



MALAWI LAW COMMISSION

GENERAL NOTICE

Law Commission Act 1998
Cap. 3:09 of the Laws of Malawi

NOTICE OF WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008
Under section 7 (1) (a)

The Law Commission in accordance with section 7(1) (a) of Law Commission Act, 1998 and in pursuance of its powers and functions under the Act and the Constitution, hereby establishes its programme of work for the year 2008.

1. LAW REFORM

1.1 *On-going Programmes*

(a) Development of HIV/AIDS Legislation

The special law Commission on the development of HIV/AIDS Legislation shall finalize the development of a Report and the drafting of a Bill on HIV/AIDS.

(b) Development of Legislation on Declaration of assets, Liabilities and Business interests by holders of certain public offices

The special Law Commission on the development of legislation on Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests by holders of certain public offices shall finalize the development of a Report and the drafting of a Bill to enable the proper implementation of sections 88A and 213 of the Constitution.

(c) *Development of a legislation to combat Human Trafficking*

The special Law commission on the development of legislation to combat Human Trafficking shall finalize the development of a Report and the drafting of a Bill on Human Trafficking.

(d) *Gender-Related Law Reforms*

The special Law Commission on Gender related law reforms shall finalize the development of a Report and the drafting of a Bill on Gender Equality. The programme was supposed to be completed in 2007 but the Commission was unable to do so because of some logistical problems.

(e) *Education –Related Laws*

The special Law Commission on Education – Related Law Reforms shall finalize its work on the review of laws regulating education matters. The Commission was unable to complete the programme in 2007 because of other logistical problems.

(f) *Review of Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Act.*

The special Law Commission on the Review of the Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Act shall finalize its work on the review of the Legal education and Legal Practitioners Act.

1.2 New Programmes

(a) *Review of Intellectual property Laws*

The Law Commission shall empanel a special Law Commission to carry out a review of Intellectual Property Laws.

(b) *Development of legislation on Judicial Service Commission*

The Law Commission shall empanel a special Law commission to develop legislation to regulate functions, powers and other connected matters of the Judicial Service Commission.

2. PUBLICATIONS

The Law Commission shall publish the following during the year 2008-

- (a) Discussion / Issues Paper on Intellectual Property
- (b) Discussion / Issues Paper on Legal Education and Legal Practice
- (c) Discussion/ Issues Paper on Judicial Service

3. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CIVIC EDUCATION

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

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