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**Stakeholder consultation and capacity building to enhance National Determinant Contributions (NDC) Support Centre for Malawi**



**20 June 2022, Lilongwe, Malawi-:** The African Energy Commission (AFREC) together with its partner Vito, through the Ministry of Energy of Malawi held a two-day technical stakeholder engagement meeting with government officials, statistics and energy utility agencies of Malawi, as part of the implementation of the NDC support centre project.

The engagement was subsequently followed by a three (3) day training workshop which is taking place between 22-24 June 2022 in Salima, to share insights and understand Malawi's energy situation, identify data challenges and how best to address these challenges, to strengthen national statistics data collection and modelling for NDC communication purposes.

The training sessions is also aimed at enhancing knowledge of energy statistics through practical training, to work collectively to enhance energy data. Amongst others, it focused on the following key areas: the basics of energy data, commodity balances, toolkits for energy statistics and Energy data for Malawi in general.

Speaking during the training, Mr Thokozani Malunga, Assistant Director of Energy from the Ministry of Energy of Malawi emphasised that Malawi is eager to learn, to address the challenges faced by the country's energy statistics. "We value the support from the partners who are supporting the NDC support centre implementation to improve energy statistics, and

we are confident that these efforts can help us to understand the countries energy balance, so that we able to conduct effective data modelling for our planning purposes”, he highlighted.

Stakeholders also underlined the importance of quality energy statistics as a key cross-cutting and backbone component for policy decision and programme development. They highlighted the significance of setting in place modalities for institutionalising energy statistics at national level, to ensure all key sectors are involved in data collection, and that accessibility to all data is made easier to sectors of the government, for better planning, policy formulation, programme development and implementation.

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## Notes to Editor

### About the Malawi National Determined Contributions (NDC's) Support Centre

*Malawi's NDCs support centre is part of a national climate plans highlighting climate actions, including climate related targets, policies and measures which the Malawi governments aims to implement in response to climate change action. In alignment with the Paris Agreement, the centre will help Malawi to prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) by pursuing domestic mitigation measures and strengthening its energy statistics, data collection and modelling. The project is supported by the Government of Flanders (Belgium) through the Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO).*

### About the African Energy Commission

*The African Energy Commission (AFREC) is a specialised agency of the African Union, mandated to implement African energy programmes by coordinating, harmonising, protect, conserve, develop, promote rational exploitation, commercialization and integration of energy resources for all AU Member states.*

*AFREC is also entrusted with the responsibility to design, create and set up the continental energy database, and facilitate rapid dissemination of information among AU member states, Regional Economic communities in Africa, investors amongst others.*

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