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**WELCOME TO THE MSE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER!**

I am very excited to welcome our readers to the very first MSE quarterly newsletter. Over the past years, we have witnessed unprecedented levels of change in our society which has been necessitated by advancements in technology, activism for a more inclusive society, globalization and changes in the legal and regulatory framework. It is incumbent on the Exchange that as we navigate and adapt to these changes, we keep our stakeholders close and well informed. The newsletter will highlight various activities of the Exchange including financial literacy initiatives, market developments initiatives and regional developments.

We hope you enjoy this journey with us - John R. Kamanga, CEO

**SADC GUIDELINES ON SUSTAINABILITY BONDS TO BE LAUNCHED IN APRIL 2022**

The Committee of SADC Stock Exchanges (CoSSE) intends to officially launch the SADC Guidelines on Sustainability Bonds on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The guidelines were developed to provide guidance to Stock Exchanges and other market players on how to establish Sustainable Bond market regulatory frameworks in SADC region, in line with international best practices and standards.

The development of the Guidelines was sponsored and led by Financial Sector Deepening Africa (FSD Africa) in collaboration with CoSSE with the participation of other key SADC institutions and stakeholders.

The Malawi Stock Exchange intends to adopt these guidelines and to customize the same in line with the market needs

**MSE INTENDS TO LAUNCH LISTING INCUBATION PROGRAM**

The Stock Exchange intends to launch a listing incubation program in 2022 as one way of enhancing companies' readiness to list on the Exchange. The incubation program will link potential issuers with transaction advisers who will provide technical advice in order for the company to be in a position in which it can list on the Exchange.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ✚ Publication of MSE 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Magazine- 20<sup>th</sup> April
- ✚ Launch of SADC Guidelines on sustainability bonds- 27<sup>th</sup> April
- ✚ Investor Live webinar- tba

**Issue 2 will be published on 15 July 2022**

**HIGHLIGHTS IN FIRST QUARTER**

- ✚ The market registered a return on index of **1.22%** in Q1
- ✚ The Malawi Stock Exchange commemorated International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The Guest of Honor at the event was Ms. Temwani Simwaka, Deputy CEO of NBS Bank plc
- ✚ The Exchange commemorated Global Money Week from 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The Exchange hosted St. Pius Primary school on the launch date

