

BUSINES BREAKFAST LAUNCH

GETF LAUNCH SPEECH BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY MINISTRY OF ENERGY

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PLACE: PRESEDENTIAL HOTEL, LILONGWE, MALAWI

I am delighted to witness the launch of the Green Economic Transition Facility (GETF) this morning.

As government we recognise the important role of development partners and private sector players in the provision of various alternative sources of energy. The private sector development financing initiative being launched today ably fits into the government agenda as outlined under both the Malawi Vision 2063 and the various policy and strategic frameworks which have been developed and are being implemented by Ministry of Energy.

Government of Malawi recognises the important role the private sector can play in easing up the energy challenge being faced by this country. Therefore, at the ministry we are very happy to see that UNDP and other development partners such the Irish Embassy through Irish Aid have come up with this matching grant and technical assistance financing instrument to motivate the private sector to scale up investment which will bring on board alternative sources of energy and fuel efficient solutions. We believe this is a very good proportion because it is working on creating demand for sustainably managed energy sources for cooking at household level.

As much as government is playing its part to address energy crisis in this country it is important that the private sector should play its meaningful role. Hence, the main reason we are applauding the launch of the GETF which will provide an opportunity to private sector to test and scale investments which will help in transitioning the households into using green alternative energy sources, mainly in urban areas of Malawi.

Let me assure the development partners and private sector in Malawi that government through ministry of Energy is always open and available to listen and support any new approaches which will help in addressing the energy gap in this country. It is only through such sustainable approaches like the GETF that we will be able to arrest some of the entrenched unsustainable production and use of biomass which is leading to fast depletion of our forest in this country.

Let me call on all private sector players to take advantage of this opportunity and apply for funding to GETF. As government we will always be available to support any request to process legal and regulatory applications by private sector companies to comply with the requirements of realising their green energy solutions.

Once again, on behalf of the government of Malawi, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to our development partners UNDP and Irish Embassy for providing this opportunity to engage private sector and bring on board meaningful developments in the energy sector in Malawi. Let me also take

this opportunity to encourage more support in this sector which currently require us to take very bold steps together.

With these remarks, on behalf of Malawi Government, I hereby declare the Green Economic Transition Facility officially launched.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
