



Capacity Building Programmes

Three Malawian nationals have gone for various Capacity building training courses in July 2017 under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) and other Human Resource Capacity building programmes of Government of India.

Training Programmes under ITEC

NIIT Ltd – New Delhi



Mr. Celement Mkwinda

Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development ; is attending a Diploma in Advanced Networking from 28/08/2017 to 17/11/2017

APTECH – New Delhi



Mrs Ireen Misomali

Certificate of Proficiency in English and IT Skills 14/08/2017 to 22/10/2017

2017–2018 ICCR Scholarship Awardees



Mr Pius Moyo - awarded a scholarship for a BE (Production Eng) at Anna University—4 years course

Interaction with MANAGE Feed the Future

Scholars

Background: Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) is a collaborative program of United States of America represented by USAID, Government of India represented by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) to benefit Malawi. FTF ITT aims at building the capacity of Public and Private Functionaries in Agriculture and Allied sectors of 17 Partner Asian and African Countries in emerging areas of Agriculture Development relevant to their respective countries. Courses relevant to Malawi were identified and prioritized based on Demand Analysis carried out by MANAGE. Under FTF ITT, 44 International Training programs will be completed in 4 years' time. So far over 50 Agriculture Extension Officers from Malawi have been trained in India.

On 31st August 2017, the High Commission of India, Lilongwe hosted a function to interact with the Country Coordinator from Government of Malawi, and representative from USAID and MANAGE Scholars who are going to India from 04 September to 20 November 2017 for course themes such as (i) modern storage technologies, (ii) plant health management technologies, (iii) recent trends in harvest & post-harvest in fisheries, and (iv) post-harvest technologies in horticulture crops.



Mr. Noel Limbani, Assistant Chief Agricultural Extension Officer, Department of Agriculture Extension Services, Malawi (4th from right) coordinates the Government of Malawi training programmes with MANAGE in India; conveyed his appreciation to the Government of India and the USAID for the excellent programmes organized for Malawi that have been enhancing skill development and capacity building in the key field of agriculture for Malawi.

Mr. John Macy, the FTF Team Leader, USAID Malawi (5th from left) participated in the briefing session and expressed his satisfaction at the tri-lateral cooperation between USAID, the Government of Malawi and Government of India on the Feed the Future Programme.

Mr. Suresh Kumar Menon, High Commissioner of India conveyed that the MANAGE programmes are benefiting Malawi significantly and would empower Malawians to scale up their productivity in agriculture. He emphasized that after return of the trainees from India, the Ministry of Agriculture should utilize their services in the area where the skills have been upgraded.



Government Officials bound for training in India



2nd Joint Working Group In the Field of Mineral Resources Between India and Malawi



The 2nd Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting in the field of Mineral Resources between India and Malawi was held from 16th to 18th August 2017 in Lilongwe, Malawi. The talks were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The Indian delegation was led by Mr. Subhash Chandra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India while the Malawian delegation was led by Mr. Patrick C.R. Matanda, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining. The Hon'ble Aggrey Masi, MP, Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Government of Malawi graced the occasion and joined the talks in the forenoon.

The talks were very satisfactory and fruitful. The following were some of the highlights that emerged from the discussions:

(i) Both sides showed keen interest to hold subsequent JWG meetings annually and alternatively in each other's country. *(The first JWG was held in India in 2011.)*

(ii) Hon'ble Aggrey Masi, MP, Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Government of Malawi expressed hope that Malawi mining industry could benefit from India's experience and expertise for promotion of sustainable development optimal exploitation of mineral resources in Malawi. Specific focus areas for capacity building that were highlighted included geo-scientific fields such as hydrocarbons, development of policy, legal and regulatory framework, mineral exploration, research, data sharing and processing among others.

(iii) Mr. Subhash Chandra, Leader of Indian delegation briefed on the strengths of Indian institutions who can help Malawi in capacity building and skill development and furthermore; spoke on the possibilities of Indian Public sector and private mining companies potentially investing in the mining industry in Malawi. The Leader of Indian delegation also extended invitation to Hon'ble Aggrey Masi, Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Government of Malawi, to visit India along with delegation of private investors so as to initiate B2B talks for prospective collaborations and joint venture opportunities in mining sector in Malawi.

Indian Independence Day



The High Commission of India, Lilongwe celebrated the 71st Independence Day of India in the morning of 15th August 2017 at the High Commission of India premises. The programme began with the hoisting of the Indian Flag by the High Commissioner which was followed by singing of the National Anthem. Upon singing the national anthem; the High Commissioner then addressed the large Indian community gathered on the occasion which was followed by the reading of the President of India's message to the Nation. Members of the community from Tamil and Telugu Diaspora sang a few patriotic songs on the occasion.

The Mission's continued outreach efforts and engagement with the Indian community was reflected in the presence of more than 300 members gathered for the Flag Hoisting ceremony. It was very satisfying to see cross sections of Indian community gathered on a working day.

The High Commissioner spoke at length on India@70 theme announced by the Government of India. He also conveyed to the gathering about the "Sankalp se Sidhi" theme from 2017 to 2022 when Indian celebrates 75th anniversary of India's Independence Day. He expressed happiness to the Indian Community for its continued support and participation in various programmes of the Government of India.



Snapshots of the Independence Day



Over 300 members of the Indian Community patronized the ceremony



Various Patriotic Songs were sung in celebration



Reading of the President of India's message to the Nation by the High Commissioner

14th National Agricultural Fair

The High Commission of India, Lilongwe participated in the 14th National Agricultural Fair 2017 held from 16th August to 19th August 2017, at the Chichiri Trade Fair Grounds, Blantyre. The President of Malawi Prof. Arthur Peter Mutharika inaugurated the fair.

Under the Market Expansion Activities, the High Commission set up an India Pavilion wherein Indian companies represented in Malawi and Indian companies based in India, were allowed to display their products at the India Pavilion and participate in the fair. A total of seven Indian companies displayed their products in the India Pavilion. The products included a flexible biogas plant manufactured by FlexiSpecoFuel; a solar powered water pump manufactured by Futurepump; a range of tractors manufactured by Mahindra as well as Sonalika Tractors were also displayed in the Exhibition ground; Drip irrigation kits manufactured by Drip Tech; as well as a variety of solar products manufactured under Su-Kam Power Systems among others.

The innovative products drew much attention and led to a large number of entrepreneurs, farmers and agriculture equipment dealers, seeking more information. Business inquiries received included purchase and dealership of the products.



Various Company representatives operating the pavilion



Demonstration of the flexi-biogas plant: An alternate source of energy and a viable solution for deforestation



Snapshot of the Head of Chancery at the open ground allocated to Mahindra tractors.