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7<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

**INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP FOR THE  
REVIEW OF POLICIES AND REGULATIONS ON CHARCOAL AND PROMOTION  
OF A SYSTEMS APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE CHARCOAL PRODUCTION IN  
MALAWI, 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2013, UFULU GARDENS, LILONGWE**

The Department of Environmental Affairs with financial support from the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) has been implementing the Private Public Sector Partnership Project on Sustainable Land Management (SLM Project) in the Shire River Basin for the past three years. The objective of the project is “to reduce land degradation in the Shire River Basin through improved institutional, policy and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) arrangements.” The project has four specific outcomes which are:

**Outcome 1:** The policy, regulatory and institutional arrangements for supporting sustainable land management in the Shire River Basin aligned.

**Outcome 2:** Private Public Partnerships (PPP) providing financial incentives for SLM (through green water credits and sustainable charcoal) developed.

**Outcome 3:** Crop insurance providing the basis for increased access to credits as well as increased use of up to date weather information in decision making enhanced.

**Outcome 4:** Knowledge and skills for SLM to resource managers at all levels increased.

To help realize the project outcomes outlined above, the project recruited four teams of consultants to:

- (i) Conduct a Comprehensive Policy Sector Review for Incorporating Sustainable Land Management in the Shire River Basin and Develop an Institutional Framework for SLM.
- (ii) Develop a Green Water Credit Scheme in the Shire River Basin.
- (iii) Review Policies and Regulations on Charcoal & Promote a Systems Approach to Sustainable Charcoal Production and Use in Malawi and
- (iv) Develop an implementable Weather-Based Index Crop Insurance Scheme for the Shire River Basin.

The consultants on the third assignments (Reviewing of Policies and Regulations on Sustainable Charcoal) have finalised the field data collection and have submitted an initial draft field report which needs to be validated by various stakeholders working around the Shire River Basin.

Due to the importance of your institution or organization to the work on Sustainable Land Management in the Shire River Basin, you are cordially invited to participate in the validation workshop that will present the results of this consultancy.

This validation workshop will provide support and guidance to the consultant/s as they finalize the aforesaid work. In this respect, you are requested to review the attached report.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

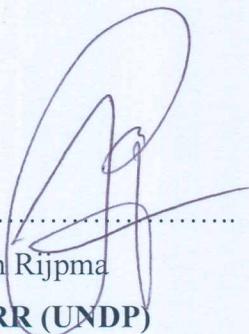
**Date:** Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
**Time:** 8.30am  
**Venue:** Ufulu Gardens, 43/365, Lilongwe

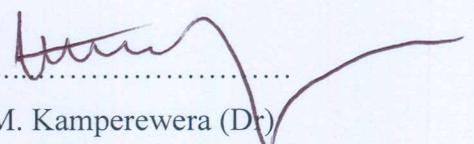
Please, kindly confirm your participation with Ms Yasinta Ganiza (0999447023) or Mr Dumisani Moyo (0881156262).

For participants travelling from outside Lilongwe, please note that a per diem will be provided to cover accommodation and dinner for the night of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Lunch will be provided during the workshop.

Fuel refunds will be made for the costs actually incurred and you are advised to keep fuel receipts.

We look forward to your usual active participation at the meeting.

  
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Jan Rijpma  
**ARR (UNDP)**

  
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A. M. Kamperewera (Dr)  
**Director, Environmental Affairs Department**

### Workshop Agenda

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>8.30 – 9.00</b>	Registration
<b>9.00 – 9.10</b>	Opening Remarks
<b>9.10 -10.30</b>	Presentation of report on the Review of Policies and Regulations on Charcoal & Promotion of a Systems Approach to Sustainable Charcoal Production and Use in Malawi , Mr Stephen Mutimba/Dr Judith Kamoto.
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	Tea Break
<b>11.00-12.20</b>	Plenary Discussion on outcomes, issues, missing links and way forward.
<b>12.20-13.30</b>	Closure of the workshop
<b>12.30 – 13.30</b>	Lunch <b>DEPARTURE</b>