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ANNUAL LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE

Conference
Venues:

Sun n' Sand Hotel
and **Sunbird Nkopola Hotel.**

Dates



**17th - 19th
September
2026**

CPD credits:
20 hours

Theme:

*From Silos to Synergies: Strategic Partnerships for
Malawi's Sustainable Transformation.*

PROGRAMME

	Sun n' sand	Nkopola
Thursday, 17th September 2026		
17:00 hrs	Guests seated	Opening Ceremony at Sun N Sand
17:50 hrs	Guest of Honour arrival	
17:55 hrs	National Anthem	
18:00 hrs	Welcome Remarks by the ICAM CEO	
18:15 hrs	Statement by the ICAM President	
18:30 hrs	Speech by the Guest of Honour	
Friday, 18th September 2026		
08:00 hrs	Partnerships	Partnerships
08:30 Hrs	Keynote presentation: <i>"Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Teamwork as the Engine of Malawi's Sustainable Transformation"</i> by Dr. Choolwe M Choolwe, Managing Consultant at Success Practitioners, Zambia	<i>"Let the Silos Fall: The Unfinished Dream of Malawi 2063"</i> by Dr. Fredrick Changaya, Director General at National Planning Commission.
09:30 Hrs	Partnerships	Partnerships

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	Sun n' sand	Nkopola
09:50 Hrs	<i>"From Number-crunching to Business Synergies: Leveraging Accounting Discipline to Scale High-Impact Agricultural Enterprises"</i> by Clara Kamlomo, Founder & Managing Director Amazing B Projects	<i>'Sustainable Finance and ESG'</i> By Joseph Owolabi, ACCA Global Former President, Australia
10:50 Hrs	Refreshment break	Refreshment break
11:20 Hrs	Partnerships	Partnerships
11:40 Hrs	<i>"Let the Silos Fall: The Unfinished Dream of Malawi 2063"</i> by Dr. Fredrick Changaya, Director General at National Planning Commission	Keynote presentation: <i>"Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Teamwork as the Engine of Malawi's Sustainable Transformation"</i> by Dr. Choolwe M Choolwe, Managing Consultant at Success Practitioners, Zambia
12:40 Hrs	Lunch	Lunch
15:00 Hrs	AGM	AGM at Sun N Sand
Saturday, 19th September 2026		
08:15 Hrs	Partnerships	Partnerships
08:30 Hrs	Partnerships	Partnerships
08:40 Hrs	<i>Panel Discussion - From Silos to Synergies: Strategic Partnerships for Malawi's Sustainable Transformation"</i> Panelists: <i>'From Fragmented Systems to Digital Government: Strengthening Inter-Agency Collaboration for Malawi 2063'</i> Dr. Mayamiko Nkoloma, Director General at MACRA;	8:40 Hrs to 9:40 Hrs <i>"From Number-crunching to Business Synergies: Leveraging Accounting Discipline to Scale High-Impact Agricultural Enterprises"</i> by Clara Kamlomo, Founder & Managing Director Amazing B Projects

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	<i>'The Power of Transformative Leadership in Creating Synergies'</i> By Michel Antoine Hebert TNM CEO; <i>'Dissecting Legal Provisions in the Mining and Forex Management'</i> By Counsel Ahmed Mussa, Ritz Attorneys	
10:20 Hrs	Partnerships	10:10–10:40 Hrs Refreshment break
10:40 Hrs	Refreshment break	Partnerships
11:10 Hrs	Partnerships	
11:30 Hrs	<i>'Sustainable Finance and ESG'</i> By Joseph Owolabi, ACCA Global Former President, Australia	<i>Panel Discussion – From Silos to Synergies: Strategic Partnerships for Malawi's Sustainable Transformation"</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <i>'From Fragmented Systems to Digital Government: Strengthening Inter-Agency Collaboration for Malawi 2063'</i> Dr. Mayamiko Nkoloma, Director General at MACRA; <i>'The Power of Transformative Leadership in Creating Synergies'</i> By Michel Antoine Hebert TNM CEO <i>'Dissecting Legal Provisions in the Mining and Forex Management'</i> By Counsel Ahmed Mussa, Ritz Attorneys
12:30 Hrs	Announcements and Closing Remarks	Announcements and Closing Remarks
13:00 Hrs	Lunch and end of program	Lunch and end of program
14:30 Hrs	Charity Golf Tournament at Mlambe Golf Course	Charity Golf Tournament at Mlambe Golf Course
18:00 Hrs	Cocktail and Entertainment	Cocktail and Entertainment at Sun N Sand

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PROFILES



GUEST OF HONOUR

Hon. Simoni Itaye

Minister of Trade, Industrialisation and Tourism

Simoni Itaye is a financial specialist, strategist and business leader with over 35 years of private-sector experience in strategic general management, product development and international trade. He qualified as an ACCA in 1988 and became a Fellow (FCCA) in 1993. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) from the University of Malawi and an MBA from Thames Valley University.

Simoni retired in 2018 as Managing Director of Nampak Malawi Limited, where he held several senior positions, including Financial Accountant, Chief Accountant and Financial Controller. Earlier in his career, he worked with Deloitte as an external auditor and Import and Export Limited as an internal auditor. His expertise spans strategic planning, organisational growth, product diversification, export market development, financial and working capital management, budgeting and foreign exchange risk management. He has also participated in regional and international trade negotiations.

He has provided strategic leadership on numerous boards across Malawi's corporate and public sectors, serving as chairman and non-executive director of organisations including Press Corporation Plc, Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Malawi Limited, Millennium Challenge Account Malawi, Malawi College of Accountancy, ESCOM, Nedbank and MASM. He also served on the University of Malawi Council for approximately six years.

Before his appointment as Minister of Industrialisation, Business, Trade and Tourism, Simoni chaired the boards of Transunion Malawi Limited, Malawi Sun Hotel and Conference Limited and Investments Alliance Limited, and served on several other boards and professional committees.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Choolwe M. Choolwe (DMIN, MBA, DBA)

Managing Consultant | Success Practitioners

Topic: *Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Teamwork as the Engine of Malawi's Sustainable Transformation*

Dr. Choolwe is the Managing Consultant at Success Practitioners, specialising in leadership, management, and soft skills training. He holds the highest-level Executive Director License from the John Maxwell Global Team and is a triple-certified Balanced Scorecard Expert, credentialed by California State University (USA), the Balanced Scorecard Institute (UK), and the University of Zambia. He is also an accredited trainer with the Institute of Directors of Zambia (IoDZ) and the Zambia Institute of Human Resource Management (ZiHRM), giving him insight into institutional operations from board-level governance to entry-level structures.

Dr. Choolwe's practical experience in organisational strategy allows him to bridge theory with real-world scenarios. He is a regular speaker at professional conferences across and beyond Zambia, including events hosted by ZICA, ZiHRM, and the Institute of People Management Malawi, where he shares actionable insights on formulating and implementing strategy.

His qualifications include DBA candidacy at Heriot-Watt University, a Doctor of Ministry and Organisational Leadership from Team Impact Christian University USA, an MBA from Edinburgh Business School (Heriot-Watt University), and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Copperbelt University, alongside other professional certifications. He has consulted for more than 273 international and local organisations across various sectors.

Beyond his professional work, Dr. Choolwe is the founder and president of Gospel Envoys Church, a network spanning over 300 churches and student fellowships in Zambia and beyond—reflecting his unique blend of professional and spiritual leadership. As Managing Consultant of Success Practitioners, his career demonstrates a consistent ability to drive organisational growth and nurture excellence.

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SPEAKER

Joseph Owolabi (FCCA, MA, CIA)

Former President/Chairman ACCA Global | Founder, Rubicola Consulting

Topic: Sustainable Finance and ESG

Joseph is founder of Rubicola Consulting, a green finance and AI advisory firm, and a Professor of Practice at The Bucharest University of Economic Studies. He served as officer, global president, and chairman of the board of ACCA from 2020–2023, making history in 2022 as the first African and youngest person ever elected president of the 120-year-old organisation, which has around 800,000 members worldwide. Before this, he was a member of ACCA's International Assembly and Global Council. Prior to founding Rubicola, he held senior roles as Director at Deloitte Asia Pacific, Senior Manager at PwC Australia, and pioneer leader of EY West Africa's Climate Change and Sustainability Services.

Rubicola is the first firm approved by the Climate Bond Initiative as a Verifier for green bond issuances in Africa, with offices in Australia and Africa, plus representative offices in Germany and Canada. The firm has supported green bond and sustainability-linked loan work for the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Development Bank of Rwanda, delivered IFRS S1/S2 capacity building across West and East Africa, and supported CSRD/ESRS implementation for major European banks and corporations, including recent ESRS training in Cyprus with ICPAC and CyPAOB.

In 2023, Joseph was named among the top 100 Most Influential People of African Descent and voted among Africa's top 40 under 40. He is a Doctoral researcher at the University of Newcastle, Australia, holds a Master of Arts from York St. John University, and has completed executive programmes at Wharton and Harvard. He is a CIA, PMIIA, and MAICD member.



SPEAKER

Clara Kamlomo (BASW, Dip. Hort)

Founder & Managing Director | Amazing B Projects

Topic: From Number-crunching to Business Synergies: Leveraging Accounting Discipline to Scale High-Impact Agricultural Enterprises

Clara Kamlomo is the Founder and Managing Director of Amazing B Projects, an enterprise dedicated to the production of high-value crops and equipping farmers with improved agricultural skills and knowledge. Through her work, she has trained and empowered over 16,000 people, with a focus on youths and women, contributing significantly to agricultural development and youth participation in farming.

Her impact has earned her several notable recognitions, including Most Influential Woman in Agriculture by the BIM Awards, Top 100 Influential Women in Agriculture by Wealth Malawi, Most Inspiring Female Business Leader in Malawi by the Consumer Choice Awards, and Best Business Person by the BIM Awards.

Clara is also a strong advocate for youth representation on global platforms. She has served as a SADC Youth Ambassador, representing young business leaders at a SADC meeting in Botswana, and represented youth at the G20 Summit in Durban in 2025. Most recently, she was selected as one of only nine young people worldwide to represent youths at the IFAD Governing Council in Italy.

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SPEAKER

Dr. Fredrick Changaya (DBA, MBA, MSc. Mktg., FCIM, BBA)

Director General of National Planning Commission

Topic: *Let the Silos Fall: The Unfinished Dream of Malawi 2063*

Fredrick is a Private Sector Specialist and Development Planning Professional with a strong record of turning around struggling companies and building profitable brands. He revived Candlex Ltd and Aspirants Plastic Converters Ltd, founded Plastic Containers Ltd in 2008 and grew it to MK1 billion in annual revenue by 2019, and established The Landlords Holdings Ltd, which has built over 45 houses in Malawi and South Africa. He now leads Applecore Grain & Milling Ltd, a venture worth over MK1 billion with the capacity to process more than 19,000 MT of cream of maize annually and generate potential revenues exceeding MK12 billion. At the National Planning Commission, he is helping develop the Accelerator Strategy, a policy framework targeting high-value cash crops and catalytic value chains in manufacturing, mining, and tourism to fast-track Malawi's development.

Academically, Fredrick holds a Doctorate in Business Administration from SIMA and is pursuing a PhD in Agricultural Economics at LUANAR. He also holds a BBA and MBA from the University of Malawi, an MSc in Marketing from Salford University (UK), and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK). His expertise spans economic modelling, financial analysis, corporate and project finance, strategic management, brand development, operations management, and talent building.

He has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Reserve Bank of Malawi's Monetary Policy Committee, the Ministry of Trade Committee on Smuggling, LUANAR Holdings, ESCOM, and PPPC, among others, reflecting broad, economy-wide experience and a rare, comprehensive perspective on national development issues.



PANELIST

Michel Antoine Hebert (MBA, B.A.Sc.)

Chief Executive Officer for TNM

Topic: *The Power of Transformative Leadership in Creating Synergies*

Michel A. Hebert is a seasoned telecommunications executive with more than 25 years of leadership experience spanning Africa, the Middle East, North America, and Asia-Pacific. He has held senior executive and CEO positions with leading telecommunications companies, driving business transformation, market expansion, operational excellence, and sustainable revenue growth.

His extensive international experience includes leadership roles with Orange Egypt, Ooredoo Tunisia, Djezzy Algeria, Comium Côte d'Ivoire, and Digicel Papua New Guinea. In these positions, he successfully led strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening market competitiveness, enhancing customer value, and improving business performance.

Prior to his executive leadership career, Mr. Hebert was a senior consultant with A.T. Kearney in the United States, where he advised major global telecommunications and technology companies, including Motorola, Telstra, NTT, PT Inti, and SK Telecom, on strategic and operational matters.

Most recently, he provided leadership at Sudatel Group in Sudan, spearheading technological and business advancements in 4G LTE, data centres, mobile financial services, and fibre-optic infrastructure, contributing to significant improvements in market share, revenues, and profitability. As CEO of Liquid in the Democratic Republic of Congo, he oversaw the expansion of national fibre infrastructure, helping to triple revenues and profits within three years.

Mr. Hebert holds an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, USA, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Waterloo, Canada.

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PANELIST

Dr. Mayamiko Nkoloma (PHD-ID, MSc., M.Tech., BSEE)

Director General for MACRA

Topic: *From Fragmented Systems to Digital Government: Strengthening Inter-Agency Collaboration for Malawi 2063*

Dr. Mayamiko Nkoloma is a Malawian engineer, technologist, innovator, researcher, entrepreneur and public servant whose career reflects the power of education, innovation and service.

He currently serves as Director General of the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA), leading Malawi's digital transformation agenda and shaping a modern, responsive regulatory environment. He also chairs the Communications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa (CRASA), extending his influence regionally by championing collaborative regulation, policy harmonisation and agile regulatory frameworks to accelerate digital transformation across member states.

Dr. Nkoloma founded iMoSyS, growing it into one of Malawi's leading ICT firms, known for cutting-edge IoT, software engineering and systems integration solutions across energy, water, healthcare and financial services, with deployments locally and internationally. To fully dedicate himself to MACRA, he stepped away from his executive role at iMoSyS and his lecturing duties in Telecommunications at the Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS).

Academically, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Malawi Polytechnic, a Master of Science in Wireless Communication from the University of Sheffield (UK), and a Master of Technology in Advanced Information Technology from the International Institute of Information Technology (India). He recently earned his PhD in Innovation and Development from the Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST).

Widely recognized through local and international accolades, Dr. Nkoloma's work aligns closely with Malawi's 2063 vision, championing digital technology as a catalyst for economic growth and regional integration. He represents a generation of African leaders demonstrating how scientific and technological expertise can translate into national leadership and impact.



PANELIST

Ahmed Mussa (LLB, LLM)

Partner at Ritz Attorneys (Mining, Projects, Energy, and Infrastructure Law Insolvency Practitioner)

Topic: *Dissecting Legal Provisions in the Mining and Forex Management*

Ahmed is a partner at Ritz Attorneys at Law with broad experience in litigation, advisory work, and transactional matters. His work spans energy, infrastructure, intellectual property, mining, natural resources, land development, M&A, project finance, corporate and commercial transactions, public-private partnerships, private equity, IPOs, and reorganisations. He currently advises major international mining and energy companies on projects in Malawi.

Ahmed holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree and is a qualified Legal Practitioner licensed by the Malawi Law Society. He is also a registered Insolvency Practitioner, certified Notary Public, and member of the International Bar Association, the Association of International Energy Negotiators, and the World Association of Mining Lawyers. He also holds a Master of Laws in Energy — Mineral and Petroleum Extraction and Use — from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, where he earned a Distinction for his dissertation.

Ahmed has completed specialised training in commercial agreement drafting, effective legal writing, mergers and acquisitions, local content requirements in the extractive industries, fossil fuels and the energy transition, and energy and mineral policy research. These programmes were delivered by the Malawi Law Society, the University of Cape Town, and the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee, in collaboration with the African Energy & Mineral Management Initiative and the Extractives Hub.

Ahmed has published extensively on energy and mining law in the GLI and ICLG guides, strengthening his reputation as a trusted adviser and thought leader in the sector. He was also recently recommended to the World Bank as a leading mining expert by former Minister of Mining Mr. Grain Malunga.



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