

Welcome to Malawi 
"The Warm Heart of Africa"

*The Fourteenth
Annual General Meeting and
Conference of the SADC Lawyers'
Association
to be held in Lilongwe, Malawi
at the Bingu International Conference
Centre from 2 - 3 August, 2013*



*Hosted by the
SADC Lawyers'
Association
and the Malawi
Law Society*



2013 SADC LA AGM/Conference

INTRODUCTION

The Councils of the SADC Lawyers' Association (SADC LA) and the Malawi Law Society (MLS) extend a warm invitation to the members of the law societies and bar associations in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region to attend the **Fourteenth Annual SADC Lawyers' Association General Meeting and Conference from 2 – 3 August, 2013**, under the theme **"Constitution-Making and Constitutionalism in SADC: Opportunity or Illusion for Justice, Peace and Shared Values"**. This will mark the second time that the Malawi Law Society has hosted a SADC LA conference – the first time having been exactly one decade ago.

THE CONFERENCE THEME

The Treaty establishing SADC recognizes human rights, democracy and the rule of law as the foundation from which to *"achieve development and economic growth, alleviate poverty, enhance the standard and quality of life of the people of Southern Africa and support the socially disadvantaged through regional integration"* and to *"promote common political values, systems and other shared values which are transmitted through institutions which are democratic, legitimate and effective"*.

A comparative analysis of the SADC region with other Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa evinces that SADC continues to fail to gain traction in regional economic and social integration. The unfortunate result is that the Treaty and its protocols continue to be compromised and the region continues to bear witness to the reckless violation of human rights and the growing impediments to social and economic growth implemented by State and non-State actors with impunity.

The recently ended and ongoing constitution-making processes in the region, therefore, provide a gateway for lawyers and civil society stakeholders to aptly weigh in on the impact of constitution-making processes and constitutionalism on the democratic space in SADC societies as well as the impact on the real and potential progress of economic integration.

LILONGWE

Lilongwe is the capital city of Malawi and is home to Capital Hill, the campus for the Government Ministries, Parliament, international corporate offices, diplomatic missions, banks, recreational facilities, exclusive hotels and a bustling night life. Delegates should plan to arrive no later than 1st

August, to ensure full participation in all planned activities and to arrange to depart no sooner than 4th August.

THE BINGU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

The meeting will be held at the [Bingu International Conference Centre \(BICC\)](#).

The BICC is a modern conference facility launched in 2012, and is the designated meeting venue for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Heads of State Summit, which will be held in August 2013.

The BICC boasts a state-of-the-art auditorium, which can

accommodate upwards of 1500 people, and several high-level meeting and breakaway rooms, which provides for the unique ability for multiple sessions to proceed simultaneously during the conference – a point of note that the organizers have taken into account while developing what is expected to be an exciting conference programme.

The conference facility also comprises several sophisticated event halls, one of which will be the venue for the conference Gala Dinner, which will be held on the evening of Saturday, 3rd August, 2013.

ACCOMMODATION

Special corporate rates have been negotiated at all of the top-flight hotels in Lilongwe and preliminary block-bookings have been made to ensure that SADC LA delegates receive preferential service when confirming bookings.

Booking confirmations and payments must be made directly with the hotel. All delegates are advised to make their bookings early to avoid any disappointments and to make special reference of the meeting when booking to ensure that the special rates are secured.

Detailed information of the recommended conference hotels are provided in the table below.

S/N	Hotel	Distance from Conference Venue	Rates	Room Availability as at 3.5.2013
1	President Hotel	200 metres <i>(within the same complex)</i>	N/A	NOT AVAILABLE
2	Sunbird Capital Hotel Tel: +265 1 773 388 Fax: +265 1 771 273 Email: centralres@sunbirdmalawi.com W: www.sunbirdmalawi.com	500 metres	- Superior - \$125 - Deluxe- \$135 - Executive Deluxe- \$145 - Studio- \$155 - Suites- \$175	170 rooms in total. 70 rooms reserved for conference delegates.



Figure 1 - Main Auditorium



Figure 2 - Breakaway Room

					
3	<p>Sagecoa Golden Peacock Tel: +265 1 776 668 Fax: +265 1 776 644 Email: malumbo@yahoo.com</p> 	1 km		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard - \$105 - Deluxe- \$110 - Deluxe Suite- \$350 	180 rooms reserved for conference delegates.
4	<p>Pacific Hotel Tel: +265 1 776 133 or +265 99 3189590 Email: reservations@pacifichotelsmw.com W: www.pacifichotesmw.com</p>	1 km		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard single-\$100 - Standard Double- \$120 - Deluxe Single-\$120 - Deluxe Double-\$145. <p><i>[10% discount for conference delegates]</i></p>	48 rooms in total. 25 rooms reserved for conference delegates.
5	<p>Wamkulu Palace Tel: +265 1 776 762/764/760 or +265 888 380 000 Fax: +265 1 776 720 W: www.wamkuluhotels.com</p>	2 km		All rooms - \$110.	21 rooms reserved for conference delegates. Advance bookings by delegates to Wamkulu should be made by end of May 2013.
6	<p>Crossroads Hotel Tel: +265 1 750 333/444 Email: centralreservations@crossroadshotel.net W: www.crossroadshotel.net</p> 	5 km		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superior- \$120 - Deluxe -\$160 - Superior Suite -\$210 - Deluxe Suite -\$360 	97 rooms have been reserved for conference delegates.
7	<p>Mafumu Gardens Tel: +265 1 750 982/954 or +265 999 029 689 Fax: +265 1 750 985 Email: info@mafumu.com W: www.mafumu.com</p>	9 km		All rooms – \$120.	30 rooms reserved for conference delegates.

				
<p>8</p>	<p>Ufulu Gardens (**Cocktail Venue**)</p> <p>Tel: +265 1 794 060</p> <p>Email: reservations@ufulugardens.mw</p> <p>W: www.ufulugardens.com</p>  	<p>10 km</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -3-1bedroom apartments at \$120 for non-residents and MK29,000.00 for residents - 1 – 2 bedroom apartments at \$180 for non-residents and MK41,000.00 for residents -1- 3 bedroom apartments at \$ 250 for non-residents and MK52,000.00 for residents -17 hotel suites at \$100 for non-residents and MK25,000.00 for residents. 	<p>22 rooms reserved for conference delegates.</p>

RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES

Malawi is affectionately known as “The Warm Heart of Africa” and boasts a wide array of activities and attractions from golf, to safaris, to scenic views by Lake Malawi, which makes attendance at the 2013 SADC LA Annual General Meeting and Conference a must and an idyllic getaway for families and groups of friends.

All costs associated with participating in recreational and extra-curricular activities are not included in the registration fee and must, therefore, be covered by conference delegates. More information will be availed soon, or, can also be obtained through a tour / travel agent.

REGISTRATION

SADCLA Individual Members will only be required to pay **\$250** as a registration fee as a preferred rate for lawyers who have paid US\$ 200 to become individual members; all other delegates will be required to pay **\$390** as an Early Bird Registration Fee.

The fee covers airport transfers, transfers from hotels to the conference venue, welcome cocktail on 1st August, Gala Dinner on the 3rd August, meals and teas during the conference and conference bags and materials.

This early bird fee has now been extended through 14th July, 2013. Going forward, a late registration fee of **\$450** will be applicable. **The registration fee does not include accommodation, meals (other than those indicated above) or extracurricular activities.**

Partners and guests of delegates attending the conference will be required to pay US\$ 20 for the airport shuttle, US\$ 30 for the welcome cocktail and US\$ 50 for the farewell dinner. The partners and guests may not attend the working sessions of the conference, unless they pay a full registration fee.

A registration form is attached to this brochure for your ease of reference. All delegates are advised to make payments into the bank account details as below and e-mail or fax proof of payment to the Malawi Law Society **AND** the SADC Lawyers Association:

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank Name: FDH Bank Limited
Address: Umoyo House, Victoria Avenue, Blantyre
Account Name: SADC Lawyers Association AGM and Conference
Account Number: 65635511
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The Councils of the SADC Lawyers' Association and Malawi Law Society look forward to receiving you in Lilongwe!