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Press Release

Office of the President and Cabinet Department of Science and Technology

The general public is hereby informed that the **Department of Science and Technology** is now in the Office of the President and Cabinet. The mandate of the Department is to regulate, support, promote and coordinate the development and application of science, technology, innovation and research for wealth creation and improved quality of life.

Institutional Structure

The Department consists of divisions of Science and Technology, Planning and Monitoring, Finance and Administration and Internal Audit Unit. In addition, the Department is also responsible for the National Research Council of Malawi (NRCM) and it also oversees the Secretariat and the Working Committee on the establishment of Lilongwe University of Science and Technology.

Main Objectives

The main objectives of the Department are to:

- ❖ Formulate regulatory framework for science, technology and innovation
- ❖ Build science, technology and innovation capacity to support economic growth
- ❖ Promote the development, adoption, transfer and application of science, technology and innovation for macro-economic development
- ❖ Facilitate the establishment of backward and forward linkages between technology generation, development and utilisation in key sectors of the economy
- ❖ Enhance and popularise science, technology and innovation as a tool for sustainable wealth creation and as a catalyst for development.

Strategic plans

The strategic plans for the Department are to:

- ❖ Promote and manage the regulatory framework of science, technology and innovation
- ❖ Promote the adaptation of appropriate foreign and local technologies to boost the economy
- ❖ Promote education and skills development in science, technology and innovation
- ❖ Strengthen local and international collaboration with institutions dealing with science, research, technology and innovation.
- ❖ Facilitate the establishment of Lilongwe University of

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- ❖ Establish planning, monitoring and evaluation database for science and technology development
- ❖ Provide research grants to local institutions to develop value-added products from primary agricultural, mineral and other natural resource products.

The general public is also informed that His Excellency the President Dr Bingu wa Mutharika has appointed Professor Zachary Mark Kasomekera as the Chairman of the Working Committee on the establishment of Lilongwe University of Science and Technology with Dr Mrs Dorothy Namate as the Vice-Chairman. As a result of these appointments, the composition of the Working Committee is now as follows:

Prof Z. M. Kasomekera	—	Chairman
Dr Mrs D. Namate	—	Vice-Chairman
Mr R. Nkomba	—	Member
Prof J. K. Saka	—	Member
Dr N. T. Beni	—	Member
Dr B. W. Zingano	—	Member
Dr Mrs E. Sibale	—	Member
Mr C. Guta	—	Member
Prof M. B. Kwapata	—	Member
Prof Z. D. Kadzamira	—	Member
Prof P. Mwanza	—	Member
Secretary for Education	—	Ex-officio
Secretary to the Treasury	—	Ex-officio
Secretary for Human Resource Management and Development	—	Ex-officio
Secretary for Science and Technology	—	Ex-officio

In conclusion, the general public is advised that all matters relating to the Department of Science and Technology should be addressed to:

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