

2024 ICAM Annual Lakeshore Conference



**19 - 21
September
2024**



**Sun 'n' Sand
Holiday
Resort**

Theme: "NAVIGATING ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES: STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH AND RESILIENCE"

Guest of Honour: Hon. Simplex Chithyola Banda, MP, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, 19th September, 2024

OFFICIAL OPENING

- 17:50 hrs Arrival of Guest of Honour, **Hon. Simplex Chithyola Banda, MP, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs**
- 17:55 hrs National Anthem
- 18:00 hrs Welcome Remarks by the ICAM CEO, **CA. Noel Zigowa**
- 18:15 hrs Speech by the ICAM President, **CA. Moffat Ngalande**
- 18:30 hrs Speech by the Guest of Honour

Friday, 20th September, 2024

- 08:15 am *Partnership*
- 08:30 am *Partnership*
- 08:40 am **"Emotional Intelligence to Navigate Tough and Versatile Work and Business Environments"**
- **Cecelia Shammim Saidi**, Psychotherapist, Certified Life Coach & Talent Manager, Vintage Health Wellness Center
- 09:25 a *Partnership*
- 09:40 am **"Risk Management: The Pathway to Business Excellence"** - **CA. Steve Ottoman**, CFO, Lilongwe Water Board
- 10:25 am *Partnership*
- 10:40 am Tea/Coffee break
- 11:10 am *Partnership*
- 11:25 am **"Emerging International Standards on Business, Decent Work and Development"** - **Prof. Ngeyi Kanyongolo**,
Vice Chancellor, Catholic University
- 12:10 pm *Partnership*
- 12:15 pm **"Good Corporate Citizenship - The role of business captains in shaping policy and ease of doing business"**
- **CA. Robert Mdeza**, Group CEO, Trinity Energy Ltd, Sudan
- 12:50 pm Lunch
- 15:00 pm **AGM**
- 18:00 pm Cocktail

- 08:15 am *Partnership*
- 08:30 am *Partnership*
- 08:40 am **“Sustainability Best Practices and ESG Strategy”** - **Edna Kimenju**, Manager, Assurance, Financial Institutions Services Team (FIST) at Deloitte, East Africa.
- 09:40 am *Partnership*
- 09:45 am **“Harnessing the Financial Ecosystem to create and develop sustainable businesses in Malawi”** - **Wise Chigudu**, CEO, NICO Life
- 10:30 am *Partnership*
- 10:40 am Tea/Coffee break
- 11:10 am *Partnership*
- 11:25 am **“Practical challenges in an entrepreneurship journey”** - **Towera Jalakasi**, Managing Director, Naturals Limited (manufacturers of Khathi Khathi Malambe Juice)
- 12:10 pm *Partnership*
- 12:15 pm **“EI as the New Business Currency”** - **Derek Bbanga**, Professional Speaker, Unique Speakers Bureau
- 12:50 pm Announcements and closing remarks
- 13:00 pm Lunch and end of program

Guest of Honour



Hon. Simplex Chithyola Banda, MP
*Minister of Finance
and Economic Affairs*

Hon. Simplex Chithyola Banda, MP, is currently the Minister of Finance and Economic affairs. He is a Member of Parliament for Kasungu South.

Hon Simplex Chithyola Banda is the former Chairperson of the Industry, Trade and Tourism Committee in Malawi Parliament. He is an Expert on Corporate Governance, Political & Public Policy (Trade & Economic Development), Rural Development, Project Management, Human-rights, Carbon Financing and Climate Change.

Hon Simplex Chithyola Banda has extensive knowledge of several disciplines including but not limited to Political Intelligence and Strategy Development as well as Policy Formulation. He has worked at different levels (country level, Africa & beyond) and held several key administrative and policy decision-making positions

Hon Simplex Chithyola Banda has over twenty years of working experience in NGO management, promoting Global Partnerships on Pan-African Initiatives, Educational Governance, Private and Civil society organizations management (NGOs) and is a trained expert on Energy, Climate Change and Carbon Financing. He has vested skills and knowledge in Community Mobilization, Domestic Politics, and Policy Articulation.

Hon Simplex Chithyola Banda was educated in Malawi, RSA, Canada and Poland and holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy & Administration (MSc.PPA), Post Graduate Diploma in Restorative Justice and International Rights and is currently a student of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy & Administration.

Keynote Speaker



Derek Bbanga,
*Professional Speaker
Unique Speakers Bureau*

Derek discovered a knack for being 'on show' in front of people early on in life while performing on stage at seven. Derek strongly believes in coming across in an interesting, entertaining, and informative way.

Derek serves as an executive trainer, coach, and facilitator, providing support to organizations and individuals striving for high performance. With years of experience, he has trained and collaborated with hundreds of individuals and teams, assisting them in bridging the gap between their current state and their desired level of proficiency. He always brings three important elements to any talk - energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment.

He has greatly increased their earning potential by helping them promote these emotional intelligence, leadership, communication and executive presence skills. Derek knows the highs and lows that come with trying to become the best version of yourself and has the receipts to prove it!

SPEAKERS



Cecelia Shammim Saidi,
*Psychotherapist,
 Certified Life Coach
 & Talent Manager,
 Vintage Health Wellness Center*

Cecelia is an insightful, multi-skilled, and dedicated Psychotherapist and Certified Life Coach who thrives in dynamic and versatile environments.

With ten years of experience as a Psychotherapist at Vintage Health Wellness Center, she brings a great passion in empowering individuals to navigate life's challenges and realize their potential. She brings a compassionate and client-centred approach to therapy and coaching. She provides mental health services to both corporations and individuals facing a variety of mental health concerns, including anxiety, depression, trauma, and relationship issues.

She has a MSc Clinical Psychiatry – University of South Wales (currently pursuing) MEd Education Sciences - Educational Leadership and Administration BSc Counselling Psychology.



CA. Steve Ottoman
*CFO,
 Lilongwe Water Board*

Steve Ottoman is a financial and performance management expert with over 20 years of experience in the private and public sector. Steve is the current Director of Finance for the Lilongwe Water Board, the biggest water utility in Malawi.

He is an organizational planning expert with years of experience developing business and strategic plans as well as funding proposals for entities in different sectors. He is a certified Trainer of Trainers by TEVETA. Steve is enthusiastic about business excellence and continuous improvement. Steve has played crucial roles in the development of risk management strategies in his roles and seeks to share his views in the game-changing approach to their implementation.

Steve has a Master of Business Administration with Distinction, FCCA, Diploma in Accounting from the Public Accountants Examination Council of Malawi (Now ICAM).



Edna Kimenju
*Manager,
 FIST, Deloitte, East Africa.*

Edna is currently a Manager- Assurance with the Financial Institutions Services Team (FIST) at Deloitte, East Africa. She is a sustainability professional with over 7 years' experience providing support on sustainability issues and sustainability best practices

Over the years, she has worked in a number of sectors, primarily the consulting, retail and environmental sectors where she has provided sustainability and ESG strategy and reporting advisory, climate risk and opportunities assessment and overseen the day-to-day implementation of sustainability practices that contribute toward Net Positive Carbon and Water, Circular Economy and Health and Wellness.

She holds an MSc in Sustainability and Business from the University of Leeds, UK and is trained in the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).



CA. Robert Mdeza
*Group CEO,
 Trinity Energy Ltd, Sudan*

CA. Robert Mdeza has been the Group CEO of Trinity Energy Ltd since May 2018. Under his leadership, the company has expanded its business portfolio from trading in petroleum products, into crude oil trading, power generation and upstream oilfield services.

Before joining Trinity Energy, Robert was the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the National Oil Company of Malawi tasked with building it from the ground up from September 2011.

Robert's journey in the industry began when he taught Taxation at the Malawi College of Accountancy, rising to the position of Deputy Principal. He also worked as a Tax Consultant with KPMG in London.

Robert is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants of United Kingdom (FCCA). He holds a bachelor's degree in commerce (Accountancy) from MUBAS formerly The Polytechnic Malawi.

Robert has served on several Boards in the past including as Board Chairperson of the listed National Investments Trust Ltd (NITL). He is also on the Board of NICO Holdings.



Towera Jalakasi
*Managing Director,
 Naturals Limited*

Towera Jalakasi is an entrepreneur, Managing Director for Naturals Limited, a supplier of Baobab, Mango and Sunflower products under the brand name KHATHIKHATHI.

She is founder and team leader for Tools for Enterprise & Education Consultants, TEECs a BDS provider. She serves both local and international clients as a consultant.

Her passion for entrepreneurship is bigger than the challenges that come along. She will share practical challenges and how she overcame them in her entrepreneurship journey.

Towera is a holder of Bachelor of Education from UNIMA formerly known as Chancellor College and has an Advanced Diploma in Business Counseling from Durham University. She is a trainer, business mentor and coach. She is not afraid to explore new opportunities.



Wise Chigudu
*CEO,
 NICO Life*

Wise Chigudu is the CEO of NICO Life Insurance Company Limited. He is an experienced finance practitioner specialising in creating innovative financial solutions across insurance, equity and debt markets.

Before joining NICO Life, Wise advised various organisations on insurance/reinsurance structuring, product design and pricing of financial products, capital optimisation and risk management. He is also a recognised advocate of impact investing and has published several articles on investing for impact in Africa.

Wise provides technical advice on high-impact projects and financial structuring, particularly in the areas of insurance, private equity and financial inclusion. He has served on the Boards of a number of insurance companies and insurance intermediaries.

Wise's previous roles include being a Partner and Actuarial Lead for EY (West Africa). He was an inaugural director and served on the Board of African Risk Capacity Insurance Company Limited.

Wise is a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (UK) with an MBA from the University of Oxford



Prof. Ngeyi Kanyongolo
*Vice Chancellor
 Catholic University*

Ngeyi Ruth Kanyongolo is an Associate Professor of law with over 30 years' experience as an advocate, academic and activist specialized in Labour Law, Social Protection, Corporate Governance and Gender with publications in these areas.

Ngeyi has consulted for the ILO, UN agencies, EU, IOM, various Government Ministries, Parastatals and Companies in her areas of specialization. She has served on several Boards, the most recent past on the Standard Bank Board. She is the current Board Chairperson of Airtel and sits on the Advisory Committee of the National Planning Commission.

At international level, she serves on the Board of Trustees of SASPEN and Equality Effect Board of Canada. She has also previously served in leadership positions as a Member of Senate, Dean of Faculty and Head of Department at the University of Malawi.

She is the current Vice Chancellor of the Catholic University of Malawi. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Malawi (1991), Master of Laws from the University of London (1999) and a PhD from the University of Warwick (2007).



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