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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: INVITATION TO THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRAND MEETING

The Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP) is a network organization funded by the Scottish government to coordinate the civic links which Malawi has with Scotland. In pursuance of this role, MaSP operates in 4 key thematic areas namely: health, education, sustainable economic development and energy. Under these thematic areas, MaSP works with the government of Malawi officials in the line ministries and they are called '**Strand Leads**'. Strand meetings are held twice a year and are attended by civil society organizations running projects funded by the Scottish government and government representatives among other stakeholders. The strand meetings are chaired by the Strand Lead. In this regard, the strand meeting for the sustainable economic development strand has been scheduled for the **16th of November 2017** from **9am to 11am** at the Department of Economic Planning in the ministry of Finance and Economic Development at Capital hill.

This letter therefore is an invitation to your good office to attend this meeting as an important stakeholder in the Sustainable Economic Development sector in Malawi. The MaSP shall provide refreshments for this meeting.

As you may be aware the Scottish Government has opened its call for grants for the **2018 to 2023 funding period**. In this regard therefore, it is envisaged that this meeting will promote networking, sharing and collaboration drawing on past experience from previous or current grant holders and opportunities for collaboration amongst those interested to apply. The meeting will also provide a chance for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to guide participants on the importance of aligning their grant applications to the **MGDS 3**. Other issues to be discussed at the meeting will include:

- General views of Malawian priorities, structures and systems in the sustainable economic sector
- Challenges and opportunities in the economic sector and proposals on forward
- Ideas for collaboration and joint-working - both potential consortia or partnerships for this application, and what opportunities for strategic external partnerships

To confirm your participation please call **Ms Maggie Mdhuli** on 0881123040 or email her on theomdhuli@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours faithfully

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