



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026

The Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE), in partnership with the CFA Society South Africa, commemorated International Women's Day 2026 on 6 March at the MSE offices under the theme "Give to Gain – Ring the Bell for Gender Equality 2026." The event brought together women leaders, professionals and invited guests for a morning of reflection, empowerment and celebration.

Ms. Brenda Fachi Mwale, Head of Operations at Old Mutual Investment Group, opened the event with welcoming remarks that highlighted the transformative power of giving whether through mentorship, leadership or service and its role in driving long term empowerment for women across sectors. Her remarks, set the stage of an interactive reflection session where each

participant shared a two minute personal insight on how giving has shaped their career or personal growth. This session created a powerful sense of connection and underscored the theme's message that giving enriches both the individual and the community.

The keynote address was delivered by Mrs. Gillian Kachikondo, Chief Executive Officer of Continental Asset Managers, who spoke on women's empowerment through collective action. She highlighted how collaboration, shared networks and collective advocacy can significantly accelerate progress toward gender equality through thought provoking questions to the participants, encouraging reflection and interactive discussion. A key highlight of the event was the "Ring the Bell

for Gender Equality" ceremony, where all participants joined in symbolically ringing the bell, to reaffirm commitment to gender-balanced leadership and inclusive economic participation. This moment served as a powerful reminder of the role those financial institutions can play in advancing gender equality.

Closing remarks were delivered by Ms. Mary Chipofya Chikaonda, Business Development Officer at MSE, who thanked all partners and participants for their active engagement and reaffirmed the shared commitment to advancing women's empowerment. The session concluded with the distribution of goodie bags as a token of appreciation, followed by a networking session over refreshments where attendees continued exchanging ideas and building connections.

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Mrs. Gillian Kachikondo, Chief Executive Officer, Continental Asset Managers, delivering a presentation on Women's empowerment through collective action during the International Women's Day commemoration at the MSE office.



Mrs. Brenda Fachi Mwale, Head of Operations, Old Mutual Investment Group, delivering welcoming remarks at the International Women's Day 2026 commemoration held at the MSE office.



Participants ringing the bell for gender equality during the International Women's Day commemoration at the MSE offices.



A group photo of participants at the International Women's Day 2026 celebration, drawn from various financial institutions.



A cross section of participants from various financial institutions attending the International Women's Day 2026 commemoration at the MSE offices.



Mrs. Mary Chipofya Chikaonda, Business Development Officer, Malawi Stock Exchange, delivering closing remarks at the International Women's Day 2026 commemoration held at the MSE office.