia, Alka Bhatia;*
 - c) Breaking away: Can ECF turn Malawi's economic fortune?- *IMF Resident Representative, Malawi-Jack Ree;*
 - d) The rise of FinTech, TechFin, Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: Threat or Opportunity to Traditional Monetary System and Policy-*IMF Senior Resident Representative, South Africa, Dr. Montfort Mlachila;*
 - e) Cost and access to finance in Malawi- *Country Manager, World Bank, Malawi, Mr. Greg Toulmin;*

f) Role of Stock Market in Long Term Development Financing- *CEO, Malawi Stock Exchange, Mr. John Robson Kamanga.*

2. Transformation of Agricultural Sector

a) Creation of structured markets in Agricultural Sector- *Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, Dr. Bob Baulch*

3. Revitalizing Energy Sector

a) Private sector Strategic Investment Options in the Energy Sector-*CEO, MITC, Mr. Clement Kumbemba.*

Keynote Speaker:

Ms. Maria Jose Torres, UNDP Resident Coordinator

Panelist:

-Mr. Fredrick Changaya-Deputy MD, Candlex Limited.

-Dr. McDonald Mwale- Director Economic Affairs, MoFEP&D

-Mr.Rodrick Wiyo, Director Financial Market Operations, RBM

Dr. Jacob Mazalale, Economics Lecturer, Chanco

***Conference participation fee November 2018:**

Members: K235,000.00

Non-members: K285,000.00

**This does not include cost of accommodation.*

Membership Subscription for 2018 is still open

The corporate membership categories and their annual fees are as follows:

Platinum Members	K3,000,000
Gold Members	K1,500,000
Silver Members	K500,000

There are differences in benefits applicable to each corporate category and such information can be provided upon request from the secretariat. Individual membership has currently no categories still and the annual fee is K5,000 for students and K50,000 for everyone else. Efforts are underway to introduce categorizations at this level so as to attract a wider membership base and also recognize differences in professional experiences as is the case with other membership based professional associations.

Feedback...

You can send your feedback to

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You are encouraged to send in short articles on topical issues that may be briefly stated or mentioned in this quarterly bulletin.

This newsletter has been produced by the ECAMA secretariat with voluntary technical support from one of its members. We would be grateful to hear of any other members who would like to offer technical support in relevant areas of their choice.