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MCM HAS A NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Media Council of Malawi (MCM) would like to inform media managers, media practitioners and the general public that the Council has a new Board of Trustees.

The development follows the December 18 2020 MCM General Assembly, which endorsed amendments to the institution’s constitution. The amendments among others, included removal of the National Governing Council from the governance structure and rearranging the governance structure such that there is General Assembly, then Board of Trustees, Committees to the board of trustees and finally the Secretariat.

Based on this rearrangement, the General Assembly agreed that upon expiry of Trustees’ term of office on January 16, 2021, the National Governing Council which was elected in August 2020, will be elevated to become Board of Trustees. The amendment also means that going forward, the General Assembly will be electing members of the Board of Trustees and not NGC as was the case, previously.

On 16th January 2021, the Council held a transitional Board of Trustees meeting which saw the defunct NGC taking office as a new Board of Trustees.

The Board comprises of the following:

1. Mr. Wisdom Chimgwede Chairperson (ConCom PR & Publicity)
2. Ms. Edyth Kambalame Vice Chairperson (Nation Publications Limited)
3. Mr. Aston Gondwe Malawi Broadcasting Corporation
4. Mr. Madalitso Kausi Malawi Law Society
5. Ms. Patricia Kamnkhwani Trans World Radio
6. Mr. George Kasakula Times Group
7. Mr. Clement Mseteka Mzimba Community Radio
8. Mr. Innocent Nazombe Tuntufye Radio
9. Mr. Gabriel Kamlomo Zodiac Broadcasting Station
10. Mr. Bishop Gilford Matonga Public Affairs Committee
11. Ms. Madalo Samati Council for Non-Governmental Organisations

We wish the new Trustees all the best as they take up the responsibility of steering media self-regulation in the country. As we embark on a new path for MCM and media self-regulation in the country, we would like to appeal to media managers, media practitioners and the general public to continue believing and supporting media self-regulation through the work of MCM.

The existence of media self-regulation is an assurance of continued existence of media independence, media freedom and freedom of expression in Malawi.

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