



LAW COMMISSION

GENERAL NOTICE

*Under section 7 (1) (a), Law Commission Act,
Cap. 3:09 of the Laws of Malawi*

The Law Commission in accordance with section 7(1) (a) of the Law Commission Act, Cap. 3:09 and in pursuance of its powers, duties and functions under the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi and the Law Commission Act, hereby publishes its Annual Work Programme for the year 2018.

1. LAW REFORM

1.1 Ongoing Programmes

(a) Review of the Public Health Act, Cap. 34:01, Laws of Malawi

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Public Health Act shall continue with the review process;

(b) Review of the Witchcraft Act, Cap. 7:02, Laws of Malawi

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Witchcraft Act shall continue with the review process; and

(c) *Review of Malawi Citizenship Act, Cap. 15:01, Laws of Malawi*

The special Law Commission on the Review of Malawi Citizenship Act shall continue with the review process.

1.2 New Programmes

(a) *Development of Legislation on Distress for Rent **

The Law Commissioner, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, shall empanel a special Law Commission to develop legislation to govern the process of distress for rent;

(b) *Review of the Supreme Court of Appeal Act, Cap. 3:01, Laws of Malawi **

The Law Commissioner, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, shall empanel a special Law Commission to review the Supreme Court of Appeal Act;

(c) *Development of Legislation to govern the Judicial Services **

The Law Commissioner, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, shall empanel a special Law Commission to develop Legislation to govern the Judicial Service; and

(d) *Review of the Immigration Act, Cap. 15:03 of Laws of Malawi*

The Law Commissioner, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, shall empanel a special Law Commission to review the Immigration Act.

2. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CIVIC EDUCATION

The Law Commission shall continue its mandate of promoting awareness of applicable laws and the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi, by the public and Departments of Government. In particular, the Law Commission shall carry out public awareness campaigns of the following-

(a) Law Commission Act, Cap. 3:09, Laws of Malawi;

(b) Deceased Estates (Wills, Inheritance and Protection) Act, Cap. 10:02, Laws of Malawi;

(c) Gender Equality Act, Cap. 25:06, Laws of Malawi;

(d) Marriage, Divorce and Family Relations Act, Act No. 4 of 2015;

- (e) Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, Cap. 7:05, Laws of Malawi;
- (f) Trafficking in Persons Act, Act No. 3 of 2015;
- (g) Land Act, Act No. 16 of 2016; and
- (h) Customary Land Act, Act No. 19 of 2016

3. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Law Commission shall finalize development and publication of the following-

- (a) Annual Report for 2017;
- (b) 2018 Christmas Cards;
- (c) 2019 Diaries and Calendars; and
- (d) Law Reform Magazine.

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For: **LAW COMMISSIONER**