**SMP Further and Higher Education Forum**

**21st September 2021**

**CHAT LOG**

* **The Scotland Malawi Partnership**: Thank you for joining us. Please find a copy of the agenda here: <https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/assets/documents/FEHE-Forum-2021-21-09-Agenda-v5.docx>
* **Stuart, SMP**: FE/HE Directory - The SMP’s Further & Higher Education Directory is available on our website here. We encourage anyone working for universities or colleges in Scotland that have a Malawian link to contact us to make a submission to this directory. We would also like to welcome your feedback and suggested edits. Please email Stuart Brown (stuart@scotland-malawipartnership.org). https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/news/smp-launches-higher-and-further-education-directory
* **Heather Cubie**: Good morning everyone. This is Heather Cubie, Chair of SMP and involved in cervical screen and treat programme across Malawi
* **Heather Cubie**: Heather.Cubie@ed.ac.uk
* **James Gondwe**: Hello everyone, James Gondwe here representing the Centre for Youth and Development, Email: jamesgondwe@cydmalawi.org
* **Stuart, SMP**: Page two of 2018-20\_SMP\_FEHE\_Forum\_Action\_Plan.doc (live.com) displays article: “UK-NARIC COMPARABILITY ASSESSMENT OF UNIVERSITY DEGREES FROM MALAWI: A BRIEF REPORT” By Peter Mtika, PhD, University of Aberdeen, UK; Yonah H. Matemba, PhD, University of the West of Scotland, UK
* **Prof John Kalenga Saka**: Am John Saka from Mzuzu University
* **Stuart, SMP**: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332545009\_Crisis\_What\_Crisis\_Malawian\_Degrees\_and\_International\_Comparability
* **Joseph Nagoli**: Thanks for inviting NPC in this discussion. NPC is here represented by Joseph Nagoli and Andrew Jamali - jnagoli@npc.mw; ajamali@npc.mw
* **Alan**: Good morning, I'm the finance officer for SMP and also a Trustee of Bananabox Trust, which carries out projects in Northern Malawi
* **Linda Dembo; MaSP**: Hi, This is Linda Dembo working for Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP)
* **Mac Mallewa**: This is Prof Mac Mallewa Acting Vice Chancellor, Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (formerly College of Medicine and Kamuzu College of Nursing) mmallewa@medcol.mw
* **Wezzie Gausi**: Hie everyone, this is Wezzie Gausi from Times
* **Hendricks Nkhata**: This is Hendricks Nkhata,Climate Change Project Coordinator,Malawi Scotland Partnership.
* **Emma Wood**: Emma Wood-from QMU and STEKAskills and author of the report into Youth Solidarity Dialogues https://www.stekaskills.com/our-model-of-critical-dialogue-for-
* **Wezzie Gausi**: How do I raise my volume, I can't hear anything
* **Mac Mallewa**: I am having problems with my volume.
* **Darren Watt**: Hello, Darren Watt, Business Manager from the Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Security (University of Edinburgh) here. I am pleased to be involved.
* **Simon Guild**: Simon Guild here. Head of the School of Life Sciences at the University of Glasgow, UK.
* **David Hope-Jones**: Good morning Scotland, Good afternoon Malawi (!), David Hope-Jones here, CEO of the Scotland Malawi Partnership.
* **Jeremy Bagg**: Jeremy Bagg, Former Head of University of Glasgow Dental School
* **Jane Gebbie Kondanani**: Hi Jane Gebbie here from Kondanani UK, a charity that supports Kondanani Children's Village near Blantyre Malawi.
* **Belinda Gombachika - Kamuzu University of Health Sciences**: Try to re-join through the same zoom link.
* **Tracy Morse**: Hi everyone - Tracy Morse Head of the Centre for Sustainable Development from University of Strathclyde tracy.thomson@strath.ac.uk. Lovely to see you all!
* **The Scotland Malawi Partnership**: If experiencing sound issues, please check your speaker and microphone settings using the microphone icon in the bottom left corner of your screen.
* **Stuart, SMP**: Hi, great to hear of Malawi's FEHE priorities. Stuart, Deputy CEO, Scotland Malawi Partnership
* **kennethjamesking**: I am Kenneth King, connected to African Studies in the University of Edinburgh. I did some work on Higher Education in Malawi for the Scottish Executive some years ago, and I have had a number of Malawian doctoral students.
* **Mindy Panulo**: Hello everyone- Mindy Panulo, Research associate at Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS), formerly known as The Polytechnic
* **Kondwani Chidziwisano**: This is Dr. Kondwani Chidziwisano, academician and researcher from Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences
* **Jonathan Daube (he/him)**: I am happy to join you from Massachusetts USA where it is 6 a.m. I taught at the University of Malawi from 1968 to 1970; visited fifty years later! and gave a talk in Zomba. If you want to see what I said, just e-mail me at daubejm@gmail.com I am very happy to see you all, Jonathan M. Daube, now retired after over thirty years as a college president in Massachusetts and Connecticut.
* **Oluseye Ogunbayo**: I am Dr Oluseye Ogunbayo, Deputy Programme Director- ChM General Surgery from Edinburgh Surgery Online, Clinical Sciences Teaching Organisation, University of Edinburgh. We partner with the Royal College of Edinburgh Surgeons to train and support Medical trainees and Advanced trainees globally and especially from sub-Saharan Africa, including Malawi. We provide scholarships and training.
* **James Gondwe**: I only see public universities and none from private ones. Is it deliberate?
* **Shaun Mc Laughlin**: Shaun McLaughlin- Programmes & Learning Manager with The Challenges Group based in Scotland and Malawi. We have multiple projects in Malawi including supporting with professional accreditations alongside CMI and also on a scholarship programme with Heriot-Watt which is focused on practical experience through engineering and renewable master courses
* **Stuart, SMP**: Thanks for the question, @James Gondwe: "I only see public universities and none from private ones. Is it deliberate?" - all are most welcome and we encourage all participants to share word of this Forum (and welcome to it) with their contacts
* **Joseph Nagoli**: Thank you so much Heather. We will keep you in the loop
* **Stella**: interesting lots of research being conducted
* **Lindsay Graham**: The Soko Fund - www.thesokofund.org, My email is lindsay@thesokofund.org
* **Stuart, SMP**: Thanks @Oluseye and apologies that the Directory has not yet been updated due to COVID. We focused solely in 2020 on monthly covid-19 co-ordination meetings. The Directory is not digital but a PDF and we are very keen that it becomes digital so that we can update it swiftly.
* **Barbara J Cormack**: I am happy to join you from South Lanarkshire, Scotland. I grew up in Nyasaland/Malawi and after years of travelling for work, have just moved back to the UK. Although my parents left Malawi more recently than I did, I would like to understand more about this forum. We work closely in the Personal and Professional Development field - coaching and mentoring. We not only work with individuals to achieve their aspirations but we also train people to use the skills, and would like to understand how I get become more involved.
* **James Gondwe**: In addition to what I said. Of interest as well is our work that we were trialing on remote education support through text messages and phone calls in primary schools and it’s an area that we are interested in scaling and collaborating with others..
* **James Gondwe**: Would be interested to converse further with others locally in Malawi and Scotland. jamesgondwe@cydmalawi.org
* **Tracy Morse**: @ Dr Banda we would love to talk to you more about one health opportunities and current work
* **Prof John Kalenga Saka**: We have a strong team on Renewable Energy working on increasing access to various forms. this is another area of focus.
* **Stuart, SMP**: Update from Suze Farrell, Wellcome Centre for Anti-Infectives Research (WCAIR), University of Dundee who is not able to attend today: “WCAIR are still actively pursuing links regarding development of training. Obviously international travel has been off limits lately, so we have not delivered any training in Malawi since 2019. However, we are liaising with a number of previous trainees to plan activities over the next two years. We hope to support the development of a small research group in chemistry for drug discovery with some of our partners interested in supporting too. We are waiting on a number of decisions being made in Malawi before we can move forward but hopefully by late 2021/early 2022 we will know enough to take positive steps.”
* **Wilson Mandala**: Very interesting work you are doing James. Fascinating
* **Shaun Mc Laughlin**: I have to jump off now unfortunately, look forward to reviewing the recording on how members can collaborate. One area Challenges would keen to support is employer engagement and the transition into employment after University, if this is an option
* **Heather Cubie**: Brilliant idea Tracy. It would be really significant to take forward, involving not just F&HE but including the practical delivery and implementation of research findings
* **Tracy Morse**: Great Heather - completely agree
* **Tracy Morse**: @ Emma we’ve looked at initiation camps in terms of of how they impact on current and future reproductive health decisions
* **Emma Wood**: That's good to hear - I'd be so interested in that Tracy . My email is ewood@qmu.ac.uk if you are able to share findings.
* **Emma Wood**: And from anyone else who has researched the impact of initiation camps
* **Cosmo Ngongondo**: Unima has also worked with Strathyclide University under the Climate Justice projects 1 and 2. Sustainable Groundwater developed was the focus, working in rural communities
* **Kondwani Chidziwisano**: It will be great for the National Planning Commission to create an enabling environment where research findings should have a greater influence in policy. There seems some challenges in the uptake of research findings by the Government.
* **Stella**: yes I agree with npc
* **Stuart, SMP**: Please also write in Chat. Messages to everyone will be captured in the Chat log and sent to all.
* **Prof John Kalenga Saka**: We need to take on the item raised by David. Organisers, Let us have a photo taken and shared before the end of the day.
* **Stella**: pls if there are opportunities let MASP know so we can circulate
* **Cosmo Ngongondo**: There is a need to depart from traditional research to more impactful research inline with the national development priorities
* **Stuart, SMP**: https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/news/smp-launches-higher-and-further-education-directory
* **Liveness Banda**: I note the comment from Tracy my email is lbanda@luanar.ac.mw
* **Oluseye Ogunbayo**: Web: https://www.edinburghsurgeryonline.com/ Web: https:// www.ed.ac.uk/alumni/services/platform-one
* **Tracy Morse**: Dr Nagoli we would welcome your insight to any plans going forward
* **David Hope-Jones**: Thanks all