

## EMPOWERING WOMEN IN FINANCE: THE MALAWI STOCK EXCHANGE'S CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

On March 8, 2024, the Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) proudly celebrated International Women's Day under the theme "Inspire inclusion." This significant event aimed to recognize and empower women in the finance sector while promoting diversity and inclusion within the industry.

The celebration featured a lineup of inspiring speakers who covered essential topics relevant to women's advancement in life. Mrs. Kelline Kondowe, Chief Operating Officer of the MSE, imparted knowledge on financial planning, equipping attendees with essential skills for securing their financial futures and achieving economic independence. Mrs. Memory Chipembere, Company Secretary and Compliance Manager at NICO Asset Managers, delved into negotiation skills, empowering women to assert themselves confidently in professional settings. Mrs. Patricia Mwase delivered a presentation offering guidance on initiating a business endeavour, and lastly, Ms. Mwaiwathu Wirima, founder of the Art of Wellness, shed light on mental health awareness, emphasizing the importance of self-care and well-being amidst the pressures in life.

This event was made possible through collaboration with the CFA Society, South Africa, highlighting the MSE's commitment to fostering partnerships and leveraging resources to support women's advancement in finance.

The celebration of International Women's Day holds immense importance for the MSE and the finance industry as a whole. By providing a platform for women to share their expertise, experiences, and insights, we not only celebrate their achievements, but also inspire the next generation of female leaders in finance. Moreover, promoting diversity and inclusion within the sector contributes to a more vibrant and dynamic financial landscape, driving innovation and sustainable growth.

Looking ahead, the MSE remains dedicated to championing women's empowerment and gender equality in finance. Through continued collaboration with industry partners, educational institutions, and advocacy organizations, we will strive to create more opportunities for women to thrive and succeed in the financial sector. By fostering a culture of inclusion and support, we aim to build a more equitable and prosperous future for all.



Presenters and participants during International Women's Day displaying the Pink Book from CFA Society South Africa



Mrs Patricia Mwase ringing the bell for gender equality



Ms. Mwaiwathu Wirima, Founder of the Art of Wellness, making a presentation on mental health awareness



Mrs. Patricia Mwase, Founder of Credit Bureau, made a presentation on how to start a business.



Cross section of participants at International Women's Day 2024



Ms Agnes Mlota from Malawi Stock Exchange, giving the closing remarks during International Women's Day 2024 at MSE



Mrs Kelline Kondowe, Chief Operating Officer of the Malawi Stock Exchange, giving a presentation on Financial Planning.



Mrs. Memory Chipembere, Company Secretary and Compliance Manager, NICO Asset Managers Limited, making a presentation on



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