

COMMUNIQUÉ

Faith, Agroecology, Energy Justice, and Animal Welfare

SAFCEI FLEAT Malawi III Follow-Up Training

1. Preamble

We, participants gathered for the FLEAT Malawi III Follow-Up Training held from 12–14 May 2026, at Msamba Catholic Centre in Lilongwe, Malawi, affirm that the Earth and all living beings are sacred creations of God entrusted to humanity for responsible stewardship.

We embrace the fact that we are therefore called to be Stewards of God's Creation and to exercise care, compassion and hope to all creation to sustain Gods order. Guided by our faith teachings and traditions, shared commitment to justice, dignity, sustainability, and compassion, we recognize that environmental destruction, energy injustice, food insecurity, cruelty to animals, and exclusion of marginalized communities threaten both present and future generations.

As faith leaders, civil society actors, and advocates, we acknowledge our moral and spiritual responsibility to protect creation, defend justice, and promote sustainable and inclusive systems that uphold human dignity and ecological balance.

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it." — Psalm 24:1.

"There is no creature on earth or bird that flies with its wings except they are communities like you." Surah Al-An'am 6:38_

2. Key Concerns and Our Call

We therefore call for:

1. Strong Political Will: We realise that despite the abundance of enabling policies and other enabling instruments, there still is an absense and/ an unwillingness to activate the implementation and enforcement of policies and actions by duty bearers at various levels. We therefore call for strong political will, transparency, accountability, and proper management of resources in the energy sector.
2. Raised awareness and Need for Mindset Change: In an atmosphere where majority of our communities lack awareness and are ignorant of animal rights and their God-given responsibilities to take care of His Creation, we call for increased awareness and mindset change on animal welfare and cage-free

poultry systems through faith institutions and platforms, and the partnership of government structures towards an informed community.

3. Modern Laws and Clear Policies: Having realised that some key important laws and policies are old, and do not resonate with present times, we call for the review and strengthening of laws and policies affecting indigenous and organic seed systems.
4. Research, Data, and Evidenced-Based Advocacy: We realise that there is a gap and challenges in research and access to data, which are key to the construction of clear and evidence based advocacy, we call for greater use of research, access to data, and evidence-based advocacy in influencing policies and community action.
5. Inclusion, Participation: Realizing that there is an imbalance based on various elements such as gender, age, geography and others, which creates knowledge gaps and imbalance in participation, we call for meaningful inclusion and participation of marginalized groups in environmental and policy engagements.
6. Promotion of agroecology to improve soil fertility, biodiversity, and climate resilience.
7. Recognition that humanity is accountable to God for the protection and care of creation.
8. Adequate financing, implementation, and enforcement of existing environmental, agricultural, and energy policies.

3. Our Commitment

As participants, we commit to:

Promoting environmental stewardship within our communities and faith institutions.

Supporting sustainable and just food systems.

Advocating for energy justice and humane treatment of animals.

Amplifying marginalized voices in decision-making spaces.

Strengthening collaboration among faith leaders, youth, and civil society.

4. Conclusion

We call upon governments, faith institutions, civil society organizations, communities, and development partners to work together toward a just, sustainable, and compassionate future for all creation.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." — Genesis 2:15



"Let there be a group among you who call 'others' to goodness, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil—it is they who will be successful" - Surat Al-Imraan verse 104