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LAUNCH OF THE MALAWI NATIONAL PUBLIC SECTOR REFORMS POLICY (2018-2022) AND MALAWI PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT POLICY (2018-2022)

The Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) wishes to notify the general public that it will launch the first Malawi National Public Sector Reforms Policy (2018-2022) and Malawi Public Service Management Policy (2018-2022) on **Friday 19 October, 2018** at **Bingu International Convention Center (BICC)**. The Government of Malawi adheres to Democratic Values enshrined in the country's Constitution which affirms the need for Malawians to have access to efficient and quality service delivery in areas concerning their general wellbeing such as health, education and agriculture among others.

The Government of Malawi recognises the crucial importance of an efficient, effective, accountable, predictable, transparent, and responsive public service for the delivery of equitable and quality public services for the realisation of national development goals hence, on 11 February 2015 His Excellency the President Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika launched the Public Sector Reforms Programme.

Previous regimes have been implementing Public Sector Reforms since Malawi attained its independence in 1964; however, the reforms had mixed results and consequently limited impact on overall public sector transformation. The poor performance was partly attributed to the lack of proper frameworks to guide the Public Sector Reforms process which is complex and requires visionary leadership with full proof strategies aimed at achieving intended goals.

The overall purpose of the Malawi National Public Sector Reforms Policy is to provide strategic direction for the effective design, implementation and management of public sector reforms that will create a capable, efficient and effective public sector and stimulate and promote sustainable socio-economic development whilst the purpose of the Malawi Public Service Management Policy is to address weaknesses and contradictions in policies that guide the operations of the public service; to address performance challenges in the public service and to reposition the public service so that it can be a useful vehicle for the realization of the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) III.

The two ground breaking Policies will be launched by the Chief Secretary to the Government Mr. Lloyd Muhara who will be the guest of honour. Other participants at this landmark occasion include senior Government officials in the Public Sector, Development Partners, the Private Sector, Civil Society Organisations, Traditional Leaders, Religious Organisations, the Media and the General Public.

The Government of Malawi would like to thank all stakeholders, particularly civil servants themselves, development partners and technical advisors for their due diligence rendered in developing these two strategic documents.

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