**The Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP)**

**Agriculture & Food Security Forum**

**Tuesday 28thSeptember 2021–11am (UK time); 12 Noon Malawi time**

**CHAT LOG**

* **Linda Dembo**: Hi, am Linda Dembo from Malawi Scotland Partnership
* **Michael Beresford**: Good morning everyone, Mike Beresford from Zambesi Mission.
* **The Scotland Malawi Partnership**: Thank you for joining us. Please find a copy of the agenda here: https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/assets/documents/SMP-Ag-FS-Forum-28th-Sep-AGENDA.pdf
* **Julie Saunders’s iPad**: Good afternoon, Julie Saunders, Lilongwe wildlife Trust
* **Jade Stein, SMP (She/Her)**: Good morning everyone. Jade Stein here, Media and Communications Officer, SMP.  
  We’ll be live tweeting through the event. Please feel free to tag us, (and of course, in the future) @ScotlandMalawi.  
  https://twitter.com/ScotlandMalawi  
  You are also always welcome to share news of your Scotland/Malawi focussed work with us to jade@scotland-malawipartnership.org, for promotion support.  
  Warm wishes,  
  Jade.
* **Charles Howie**: Good afternoon. I am Dr Charles Howie, consultant adviser to Malawi Fruits and our counterpart, Modern Farming Technologies, Mzuzu  
  My contact is charles\_a\_howie@hotmail.com
* **Jade Stein, SMP (She/Her)**: The inspiring new feature-length documentary, ‘The Ants and the Grasshopper’, shown across Scotland this autumn in the run up to COP26 - https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/news/smp-sponsors-major-new-malawi-climate-crisis-feature-film
* **Andrew Heald**: Hello everyone - i'm Andrew Heald - for more information about what i'm going to talk about please visit https://newgenerationplantations.org/
* **James Willis - Alton Climate Action Network**: This guy is a super-star!
* **Bob Hawthorne**: Permaculture is imho the future for Malawi. We have worked with Never Ending Foods and the Kusamala Institute in Lilongwe. In the past few years. Farmers from 5 rural villages have been trained and embraced permaculture farming methodology. Starting with home produced compost manure replacing expensive fertiliser rural farmers have been able to save money and sell produce at the local trading centre. As highlighted food can be grown over the 12 months of the year. Thank you for this presentation.
* **Penny Morton**: Hello Everyone – very interesting talks! I am Penny Morton a Project Engineer at Koolmill Systems Ltd with expertise in women empowerment and inclusion. Koolmill is a disruptive, accessible rice processing solution. Our mission is to create and retain value in local communities whilst reducing the environmental impact of a wasteful global industry that feeds 3.5 billion people daily. www.koolmill.com
* **FCDO Simon Calvert**: Hi all. I am Simon Calvert, Senior Commercial Agriculture Adviser based at the East Kilbride campus of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.
* **Julie Saunders’s iPad**: Excellent presentation Mr Biswick, inspirational indeed. Would like to bring the Lilongwe Garden Society members out to visit one day!
* **Charles Howie**: Much appreciate both previous presentations, hit many buttons. However, Malawi is predicted to see a 19 to 29 million population increase by the mid-2030s. What are Malawi’s strategies for food security, what is seen as the role of small scale farmers in achieving that, and what part can Scottish NGOs play?
* **Charles Howie**: Hi Simon, how many farmers in Malawi, 80,000?
* **FCDO Simon Calvert**: So far the BRACC programme has reached 80,000 farmers with climate smart techniques  
  More data on BRACC and other programmes - https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/projects/GB-GOV-1-300113/partners  
  CGIAR  
  thanks all!
* **James Willis - ACAN**: The short video ACAN made last year about Luwayo's Permaculture Paradise Institute is on YouTube at www.bit.ly/Paradiselink (the capital P is crucial!)
* **Andrew Heald**: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/sustainable-plantations-help-save-uganda-forests
* **Luisa Brown**: Hello! Luisa Brown, SMP Youth & Schools Officer here. Welcome to listen to our #COP26Voices series of young Scottish and Malawian voices of 1 minute long clips. 26 videos in total will be reached by the COP26 conference: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgpoMu-3Pi8&list=PLvdbv9bmQgsze-6SlT8--TAeTgaafaWeg
* **Penny Morton**: Servitization? Join Ventures?
* **Michael Beresford**: Many thanks Kevin, very interesting. I am interested to know how successfully the farmers are able to pay off the cost of their solar pumps? What happens if someone defaults?
* **Charles Howie**: To supplement Kevin’s presentation, Malawi Fruits counterpart in Mzuzu is Modern Farming Technologies
* **Charles Howie**: Hi Penny, what technologies are yu working on?
* **James Willis - ACAN**: Thank you Stuart and all the contributors for a most inspiring meeting.Some wonderful people here if I may say so.
* **Penny Morton**: Hi Charles - I am working on processing rice - so we mill rice from paddy that's grown in the fields into rice that we can eat on our plates. Its all about processing better what we already grow rather than growing more rice. #  
  penny@koolmill.com
* **David Hope-Jones**: We will be updating this page shortly. Contact us to feed in and offer videos etc. https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/our-members/areas-of-partnership/trade-agriculture-and-food-security
* **Heather Cubie**: Hello everyone. I am Heather Cubie Chair of SMP. What an inspirational talk from Luwayo at Permaculture Paradise Institute. Also fascinating other suggestions through today's forum, an area which I know relatively little about. Thank you Stuart for really excellent chairing, David for summarising and all those who contributed. SMP Fora are great environments not only for sharing but also for learning!
* **Michael Beresford**: I am visiting the museum tomorrow! 😊  
  Thank you very much
* **Rebekah Hinton**: Thank you!
* **Mark Wong**: thanks everyone. Very much in tune with what we are doing with ecolodgy.org, particularly with respect to getting the community on board. I will reach out on linkedin :) https://ecolodgy.org/community-projects/