

Mr. Chairman,  
Honorable Ministers,  
Heads of Delegations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to exchange views and ideas on this important topic on **Technology, including technology use and development and transfer of technologies** within the framework of the Climate Change Convention.

Mr. Chairman, Malawi is a small land locked country in the Southern part of Africa with about 10 million people. It has experienced recurrent extreme climate events that have adversely affected its people and the economy. In recent times, for example, we have experienced frequent floods, drought and other climate related problems. These have impacted negatively on our social and economic development agenda.

Mr. Chairman, as the world is now facing the threat of climate change, it is necessary that solutions must be found urgently. The development and employment of appropriate and environmentally sound technologies as well as the transfer of these technologies to developing countries with no know-how is now imperative. Malawi as one the least developed countries, has no capacity both in terms of financial resources and expertise to develop these technologies. It is therefore looking forward to the developed countries to provide the assistance for the development and transfer of such technologies.

Malawi, like other developing countries, is expecting to see progress in the implementation of all the agreements and commitments. There is an urgent need for the international community to join hands and collectively work together to address the negative impacts of climate change and this must be done with utmost urgency and within the framework of the convention. Malawi, therefore, appeals to the developed country parties to take the lead in fulfilling all the commitments under the convention.

One of our major expectation therefore is that all funds established under the convention shall be fully operational and that there shall be a rapid and widespread development and transfer of environmentally friendly and sound technologies both in mitigation and adaptation to developing country parties so that they are able to fully and actively participate in the implementation of the convention.

Malawi also expects that open and transparent mechanisms shall be put in place to ensure full adaptation and dissemination of appropriate technologies in key and relevant sectors such as agriculture, water, energy, public transport, forestry and others.

Mr. Chairman, we recognize that some improvement has been made with regard to participation of experts from some developing countries in scientific work but there is need to strengthen their data collection and analysis capacity and the appropriate technologies to enable them do so.

In conclusion, we are saying that commitments made with respect to implementation of decisions relating to addressing climate change should be translated into concrete actions and this includes commitments in technology development, use and transfer.

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman