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INFORMATION NOTE

FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE REGIONAL
COMMEMORATION OF THE DAY OF THE
AFRICAN CHILD

LILONGWE, MALAWI



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD COMMEMORATION

INTRODUCTION

- Malawi will host the Regional Commemoration of the Day of the African Child on 16th June 2025, in Lilongwe. This important event, organized under the auspices of the African Union, brings together children, policymakers, civil society, and development partners to reflect on the progress made and the challenges that remain in advancing children's rights and welfare in Africa.
- This Information Note is intended to provide logistical and safety guidance for all participants to ensure effective participation and a smooth experience throughout the event.

VISA

- Dignitaries planning to participate in the 2025 Regional Commemoration of the Day of the African Child in Malawi are advised to verify visa requirements based on their country of origin, as nationals from certain countries will need to obtain a visa prior to entry. To facilitate smooth visa acquisition, the Government of Malawi will provide necessary support to dignitaries requiring visas, upon submission of their personal particulars—including full name, passport details, and travel itinerary—along with an official letter of endorsement from a senior officer of the institution they represent. All required documentation should be submitted no later than 31st May 2025 to ensure timely processing.
- Email **Mr. Kondwani Mhone** through mhonekho@gmail.com for submission



SECURITY SITUATION IN LILONGWE

- Lilongwe is generally peaceful and safe. However, participants are advised to maintain a heightened sense of awareness, especially in busy public areas and during travel to and from event venues.



WEATHER

- Visitors traveling to Malawi between 12th and 17th June 2025 can expect cool and dry weather, as this period falls within the country's winter season. Average daytime temperatures range from 18°C to 24°C, while evenings and early mornings can be significantly cooler, particularly in highland areas. It is advisable to pack warm clothing, especially for early morning and evening activities.



LOCAL TRANSPORT FOR DELEGATES

- All delegates are responsible for their own local transportation arrangements, including travel from the airport to Lilongwe hotels and to the event venue. Transportation services such as local taxis are available in Lilongwe.
- Limited shuttle services may be arranged for keynote speakers and dignitaries by the organizing committee. Delegates are encouraged to make transport plans early and travel in groups where possible for added convenience and safety.



HOTELS/ACCOMODATION

- A list of a sample of hotels is annexed to this note. Delegates are advised to book directly with hotels of their choice. Note that the organizing committee is unable to make direct reservations on behalf of delegates. This is because reservations in most cases require either upfront payment or a bank card, which the committee does not have. A few hotels, however, accept payment at check-in.



- Participants are also encouraged to secure accommodation in Lilongwe well in advance. Group accommodations such as serviced apartments or shared guesthouses can be a cost-effective option for delegations.
- **Refer to Annex 1**

ACCESS TO THE EVENT VENUE

- The main venue for the event is the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC) in Lilongwe. Full details regarding the main venue, access requirements, and the registration process will be communicated prior to the event. Participants must carry a valid form of identification and their official event badge to gain entry to all sessions and functions.



MEDICAL SERVICES (EMERGENCY/OTHER CARE)

- Basic first aid and emergency medical services will be available at the event venue. For any more serious medical needs, participants are advised to access reputable facilities such as **Kamuzu Central Hospital, ABC Clinic, or Partners in Hope Clinic.**



SOME TIPS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY

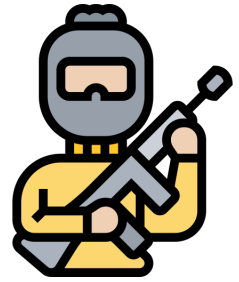
The following are some tips for personal safety:

- If you suspect you're being followed, stay away from the deserted blocks and head for areas where there are people.
- Use well-populated and well-lit streets.
- If you are driven home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.
- Cover jewelry, turn stone rings towards palm side of your hand.
- Be aware of suspicious people near the ATM entrance. Use mirrors positioned at the ATM to see behind you. Put your money away and take your card and receipt before leaving the ATM.
- Do not leave laptop computers unattended, even for a minute.
- Carry only the amount of cash necessary to make your purchases for the day.
- Hold on to your cell phone and keep it secure out of sight when not in use.
- Use well-lit, busy streets and avoid isolated areas after dark.
- Do not leave belongings unattended in public places.
- Use registered transport services.
- In case of an emergency, contact 997 (Police) or 998 (Ambulance).



TERRORISM

- Although Malawi is not considered high-risk for terrorism, the nature of high-profile public events necessitates vigilance. Soft targets such as gatherings, hotels, and official venues could be vulnerable to disruption.
- There is no known active terrorist threat within Malawi. Nonetheless, participants should remain alert in crowded or symbolic areas, report suspicious activity, and follow any security guidance issued by authorities or event organizers.



CONTACT INFORMATION

A dedicated event coordination team will be available to support all logistical and protocol needs. Contact numbers and support details will be shared in the official delegate package closer to the event date.

For more information, please contact the following:



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ANNEX 1: AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

ACCOMMODATION	E-MAIL ADDRESS	CONTACT NUMBER
Sunbird Capital Hotel	capitalres@sunbirdmalawi.com joshua@sunbirdmalawi.com	+265888965119
Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel	linda@sunbirdmalawi.com jnyaka@sunbirdmalawi.com	+265885 996 521
Crossroads Hotel Lilongwe	reservations@crossroadshote.net functions@crossroadshotel.net	+265 888 750 444 +265 888 513 105
Ufulu Gardens	reservations@ufulugardens.mw	+265 888 994 060 +265 996 945 277
Golden Peacock Hotel	reservations@goldenpeacockhotelli-lolongwe.com	+265 992 883 083
Sigelege Boutique Hotel	reservations@sigelege.com sales@sigelege.com	+265 999 818 088 +265 983 325 365
BICC	reservations@umodzipark.co.mw	+265 993 915 550 +265 887387 112
The Forty Four Hotel	info@thefortyfourmw.com	+265 881 264 444
Latitude 13 Degrees	13@thelatitudehotels.com	+265 999 785 400
Pebbles Boutique	pebblesboutiquehotel@gmail.com	+265 885 273 366
Bamboo Boutique Hotel	fobamboo@serendibhotel.com	+265 995 881 129
Malville Boutique Hotel	reservations@malvilleboutiquehotel.com	+265 999 965 106
Riverside Hotel	reservation@riversidehotelmalawi.com	+265 992 771 914
Woodlands Hotel	reservations@woodlandslilongwe.net	+265 888 882 020
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