

THE LUSAKA DECLARATION

ON

LAND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

**BY TRADITIONAL LEADERS FROM MALAWI, ZAMBIA
AND ZIMBABWE**

14 August 2014

Intercontinental Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Declaration is based on resolutions resulting from the Southern Africa Traditional Leaders' Conference organized by Women for Change and We Effect in August 2014 for selected traditional leaders, government representatives, civil society organisations from Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe; held at Hotel Intercontinental, Lusaka, Zambia. It is aimed at addressing women's access to, ownership of and control over land.

2.0 PREAMBLE

We the Paramount Chiefs, Senior Chiefs and Senior Chieftainesses, Chiefs and Chieftainesses representing our chiefdoms from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe gathered at Hotel Intercontinental, Lusaka, Zambia do hereby this day of Thursday 14 August 2014, make this declaration which shall remain the basis for development programmes in our chiefdoms in the three countries:

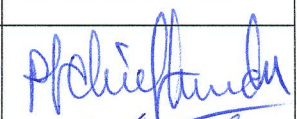

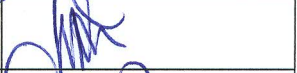

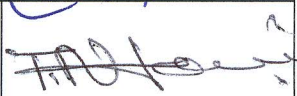
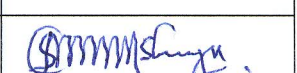

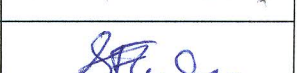
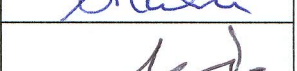
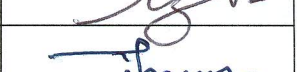


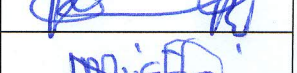
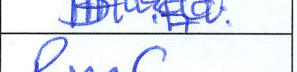
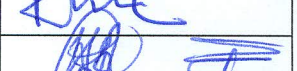
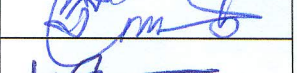

3.0 RESOLUTIONS

Realising that land is the greatest resource besides people in our chiefdoms, aware of the need for and benefits of equitable access to land by women, men, girls and boys, we, the traditional leaders from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, hereby resolve that:

- 3.1.1 We shall make land available to both women and men and protect communities' rights to land through community land certifications. Where there are both husband and wife, the land certificate shall bear the names of both in the best interest of the family. Where there is a female or male headed household only, the certificate shall bear the names of the female or male head in trust for the family.

- 3.1.2 We shall hold periodic consultative meetings and dialogues with our traditional structures and conduct community and media sensitizations to ensure that women's rights to land are appreciated, promoted and safeguarded by all in our chiefdoms.
- 3.1.3 We shall hold dialogues on land rights for women through structures such as the House of Chiefs and Royal Foundations where they exist and promote the formation of such structures where they do not exist to stand in solidarity for the promotion of land rights for women.
- 3.1.4 We shall undertake participatory mapping of customary land and audits and periodically update customary land registers to ensure that there is equitable land distribution in our chiefdoms.
- 3.1.5 We shall remove negative cultures and customs that put women and men at a disadvantage regarding access to, ownership of and control over land.
- 3.1.6 We shall preserve customary land in form of reserves and ensure the promotion of environmentally friendly practices to protect the environment for the benefit of our people and the generations to come.
- 3.1.7 We shall ensure that all investors adhere to corporate social responsibility in our chiefdoms and establish, together with the communities, Trust Funds to improve health, education, food security, water and sanitation for the benefit of our women, men, girls and boys in our chiefdoms.
- 3.1.8 We shall engage our respective governments to ensure participatory and bottom-up formulation, implementation and monitoring of gender sensitive legislations on customary land for the benefit and protection of our women, men, girls and boys.
- 3.1.9 We shall establish committees in our chiefdoms to monitor the implementation of the resolutions contained in this declaration.

Discussed, Agreed, and Adopted by all the undersigned Paramount Chiefs, Senior Chiefs and Senior Chieftainesses, Chiefs and Chieftainesses representing our chiefdoms from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe on this Thursday 14 August 2014.

S/N	NAME AND TITLE	COUNTRY	SIGNATURE
1.	Mr Lundu Chapter Nkhuku (Paramount Chief Lundu)	Malawi	
2.	Mr Clement Kapote Mwakasungula (Paramount Chief Kyungu XXIV, Mwakabanga III)	Malawi	
3.	Mr Felix Martin Lukwa (Senior Chief Lukwa)	Malawi	
4.	Mr Noor Iman Frank (T/A Chowe)	Malawi	
5.	Mrs Tereza John Ndovi (Senior Chief Kachindamoto)	Malawi	
6.	Snr Chieftainess Nkomeshya Mukamambo II	Zambia	
7.	Snr Chief Nalubamba	Zambia	
8.	Chieftainess Mwape	Zambia	
9.	Chief Chikanta	Zambia	
10.	Chieftainess Malembeka	Zambia	
11.	Chief Ndake	Zambia	
12.	Chief Chipepo	Zambia	
13.	Chief Mukonchi	Zambia	
14.	Mr Rivai Mbaimbai (Chief Chiduku)	Zimbabwe	
15.	Mr Clemence Nembire (Chief Nembire)	Zimbabwe	
16.	Mr Milton Ntabeni (Chief Ntabeni)	Zimbabwe	
17.	Ms Sibanda Nonhlanhla (Chief Ndube)	Zimbabwe	
18.	Mr Lucas Mtshane-Khumalo (Chief Khumalo)	Zimbabwe	