Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Please read Section 6 of the Code of Conduct before completing this form.

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Malawi
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics 1. Please state the purpose of the Group. The Purpose of the Group is: To develop and enhance links between Scotland and Malawi and to provide a forum for discussion on these matters. 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest. Scotland and Malawi have a longstanding relationship which dates back over 160 years to the time of Dr David Livingstone. Today, many people from all walks of life in Scotland are involved in respectful links with Malawi which benefit both nations. The Scottish Government funds work between the two nations, Malawi being one of Scotland's Partner Countries in its International Development Strategy. A University of Edinburgh study of 2018 found that members of the Scottish-Government-funded Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) represent a community of more than 109,000 Scots and 208,000 Malawians, working actively in partnership together each year. SMP members contribute more than £49 million of activity to their links with Malawi each year. The work done by members of the SMP benefits BOTH Malawi and Scotland. Each year more than 304,000 Scots and 8.5 million Malawians benefit from this activity. 3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.

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The CPG on International Development may at times include consideration of Malawi but due to the depth and breadth of Scotland's vibrant links with Malawi, its being a partner country in the Scottish Government's International Development Strategy, with strong cross-party support in Holyrood, Malawi continues to warrant its own CPG.

4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

At the initial meeting held on Wednesday, 09 September 2026 in room Q1.04 of the Scottish Parliament, the members proposed the following topics for discussion during the current parliamentary session:

- Agriculture
- Climate Emergency (El Niño and La Niña) and its effect on Malawi
- Water
- Education
- Economic situation of Malawi
- Justice

It is also proposed that the recently appointed Minister for Equalities and International Development**,** Simita Kumar MSP, be invited to hear from group members regarding their long-term partnerships with Malawi and the successes of previous Scottish Government funded projects.

MSP Members of the Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group. In doing so please note:

- Section 6 of the Code of Conduct requires there be 5 members from the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The SPPA Committee agreed a waiver for this session that requires 5 MSP members from 5 parties represented on the Bureau;
- MSPs can be on no more than 10 CPGs of which fulfil no more than 3 office-bearer positions;
- If the group fails to comply with MSP membership requirements, the Convener must ensure this is resolved within 90 days.

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MSP	**Party**
Liam McArthur	Scottish Liberal Democrats
David Barratt	Scottish National Party
Carol Mochan	Scottish Labour
Jenni Minto	Scottish National Party
Clare Haughey	Scottish National Party
Stuart McMillian	Scottish National Party
Murdo Fraser	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Patrick Harvie	Scottish Green Party

Non-MSP Members of the Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	Yonah Matemba
Jim Aitken	Grace Manyika
David Alsop	Archie Marshall
Enock Bamusi	Kathleen McLaughlin
Alison Cameron	Colin McLean
Rachel Cameron	Helen Mein
Patrick Carrigan	Towera Munthali
Thomson Chirwa	Sheena Nicolson
Heather Cubie	Lillian Owiti
Susan Dalgety	Mark Parsons
Moira Dunworth	Elspeth V. Pentland
Amy Earnshaw	Sally Rae
Claire Foottit	Lewis Ryder-Jones
Jane Forster	Magdalene Sacranie

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Jane Gebbie Maureen Gowans Michael James Robert Kalin	Phil Timoney Ben Wilson Pam Wilson Iain Woodhouse
<u>Organisations</u> African Lakes Philanthropy Association of Malawians in Scotland Carey Tourism Celsius Global Solutions Changing Lives Malawi Church of Scotland Classrooms for Malawi Concern Worldwide Dunblane Likhubula Partnership (Dunblane Cathedral, Stirling Presbytery) Earth in Common EMMS International Glasgow City Council Global Concerns Trust Link Education International Malawi Fruits	Mamie Martin Fund Mary's Meals R.S Garrow Ltd Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow STEKAskills The Chesney Trust (for Education in Malawi) The Open University The Raven Trust The Soko Fund The Turing Trust Thondwe Community Forum UNICEF University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Manchester/World Child Cancer University of St Andrews Zomba Theological College
Group Office Bearers Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have	

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more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Please note:

- No more than 3 named contacts per CPG - the Convener, the Secretary and one other individual who can provide information to the Standards Clerks about the activities of the Group. The Convener of a Group must confirm the name of this individual.

Convener	Liam McArthur MSP
Deputy Convener	David Barratt MSP
Secretary	Stuart Brown
Named Contact	Liam McArthur MSP; Stuart Brown

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

None

Subscription Charged by the Group

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

None

Statement on Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Must be read and signed by the Convener.

Please read the following:

- The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code of Conduct;

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- The Convener is solely responsible for providing Standards Clerks with:
  - The names of new MSP members of the CPG and changes to office-bearers;
  - Named contact details;
  - The registration form;
  - All minutes of meetings within 30 days of the meeting being held; **(Substantially verbatim minutes will not be accepted and will be returned)**
  - The AGM return (to be submitted within 30 days of the AGM to be held within 11 – 13 months of the initial meeting).
- Groups are required to have five MSPs from five of the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;
- CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year (not on the same day), where two MSPs members of the Group are present;
- CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;
- If a CPG meeting is cancelled or rearranged, notification must be provided to the Standards clerks by no later than the day after the meeting was originally scheduled to take place;
- If a Group fails to comply fully with the Code for more than one year in a row, the Committee will withdraw recognition from that Group.

I declare that I have read the above and that the Cross-Party Group on Malawi is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed (Convener)	 Liam McArthur MSP
Date	01/10/26

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