



**Persons with Albinism in Malawi:
Promoting an Inclusive Future for All Ages**

Thursday, 23 January 2025 – 11:00 UK / 13:00 MW

Location: Online - Zoom

Duration: 60 minutes + additional 30 minutes of networking for those attending in-person.

Context: Since 2014, Malawi has recorded over 200 cases of reported attacks, abductions, and killings of people with albinism. Many people live in fear, and don't know who to turn to for protection or support. They face discrimination in all areas of life – at school, in their communities, and in the world of work.

There are different types of albinism, which can cause serious health problems such as visual challenges and, especially if sunscreen isn't accessible, poor skin health leading to cancer. In terms of social experiences, there are ingrained stigma and misconceptions about people with albinism which often cause ostracisation from their communities. Unfortunately, people with albinism don't always know where to turn for help.

In this open, hybrid event, we hear from:

Agenda

Time UK / MW*	Item	Speaker/s
11:00 UK / 13:00 MW	Welcome Meeting overview	Done by SMP – Chad, Stuart or Tash
11:05 UK / 13:05 MW	Chair's opening comments	Chris MacLulich, Programme Officer (Malawi) SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund)
11:10 UK / 13:10 MW	Albinism and Social Justice	Tuntu Simwimba, Programme Officer, Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace - Malawi
11:20 UK / 13:20 MW	Research findings on education experiences of children with albinism in Malawi	Elita Chamdimba - Research Fellow PhD student in Social Work, University of Strathclyde
11:30 UK / 13:30 MW	Confronting Discrimination, Promoting Equity	Bonface Massah, Commissioner, Malawi Human Rights Commission (MHRC)
11:40 UK / 13:40 MW	Exploring freedom and human rights of children and young persons with albinism in Central Region of Malawi	Tuntufye Juma, Programme Manager, Standing Voice Dr Chris Hand, Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow Dr Paul Lynch, Reader, University of Glasgow
12:00 UK / 13:00 MW	Members' comments, questions and contributions	All attendees
12:25 UK / 13:25 MW	Closing remarks	Stuart Brown, CEO, SMP
12:30 UK / 13:30 MW	Meeting closes	

*all times are approximate

[SCIAF - Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund](#)

SCIAF works in partnership with local civil and church organisations, supporting communities across the world to bring about lasting change. We put pressure on governments to care for the planet and create a fairer, more peaceful world.

[CCJP - CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE](#)

The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP) was founded in 1992 and works to promote the awareness of human rights, justice, and peace in the communities the church serves. CCJP strives to create a peaceful Malawian society that promotes the development of the whole person, including economic justice and advocacy.

[Malawi Human Rights Commission](#)

The mandate of the MHRC “is to protect and promote human rights in Malawi in the broadest sense possible. The Constitution provides that the Commission shall, with respect to the applications of an individual or class of persons, or on its own volition, have such powers of investigation and recommendation as are reasonably necessary for the effective promotion of the rights conferred by or under the Constitution and its enabling law”

[Standing Voice](#)

Standing Voice is an international non-governmental organisation based in Tanzania, Malawi and the UK. We defend the rights of people with albinism in Africa.