



Media Debrief

Malawi President's visit to Scotland, April 2018

On the morning of the 25th April the Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) [hosted an event](#) with the President of Malawi at the Edinburgh City Chambers, as part of his [visit to Scotland](#) after the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). This event was one of a series of engagements the President undertook while visiting Scotland. Other events included:

- Visiting the RCPSG
- Visiting the University of Glasgow
- Visiting Scottish Water
- [Addressing the Scottish Parliament](#)

This briefing sets out the media coverage generated from the President's visit to Scotland. Press coverage was 79% positive in tone during the President's visit.

Positive news coverage in Scotland

1. The Scotsman, 21st April - [Scottish links with Malawi get 150k funding boost](#)
2. The Scotsman, 23rd April - [New Scotland-Malawi Agreement Reached](#)
3. Edinburgh Evening News, 25th April - [President of Malawi given Capital welcome in Edinburgh](#)
4. STV, 26th April - [Malawi President visit shows deep bonds between nations](#)
5. STV, 26th April - Scotland-Malawi links (TV)
6. The Scotsman, 26th April - [President of Malawi addresses MSPs at Holyrood](#)
7. The Herald, 26th April - [President of Malawi to address MSPs](#)
8. The Herald, 27th April - [Scotland's links with Malawi are celebrated at Holyrood](#)
9. The Herald, 28th April - [Scotland and Malawi youth project to tackle climate change](#)
10. Glasgow Live, 29th April - [Scotland Malawi Youth Project to tackle climate change](#)
11. Perth Gazette, 29th April - [New collaboration between young people in Malawi and Scotland to support action on climate change](#)
12. Third Force News, 30th April - [Climate change partnership aims to boost Scotland and Malawi](#)

Positive news coverage in Malawi

1. Nyasa Times, 20th April - [Mutharika declares London trip success: next stop Scotland for state visit](#)
2. Malawi24, 22nd April - [Scotland to give College of Medicine K102 million](#)

3. Nyasa Times, 24th April - [Malawi leader starts official visit in Scotland](#)
4. Nyasa Times, 24th April - [University of Glasgow to establish research centre at Malawi College of Medicine](#)
5. Mavari Post, 24th April - [Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow promise Mutharika to enroll more Malawian medical students](#)
6. All Africa, 25th April - [Malawi and Scotland agree on bilateral relations during Mutharika's official visit](#)
7. Nyasa Times, 25th April - [Malawi and Scotland agree new bilateral relations during Mutharika's official visit](#)
8. Nyasa Times, 25th April - [Malawi leader visits Scottish Water facility](#)
9. Nyasa Times, 25th April - [Mutharika tells Scots: 'if you have not visited Malawi before then now is the time': hails Scotland-Malawi Partnership](#)
10. All Africa, 26th April - [Malawi to continue benefitting from partnership with Scotland](#)
11. Nyasa Times, 26th April - [Malawi President had the 'pleasure' to watch question time in Scottish Parliament says First Minister](#)
12. Nyasa Times, 26th April - [Preserve Malawi history, urges President Mutharika](#)
13. Nyasa Times, 26th April - [Mutharika addresses Scottish Parliament: 'Malawi is a country you can trust'](#)
14. The Maravi Post, 26th April - [Malawi and Scotland in new bilateral relations](#)
15. All Africa, 26th April - [Malawi: Scotland Police, Malawi Police Service sign MOU](#)
16. Malawi24 - 27th April - [I have done wonders for Malawi - Mutharika](#)

Negative news coverage in Scotland

1. The Times, 22nd April - [Calls for Scottish Government Ministers to tackle Malawi president on gay rights abuses](#)
2. Amnesty International, 26th April - [President of Malawi visiting Scottish Parliament](#)
3. The Herald, 28th April - [David Pratt: Scotland needs to look at its relationship with Malawi](#)
4. The Times, 29th April - [Malawi's leader enjoys luxury trip at Prestonfield](#)

Negative news coverage in Malawi

1. Nyasa Times, 2nd May - [UK newspaper criticizes Mutharika's 'luxury' hotel expenses paid by Scotland](#)
2. Nyasa Times, 3rd May - [Malawi reacts to UK newspaper 'insults' to President Mutharika](#)

Social Media

The SMP Twitter account generated 52,500 impressions during the month of April.

[View all tweets from the SMP civic-society event at the City Chambers >>](#)



A selection of Tweets from the President's visit to Scotland

Political engagement

First Minister @ScotGovM Following

FM @NicolaSturgeon signs Global Goals Partnership Agreement with President Mutharika of Malawi, setting out both countries' commitment to realising the United Nations' Global Development Goals news.gov.scot/news/global-go...



15:52 UK - 25 Apr 2018

285 Retweets 481 Likes

Alasdair Allan, SuttouID and SuttouID

Fiona Hyslop @FionaHyslop Following

Pleasure to meet President Mutharika of Malawi @ScotlandMalawi Partnership event with passion + commitment for relationship from young people



SuttouID @SuttouID
Ms Hyslop delighted to meet President Mutharika & the First Lady at the SMP Youth event in Edinburgh City Chambers. @APMutharika @MalawiGovt @ScotlandMalawi @FionaHyslop @MalawiScotland @mphondak @alasdairalan @edinburgh_cc

12:19 PM - 25 Apr 2018

4 Retweets 12 Likes

Clare Haughey MSP @haughey_dave Following

Great to meet the President of Malawi earlier today. He was disappointed not to get to visit #Blantyre this time but is very keen to do so on his next visit to Scotland. I look forward to showing him the birthplace of David Livingstone & the town Malawi's capital is named after



7:53 PM - 26 Apr 2018

9 Retweets 29 Likes

ScotGovID @ScotGovID Following

Ms Hyslop answering questions on the role of youths from Scotland & Malawi in this @YOYP2018 at the SMP Youth event. @MalawiGovt @APMutharika @mphondak @FionaHyslop @alasdairalan @MalawiScotland @ScotlandMalawi @Edinburgh_CC @firstaidafrika



Mutharika of Malawi

1:15 PM - 23 Apr 2018

4 Retweets 16 Likes

- APM** @APMuthanka · Apr 26
 The Malawi-Scotland Partnership has become one of the strongest North-South relationships in the world. Such relationships are rare and precious in a world where, paradoxically, developed countries like exploiting and manipulating poor countries in the name of supporting them.
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- APM** @APMuthanka · Apr 26
 Nearly half the population of Scotland can tell you about a personal friend or family member, with a connection to Malawi. This is what it means to have a people-to-people partnership.
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- APM** @APMuthanka · Apr 26
 I have seen Scottish people celebrate the spirit of Malawian culture. There is no greater humility than to assume another person's culture out of freewill.
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- APM** @APMuthanka · Apr 26
 The Malawi-Scotland Partnership is founded on mutual respect, which is rare and precious given the North-South relations in our world order today.
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Kena Mphonda 🇲🇼
 @mphondak Following

His Excellency the President to visit Scottish Parliament as illustration of deep bonds between **#Malawi** and **#Scotland**

STV News @STVNews
 Malawi president visit to Holyrood shows 'deep bonds' between the African nation and Scotland [stv.tv/news/politics/...](#)

6:59 AM · 26 Apr 2018

10 Retweets 20 Likes

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Member engagement

Scottish Water @scottishwater

Scottish Water was delighted to welcome President Mutharika of Malawi & the First Lady today on a tour of our Glencorse Water Treatment Works which has the capacity to supply over 175 million litres of fresh, clear drinking water per day. @ScotGovID @MalawiGovt



10:22 AM - 25 Apr 2018

30 Retweets 17 Likes

WCMP Glasgow @WCMPGLASGOW

Our Director Prof Andy Waters & our Institute Global Health lead at the Scottish Parliament today for the address by President of the Republic of Malawi His Excellency Prof Peter Mutharika @Paulgarside6 @UofGlasgow @bagg_jeremy @mphonjak @ScotGovID @MipandoMwapa @ScotlandMalawi



1:34 PM - 26 Apr 2018

6 Retweets 22 Likes

Keith High School @KeithUK

Nimrah & Michael meeting the President of Malawi! 🇧🇪🇲🇼 @ScotlandMalawi



1:55 AM - 25 Apr 2018 From Edinburgh, Scotland

3 Retweets 87 Likes

RCPSCG @rscpasgow

We were honoured to welcome His Excellency @APMutharika the President of Malawi to the College today to celebrate the ongoing links between our College and his country.



4:21 PM - 23 Apr 2018

21 Retweets 35 Likes

CEA International
@ceainternatl

Following

"Dignified two-way partnerships, planned & implemented together. Listen first, act second" Great work DHU & the whole @ScotlandMalawi team! Presidential visit showcasing the partnership in action and in spirit. Brilliant! @CES_Tweet @MarysMeals @malawifruits @Tawachikyorulu

Emotional Malawi Partnership @ceainternatl
We were privileged to welcome the President of Malawi to Edinburgh today, to explore the many close ties that exist between Scotland & Malawi 🇸🇪🇲🇼

451 Retweets · 10 Likes · 1 Reply · 1 Retweet

Gleniffer HS
@GlenifferHS

Following

This week we teamed up with @kirklandneukos and met with the president of Malawi. What a fantastic opportunity at Edinburgh City Chambers @ScotlandMalawi



5:04 PM · 27 Apr 2018

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