



Forestry in Malawi

Tuesday, 27 June 2023 – 11:00 (UK time) 12:00 (Malawi time)

Location: The Mandela Room, Edinburgh City Chambers and on Zoom

Duration: 90 minutes + additional networking for those participating in-person.

All are welcome to join this open and inclusive event, which will discuss key considerations in tree-planting projects in Malawi and in approaching investment in commercial forestry there. Chaired by Professor Iain Woodhouse and sharing the report and findings on this topic of Dr Henry Kadzuwa, there will be expert insights into a forestry approach which does no harm, seeks to benefit local-communities, is climate-friendly, fits within Malawi's national plans and continental commitments and offers return on investment.

Agenda

Time UK / MW	Item	Speaker/s
10:30 UK	In-person welcome and briefing	SMP team
11:00 UK / 12:00 MW	Welcome Meeting protocols	Natasha Maluza – Communication and Engagement Officer - SMP
11:05 UK / 12:05 MW	Chair's opening comments	Prof. Iain Woodhouse – University of Edinburgh
11:10 UK / 12:10 MW	Potential of Commercial Forestry in Malawi*	Dr Henry Kadzuwa** PTO
11:30 UK / 12:30 MW	Members' Tree-planting experiences	a selection of members and guests with 2-minute presentations
12:00 UK / 13:00 MW	Q&A & Discussion	All attendees
12:25 UK / 13:25 MW	Closing remarks	Stuart Brown, Interim CEO, SMP
12:30 UK / 13:30 MW	Meeting closes	
12:30 UK	Networking and social	In person attendees only
13:00 UK	Event ends	

*Dr Kadzuwa will share an overview of the:

1. Current state of Malawi's forest industry
2. Legal and regulatory policy framework supporting commercial forestry in Malawi, and to what extent?
3. Current socio-economic/cultural and environmental benefits and considerations associated with the management of commercial forestry in Malawi.
4. Prospects, forces/risks/impacts of running commercial forestry in Malawi.

****Dr Henry Kadzuwa - Forestry Analyst & Admin Support**

Henry joined the SMP in February '23 having just submitted his PhD in GeoSciences at the University of Edinburgh. He passed his Viva voce examinations in April and he should be ready for this year's graduation. He is an enthusiastic, hardworking, and ready-to-learn person with a broad and acute interest in research and development of forestry science, natural resources and environmental management. Henry takes particular enjoyment in integrating GIS and Remote Sensing technology to solve global challenges. To this affect, Henry has published four scientific journal articles during his PhD research envisaged to contribute to the better understanding of the tropical forest biomass and carbon within the realms of climate change. As well as supporting across the team, Henry is producing a report on the potential of commercial forestry investment in Malawi which does no harm, is ethical, fits into a Malawian setting, is climate friendly and has potential return on investment. A summary of his findings will be shared openly.