



16th March, 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

INVITATION TO THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON MINING AT EXPLORATION STAGE

You are cordially invited to the Third episode of Roundtable Discussions on Mining at Exploration Stage which has been organized ActionAid Malawi, Citizens for Justice (CFJ), and Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy (CEPA) with funding from Tilitonse. The event shall be held at Crossroads Hotel in Lilongwe on **Friday, 20th March 2015**.

The round table discussions shall provide a forum for different actors i.e. Malawi Government, Civil Society Organisations, Local communities, mining companies, the media and the general public to discuss the governance elements and practices that needs to be strengthened, revised or adopted into the current governance system in order to enhance responsiveness, inclusiveness, transparency, accountability and respect of human rights in the mining sector.

The four member panel will be comprised of representatives from Civil Society, Mining Communities, The Ministry of Mines and Academia. The discussion questions are *1. How many tonnes of mineral samples are legally acceptable for analysis?* And *2. The experiences and expectations of the general public relating to mining exploratory activities.* Refer to the attached concept for more details about the Round Table Discussions.

Please note that we will not be providing accommodation and fuel/ transport refunds. All guests are required to be seated by 6:30.

Kindly confirm your acceptance by sending an email to madalitsoc@cfjmalawi.org. If you have any questions, please contact Madalitso Chikopa on +256 999 951 553 or Elyvin Chawinga on +265 999 274 411.

Yours Sincerely,

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