

## MALAWI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



### PUBLIC NOTICE



The Malawi Human Rights Commission (MHRC) congratulates Ms. Grace Tikambenji Malera on her appointment as the 5<sup>th</sup> Ombudsman of the Republic of Malawi with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. In terms of Section 131 (1)(b) of the Republic of Malawi Constitution, by virtue of holding the position of Ombudsman, Ms. Malera, automatically becomes the Commissioner of MHRC joining a passionate and determined team of other 8 Commissioners in the promotion and protection of human rights in Malawi. Commissioner Malera is a seasoned human rights expert, having worked in MHRC for the greater part of her career path. From 2003 to 2016, Commissioner Malera, served in different portfolios at MHRC as follows: Principal Legal Officer (2003-2005), Deputy Director of Legal Services (2005 to 2008), Director of Legal Services (2008 to 2011), and Executive Secretary (2011 to 2016).

A holder of a Bachelor of Law (LLB Honours) Degree from the University of Malawi (2002), and a Masters in Law (LLM) Degree from the University of the Free State, Republic of South Africa (2007) Commissioner Malera, brings to the Commission her vast experience in human rights promotion and protection, specifically, in areas of investigations, public interest litigation, advocacy, research, monitoring and civic education – a requisite towards the achievement of the Commission's primary functions and mandate as spelt out in Section 129 and 130 of the Republic of Malawi Constitution. We eagerly welcome her to the Commission and look forward to her rich experience in strengthening the Commission in her new capacity. The Commission wishes Commissioner Malera great success as she discharges her other constitutional mandates as the Ombudsman, a member of the Malawi Prison Inspectorate, and as Commissioner of the Police Service Commission.

Habiba Osman  
**On Behalf of the Commission**  
**8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**