



Scotland Malawi Partnership 2021 Annual General Meeting
Saturday 9th October 2021
AGENDA

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86376462092>

Please join the meeting by 1.55pm UK time / 2.55pm Malawi time

UK time	Malawi time	Item	Speaker
14.00 – 14.05	15.00 – 15.05	Introduction, welcome and administration: Welcome, agenda and aims of meeting	- Heather Cubie Chair, SMP
14.05 – 14.13	15.05 – 15.13	Address by the First Minister of Scotland: Pre-recorded speech (due to scheduling reasons) by the First Minister	- Rt Hon. Nicola Sturgeon MSP First Minister of Scotland
14.13 – 14.18	15.13 – 15.18	Briefing for the President from the SMP Short summary briefing from the SMP on activity in the last year and progress against the President's three priorities for the bilateral relationship	- David Hope-Jones CEO, SMP
14.18 – 14.28	15.18 – 15.28	Address by the President of Malawi: Live speech by the President of Malawi, speaking from State House, Lilongwe	- H.E. Lazarus Chakwera MP President of the Republic of Malawi and <i>ex officio</i> Hon Co-Patron of the SMP
14.28 – 14.38	15.28 – 15.38	Q&A with the President of Malawi: Live Q&A, with three pre-submitted questions from SMP and MaSP members	- H.E. Lazarus Chakwera MP President of the Republic of Malawi and <i>ex officio</i> Hon Co-Patron of the SMP
14.38 – 14.48	15.38 – 15.48	Meet the Team: Introductions from the SMP staff team and a representative of the Youth Committee. With Q&A by chatbox.	- David Hope-Jones, Stuart Brown, Craig Docking, Jade Stein, Luisa Brown, Alan Laverock and Rachel Cameron SMP staff team & Youth Committee
14.48 – 15.13	15.48 – 16.13	E-Networking: Break-out groups which delegates can move between as they wish, to share information about their work and make new contacts	All
15.13 – 15.33	16.13 – 16.33	Core Business: - Annual Report - Update on becoming a SCIO - Approve minutes from 2020 AGM - Election of trustees - Presentation of annual accounts - Appointment of Independent Examiners	- Heather Cubie Chair, SMP - Claire Martin Co-Chair SMP & Chair of Audit and Finance Committee
15.33 – 15.43	16.33 – 16.43	Strategic Plan and Upcoming Activities: Update on the SMP's 2021-23 Strategic Plan and key upcoming events, with opportunity for members to input in	- David Hope-Jones CEO, SMP

15.43 – 16.08	16.43 – 17.08	Member Discussion: Inviting <i>your</i> input: Selection of breakout groups which members can move between, sharing their views on key topics of the day (see below) to help guide the SMP's work in the coming year.	All
16.08 – 16.27	17.08 – 17.27	Samson and Susan Kambalu talk and Q&A Talk by the inspiring Malawian artist Samson Kambalu and his Scottish wife Susan, on their 4 th plinth commission and the Scotland-Malawi relationship	Prof Samsun Kambalu & Susan Kambalu Associate Professor of Fine Art at Ruskin School of Art and Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford
16.27 – 16.30	17.27 – 17.30	Closing remarks: Key summary points, next steps, thank you's and feedback	- David Hope-Jones CEO, SMP

Links to papers and further information:

- [Full information about the event, including booking](#)
- [SMP 2020-21 Annual Report](#)
- [SMP 2020-21 Annual Accounts](#)
- [SMP 2020 AGM Minutes \(for approval\)](#)
- [SMP 2021-23 Strategic Plan](#) and [Theory of Change](#)
- [Information on Trustee elections](#)

How to register a question to ask the President:

Anyone attending the meeting can register a question to ask the President using [this link](#) up until 13.00 UK time (14.00 Malawi time). We will select questions before the event.

How to vote in the AGM:

SMP Members can vote for core business motions up to 15.00 (UK time) on the 9th October, so results can be announced at the AGM. All members should have been emailed a weblink to cast their vote on 7th October at 17.30, giving them 2-days to vote. If you are an SMP and you have not received or cannot find your voting link, please email craig@scotland-malawipartnership.org

Questions to think about for the discussion groups:

- 1) What should the SMP be doing to support **climate action**, at COP26 and beyond?
- 2) After 19 months of almost no Malawi-Scotland travel what does the **future of the bilateral relationship** look like - should the SMP be rushing back to **in-person events**/engagements or sticking with digital?
- 3) How best should the SMP be engaging key contemporary topics like **decolonizing development** and Black Lives Matter?
- 4) What is the best way for the SMP to really bring to life its [Partnership Principles](#) and support its members to work within these?
- 5) Having completed a major [podcast series](#), what new **major digital project** should we embark on to reach new audiences, explore key themes in novel ways, and amplify voices that otherwise aren't heard and support respectful dialogue?
- 6) With recent policy and political changes in both the UK Government and the Scottish Government what should be the SMP's priority in **engaging and influencing governments**?
- 7) Is "**aid**" **part of the solution or part of the problem** for Malawi, and where does the Scotland-Malawi relationship sit in this debate?
- 8) How do we **strengthen governance** – both here in Scotland, within the membership, and with our partners in Malawi?
- 9) What does Scotland need to do to really deliver on **Malawi's priorities**, including the President's three challenges for the bilateral relationship?
- 10) How does the SMP engage and inspire **schools and young people** in the next five years?
- 11) What is the role of the SMP in the next chapter of the **Covid-19 pandemic**?
- 12) How do we better engage the **Malawian diaspora** community in our next chapter, ensuring the SMP is as diverse and inclusive as possible?