



Malawi's Vision

**An Inclusively Wealthy
and Self-reliant Nation**

Our Vision

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Our Resolution

'We as Malawians desire and resolve to be an inclusively wealthy and self-reliant industrialized upper-middle-income country by the year 2063, so we can fund our development needs primarily by ourselves. Our manufacturing industry shall have strong forward and backward linkages with the sectors that will drive it. We shall achieve this Vision through collective efforts and shall not allow any state or non-state actor to derail us.

The Malawi We Want By 2063

1. An inclusively wealthy and self-reliant industrialized upper middle-income country.
2. A vibrant knowledge-based economy with a strong and competitive manufacturing industry that is driven by a productive and commercially vibrant agriculture and mining sector.
3. World-class urban centers and tourism hubs across the country with requisite socio-economic amenities for a high-quality life.
4. A united, peaceful, patriotic and proud people that believe in our own abilities and are active participants in building our nation.
5. Effective governance systems and institutions with strict adherence to the rule of law.
6. A high-performing and professional public service.
7. A dynamic and vibrant private sector.
8. Globally competitive economic infrastructure.
9. A globally competitive and highly motivated human resource.
10. An environmentally sustainable economy.

Preamble

Malawians have spoken. The Malawi 2063 (MW2063) aims to transform Malawi into a wealthy and self-reliant industrialized 'upper-middle-income country' by the year 2063.

Already, projections indicate that if the economy grows at an annual average rate of 6 percent, Malawi will attain the low middle-income status by 2030.

As a matter of fact, if the country is more innovative and productive, both the low and upper middle-income status will be reached much earlier.

This Vision has been developed through an inclusive and participatory multi-stakeholder consultative process involving Malawians of different backgrounds from all corners of the country and in the diaspora.

The MW2063 outlines collective aspirations and goals of our people towards the year 2063.

It is anchored on the three pillars of Agricultural Productivity and Commercialization; Industrialization; and Urbanization.

It articulates the enablers that will propel the country towards achieving economic independence, inclusive wealth creation, self-reliance and a high quality of life for all its citizens.

As a nation, we have for the longest time pursued development policy based on foreign paradigms as a solution



to our unique and specific situation instead of proactively addressing the specific problems that our country faces. Political scientists have argued on the need “to focus on solving problems rather than selling solutions” for reforms to be successful.

Our aspiration in this Vision is to shift our thinking and approach to begin believing in our own ideas and home-grown solutions. For a long time, we have relied on development aid and credit to finance our development programmes.

Our desire is to develop and implement resource mobilization efforts that will enable the country to create its own wealth and only borrow for investments with high economic returns.

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The year 2063 was specifically targeted because the country will have attained 100 years of self-governance.

We are, therefore, planning long-enough and selflessly across generations for our children. Thus, the focus is no longer ‘what is in it for me’ but ‘what is in it for our children and their children.’ We desire that by 2063, our children shall have attained true economic freedom and development. They shall walk tall in the corridors of the global economy while no longer relying on the goodwill of others to survive and thrive.

Having a highly youthful population, we recognize that our greatest resource and source of wealth is our young people.

The Malawian youth is, therefore, central in harnessing the successful achievement of our Vision. Transformation is desired on two fronts. Firstly, our development narrative and mindset must change from focusing on poverty reduction to wealth creation.

Secondly, we must transform the structure of our economy from a predominantly importing to an industrialized exporting economy.



The process shall be owned and led by the people of Malawi fostering nation building and self-reliance, including in development financing, building of industries and commercializing agriculture.

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We must move together with a shared mandate and values, “*kuyendapam-odzindimtimaumodzi*,” to the desired future.

As a country, we recognize the national, regional and global contexts within which our Vision of inclusive wealth creation and self-reliance will operate and be delivered.

We shall hence anchor our Vision to the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the variants thereof moving forward; the continental Agenda 2063 that defines the Africa we want; and the strategies of the Regional Economic Communities to which we belong.

Since 2063 is a long period of time to operationalize and realize this Vision, the country will continue developing and implementing 10 and 5-year medium-term plans and track the attainment of the aspirations herein regularly.

In the crafting of MW2063, we fully recognize the primacy of political incentives as being behind the failure of past policy reforms and the change process.

For this Vision to be successful, it requires endless political will and a strong commitment to a fresh transformational agenda.

Our leadership structures must, therefore, inculcate a culture that does not accommodate the commercialization of politics but cultivates visionary and transformative leadership.

Our political leaders must not be obsessed with power but put the needs of Malawians first using the authority given to them on trust by the people to develop the country to its full potential.

This will initiate and sustain a culture in Malawians of striving to create their own wealth and desist from worshipping and praising those in authority in search of undue 'economic entitlements' and hand-outs.

We shall know we have attained self-reliance if we primarily finance our development needs by ourselves.

When we shall no longer rely on the goodwill of others to survive as households, a community or as a nation, our road to self-reliance shall be assured.

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As a nation, we shall know if we are becoming self-reliant when all our constituencies across the country are guaranteed of the minimum level of socio-economic amenities aimed at promoting a good quality of life for all.

These include: adequate and nutritious food for everyone



through-out the year; well-equipped and staffed health facilities in line with existing population numbers; well-equipped and staffed early childhood development centres, primary and secondary schools that take into account the existing population and offer a minimum of 12 years of formal and quality education to every Malawian child; available and accessible reliable electricity; access to tarmac roads; reliable and available clean piped water; available and accessible technical and vocational training centres; full connection to internet services; and decent housing for all.

While benchmarking to international standards, when these basic minimums are met, we shall know that we are on the road to the realization of the aspiration of an inclusively wealthy and self-reliant society by 2063.

This calls for a positive mindset built around values of national consciousness such as unity, patriotism, hard-work, integrity, self-help and hating hand-outs.

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but to simply create wealth and become self-reliant using our own abilities and resources.

We shall hence demand of all political parties to align their manifestoes to our Vision.

Similarly, all development partners, Non-Governmental Organizations as well as any state and non-state actor shall ensure implementation of only those transformative development initiatives that either catalyze or sustain our inclusive wealth creation and self-reliance Vision.

The Malawi we want is possible and will happen!

