



MALAWI LAW COMMISSION

GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2011
*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, 1998 and in pursuance of its powers, duties and functions under the Act and the Constitution, hereby publishes its programme of work for the year 2011.

1. LAW REFORM

1.1 *On-going Law Reform Work*

(a) Review of the Trade Marks Act Cap.49:01, Laws of Malawi

The special Law Commission on the review of the Trade Marks Act shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations.

(b) Development of legislation to combat Human Trafficking

The special Law commission on the development of legislation to combat Human Trafficking shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations.

(c) *Development of legislation on Gender Equality*

The special Law Commission on Gender Related Laws shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations on gender equality.

(d) *Review of the Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Act Cap. 3:04, Laws of Malawi*

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Act shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations.

(e) *Review of the Firearms Act, Cap. 14:08, Laws of Malawi*

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Firearms Act shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations.

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

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Witchcraft Act shall finalize the review process and shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations.

(g) *Review the Adoption of Children Act, Cap. 26:01, Laws of Malawi*

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Adoption of Children Act shall finalize the review process and shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations.

(h) *Review of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, Cap. 7:05, Laws of Malawi.*

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act shall finalize the review process and shall publish a Report of its findings and recommendations.

1.2 New Law Reform Work

(a) *Review of the Patents Act, Cap 49:02, Laws of Malawi*

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

(b) Review of the Sheriffs Act, Cap.3:05,Laws of Malawi

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

(c) Review of the Chiefs Act, Cap. 22:03, Laws of Malawi

The Law Commissioner, in Consultation with the Judicial Service commission, shall empanel a special Law Commission to review the Chiefs Act.

(d) Review of the Public Health Act, Cap.3401, Laws of Malawi

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

2. PUBLICATIONS

The Law Commission shall publish the following during the year 2011-

- (a) a Discussion Paper and an Issues Paper on the review of the Patents Act;
- (b) a Discussion Paper and an Issues Paper on the Review of the Public Health Act;
- (c) a Discussion Paper on the review of the Chiefs Act; and
- (d) a Discussion Paper and an Issues Paper on the review of the Sheriffs Act.

3. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CIVIC EDUCATION

The Law commission shall continue its mandate of promoting awareness of applicable laws and the Constitution of Malawi, by the public and Departments of Government.

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LAW COMMISSIONER