

MALGA PROGRAMME AREAS AND ACTIVITIES

- Planning and implementing Councilors Training programmes
- Facilitating and coordinating partnerships for members on the local and international scene.
- Promoting good governance through advocacy programmes.
- Networking with local and international local government partners for best practice and information sharing.
- Presenting relevant information about local Assemblies through MALGA Newsletter, radio, and electronic media.
- Cooperating with other stakeholders in action research in local governance issues.
- Coordinating with other stakeholders in dealing with HIV/AIDS and Gender issues in Local Government system i.e. AMICAALL Programme.

NETWORKING

MALGA realizes the significance of concerted efforts with partners who target local Assemblies in their programmes. Therefore, it collaborates with both national and international partners whose objectives are to ensure good local governance.

At central government level MALGA works closely with the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLG&RD), National Local Government Finance Committee (NLGFC) and Local Government Service Commission (LGSC). On the international scene, MALGA is a member of United Cities and Local Government of Africa (UCLGA) and Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF). It has institutional cooperation with the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS) and the Local Government Association of Zambia (LGAZ) etc.

CAPACITY

MALGA operations are based on its Constitution and are in line with its Strategic Plan so as to incorporate the needs and interests of the member assemblies and their people. MALGA is geared to grow with new ideas and initiatives which are ignited by member Assemblies and their residents, and its professional team of staff in the Secretariat. Through these structures MALGA is able to accomplish its programmes and activities successfully.

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*The umbrella body
representing all Local
Assemblies in
Malawi*

**MALGA
The voice of Local Government
Authorities in Malawi**

MALGA-Malawi Local Government Association

INTRODUCTION

The Malawi Local Government Association (MALGA) is an independent body incorporated under the Trustees Act. Its membership comprises all local Assemblies in Malawi. Other organizations are eligible to become members but are not entitled to vote. MALGA has been in existence since 1966 under the name Association of Local Government Authorities in Malawi (ALGAM). The name MALGA was adopted in 2001 as one way of showing that the Association has been restructured in response to Decentralization and Democratization process.

VISION

MALGA's vision is to have high Quality, Sustainable and Democratic Local Authorities.

MISSION

To represent and promote the interests of all local Assemblies by advocating good local governance, improving financial base and service delivery in order for local Assemblies to be democratic, sustainable, efficient and effective .

OBJECTIVES

- To secure a strong, coherent voice for local governments at all levels.
- To be an effective link between local governments and Central Government

- To work collaboratively with non-governmental organizations at all levels.
- To provide an extensive range of value added services to local authorities.
- To generate additional income from value added services to expand the work of the Association.

STRUCTURES OF MALGA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Comprises four members one of whom is a Chief Executive / District Commissioner elected by Council. It oversees all the work of the Association. All property of the Association is vested in the trustees

MALGA COUNCIL: Is the supreme organ, comprising representatives from all local authorities in membership of the Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Comprises 11 elected members of the Council including the positions of the President and Vice Presidents of the Association and one Honorary Secretary. It oversees implementation of policies and programmes. The Executive Committee has power to make such rules and execute such instruments for regulation of meetings and management of the affairs of the Association. The Executive Committee may appoint: sub-committees, Task and Finish Groups, Commissions and Working parties to undertake specific work of the Association.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ADVISORY GROUP: Comprises all the Chief Executives and District Commissioners. This arm of the Association plays a technical advisory role

to the elected members of the Association.

THE SECRETARIAT: Is responsible for execution of policies and programmes, and coordination of the Association's activities. The Secretariat is headed by the Executive Director with the Honorary Secretary acting as advisor.

FINANCING OF MALGA

MALGA is financed by member authorities through subscriptions and it also receives funding from partners such as Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE), Malawi Germany Programme for Democracy and Decentralization (MGPDD), German Development Service (DED) and other donors.

CORE VALUES OF MALGA

MALGA members believe in the following core values:

- Unity is strength.
- All Assemblies are capable of developing themselves.
- Openness in dealing with the central government.
- Service and accountability to the electorate.
- Participatory management.
- Responsible risk taking.