

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### REQUEST FROM THE MALAWIAN BASIC INCOME GROUP TO BECOME A BIEN AFFILIATE

My name is Frank Kamanga, I am the resource mobilization Officer for Center for Child Development and Research (CCDR), a local NGO in Malawi and I am also the team leader for Basic Income Group in Malawi. CCDR is the host of Basic Income Malawi Group. The group has the Team leader and the Executive Committee of 10 members. We have one lady who is also our secretary and 9 men. The ordinary membership to the group is open to everyone and we have 3000 ordinary members. Mostly people join the group through our facebook group. As the Executive Committee we hold meetings online on daily basis through whatsapp and we also hold physical meetings once in a month.

The executive team was built out of passion and voluntarily to champion basic income movement in Malawi. Most of the team members are still learning about basic income so we hold capacity building sessions within the executive teams. When the executive team become fully aware of the basic income movement and its global network we will establish democratic voting structures so that people can change positions and also that ordinary members can join the executive team.

In the near future we will also establish chapters in Colleges and Universities in Malawi. We will be holding capacity building and awareness raising activities in these institutions. The aim is to raise a basic income conscious crop of professionals in Malawi.

Personally I am already a member of the outreach committee and the modelling committee of Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN). I have already started networking with different BIEN outreach committee members through monthly meetings. Meanwhile, the Malawian Basic Income Group has already entered into partnership with two international organisations working on basic income project. The first one is Global Unification International, an Australian Based Think Tank and the second one is Grantcoin Foundation from USA. Currently with Global Unification International we are implementing an awareness and social media mobilization project on facebook at three levels; Malawi, Africa and Global Level.

However to gain more knowledge on basic income and strengthen the capacity of Basic Income Malawi Group in this field, the group would like work closely with BIEN as an affiliate. We want to work with BIEN on areas of advocacy, research, modelling and learning and information exchange and projects implementation. The major problem in developing countries is that there is almost lack of knowledge on the concept of basic income in almost all spheres such as politics, trade unions, academics and among the general public as well. This year the Malawian Basic Income Group would like to participate in commemorating the International Basic Income week. We have planned to hold a survey on peoples view on the concept of basic income, basic income and human rights and basic income and cost of living. We will also share to interviewees about BIEN and the basic income week. We are looking forward to affiliate with BIEN and carryout together many activities in the near future.

Regards,

Frank