

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Malawi
Date Group Established
October 28 th 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
September 20th 2023
Date Annual Return Submitted
October 12th 2023
Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]
October 6th 2022
Group Meetings and Activities Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
17th January '23: five MSPs, twenty in-person non-MSP attendees and forty-six online participants heard from Prof Iain Gillespie, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dundee on the University of Dundee's commitment to Malawian Partnerships.

This is based on the University of Dundee Strategy to 2027 Social Purpose pillars: Research; Education and empowerment & engagement.

Speaking from Malawi, Prof Sosten Chiotha, Regional Director of Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Southern and Eastern Africa, reported back from successful talks with cabinet ministers who acknowledged the tangible outcomes from the genesis of the partnership already as well as expressed their overwhelming support.

The CPG was addressed online by the Vice Chancellors of all six public universities in Malawi who each expressed their excitement about transforming the lives of students and people in Malawi through this partnership.

Ali Longdon, Director of Learning and Teaching at the Co-operative College spoke of her organisation as an educational charity whose mission is empowering individuals and communities to build a fairer world. Two areas of their work particularly applied to this meeting: 1. Developing partnerships in higher education and the establishment of a scholarship programme. 2. Building and growing stronger networks to develop existing and new co-operatives and networks to share knowledge and best practice.

17th May '23: Over 2.2 million people in Malawi have been affected by Tropical Cyclone Freddy, with loss of life, injury and nearly 660,000 people displaced. The Cyclone has also caused significant disruption to shelter, agriculture, food security, transport, education, health, and the water, sanitation and hygiene sectors.

Two MSPs, thirteen in-person non-MSP participants and thirty-eight online participants heard from the Department of Disaster Management Affairs in Malawi (DoDMA) about Malawi's Tropical Cyclone Freddy relief response work. The presentation focussed on five points: people & places affected, response plan, early recovery and camp decommissioning, ongoing activities and requirements.

Dr Blessings Kachale was in Malawi for SCIAF when the cyclone hit and gave a personal account. Being on site meant that Dr Kachale was able to respond immediately to the emergency through SCIAF. Dr Kachale also spoke of the cyclone fundraising efforts of members of the Malawian diaspora in Scotland and the UK.

Malawi Fruits' Development Executive, Atusaye Kayuni, visiting from Malawi spoke of his organisation's empowerment of women & girls in agriculture. Though not a disaster response organisation, Malawi Fruits empowers women and girls economically through modern ways of farming. Currently mainly tomatoes are grown in polytunnels near a woman's home producing a much higher yield than tomatoes grown traditionally using the same amount of fertilizer.

The Mamie Martin Fund's Country Director, Mercy Sibande, also visiting from Malawi, spoke of her organisation's work in supporting the secondary education of girls in Malawi. Without the money provided by the fund many girls would have dropped out of school. Through this work Malawi could be developed as more women and girls were educated. The goal is to see girls through secondary education.

This hybrid meeting was held jointly with Westminster's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malawi.

20th September '23:

In 2021, Malawi's President Chakwera launched the 'Zero Malaria Starts with Me' campaign, joining the pan-African movement to strengthen local, national, and regional efforts towards a malaria-free Africa. In that year, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that nearly half of the world's population is at risk of malaria, of which there are 247 million cases worldwide, causing an estimated 619 000 deaths. The WHO African Region was home to 95% of malaria cases, 96% of malaria deaths and children under 5 accounted for about 80% of all malaria deaths in the Region.

Three MSPs, nineteen in-person participants and twenty-four online participants heard of progress with the Malaria vaccine in a

collaboration between the University of Glasgow and Kamuzu University of Health Sciences. The Speakers were:

Prof Mwapatsa Mipando, Associate Professor & former Principal, Kamuzu University of Health Sciences

Dr Chris Moxon, Clinical Senior Lecturer (Parasitology), University of Glasgow

Dr Dagmara McGuinness, Research Associate (Parasitology), University of Glasgow

Prof Lilach Sheiner, Professor (Parasitology), University of Glasgow

Lizzie Bridget Tchongwe Divala, PhD student

Watipenge Harmony Nyasulu, MSc student.

This hybrid meeting was held jointly with Westminster's All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Malawi and the APPG on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases. Videos of Malawi CPG meetings are on the Scotland Malawi Partnership's website listed under Past Events.

MSP Members of The Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Liam McArthur MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Alexander Stewart MSP (Scottish Conservatives)

Dr Alasdair Allan MSP (Scottish National Party)

Sarah Boyack MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour)

Colin Smyth (Scottish Labour)

Stephanie Callaghan (Scottish National Party)

Non-MSP Members of The Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Prof Heather Cubie
Susan Dalgety
Brian Kerr
Evie Murray
Prof Tim Eden
Towera Munthali
Douglas Blackwood
David Alsop
Jailos Mapeza
Iain Fulton
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Chrissie Hirst
Paul Johnson
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Andy Kerr
David Knox
Crispin Longden
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Group Office Bearers

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Co-Conveners: Liam McArthur MSP, Alexander Stewart MSP, Dr Alasdair Allan MSP
Deputy Convener	Sarah Boyack MSP
Secretary	Stuart Brown, Interim CEO of the Scotland Malawi Partnership
Treasurer	None

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