

PAELS

PAN AFRICAN-ENERGY LEADERSHIP (MALAWI) SUMMIT 2026

THEME: POWERING AFRICA'S SUSTAINABLE FUTURE:
LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, INVESTMENT AND
ENERGY SECURITY



REGISTRATION FEE

Local Delegates

MWK1,600,000

VAT Exclusive

International Delegates

USD1, 000

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10% Early Bird discount
on registration before
September end



**04TH – 06TH
NOVEMBER 2026**



Sunbird
Livingstonia
Beach Hotel
Salima, Malawi

FEES INCLUDE

- Conference/summit materials
- Lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments

FEES EXCLUDE

- VAT
- Dinner and Accommodation

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ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The Pan African - Energy Leadership (Malawi) Summit - PAELS 2026 is a premier executive conference that will bring together policymakers, utility executives, regulators, investors, development partners, financial institutions, technology innovators, researchers, project developers and industry leaders to explore the emerging trends transforming Africa's energy sector.

Hosted by the **Pan African Learning and Growth Network (PALGNET)** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Energy**, the Summit will provide a strategic platform for dialogue, collaboration and investment aimed at accelerating universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy while promoting innovation, leadership excellence and climate resilience.

Over three days, delegates will engage in keynote presentations, executive leadership forums, panel discussions, technical sessions, investment dialogues, innovation showcases, networking events and exhibitions focusing on practical solutions for Africa's evolving energy landscape.

The Summit will culminate in the adoption of a conference communiqué outlining strategic recommendations to support Malawi's energy development agenda and contribute to regional cooperation within the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

BACKGROUND

Africa is undergoing one of the most significant energy transitions in its history. Rapid population growth, industrialisation, urbanisation and increasing energy demand require innovative approaches to electricity generation, transmission, distribution and energy financing.

At the same time, governments are pursuing ambitious commitments towards renewable energy deployment, climate adaptation, carbon reduction and sustainable economic growth. Advances in artificial intelligence, digital technologies, battery storage, electric mobility, smart grids and green hydrogen are reshaping how energy systems are planned, financed and managed.

Malawi has made notable progress in expanding electricity access and promoting renewable energy development through reforms, public-private partnerships and increased investment in solar, hydropower and mini-grid solutions. However, challenges relating to energy security, infrastructure financing, transmission capacity, climate resilience and skills development continue to require coordinated action among government, regulators, utilities, investors, academia and the private sector.

Against this backdrop, the Pan African Energy Leadership Malawi Summit (PAELMS) 2026 has been designed to foster high-level dialogue, strengthen partnerships and showcase innovative solutions that will contribute to a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable energy future for Malawi and the African continent.



ABOUT PALGNET

The Pan African Learning and Growth Network (PALGNET) is a pan-African capacity development, leadership, research and knowledge-sharing organisation committed to strengthening institutions and developing leaders across Africa.

PALGNET delivers executive conferences, specialised training programs, leadership development initiatives, policy dialogues, research, consulting services and professional networking platforms that support both public and private sector institutions.

Through collaboration with governments, regulatory bodies, development partners, professional associations and industry leaders, PALGNET provides practical learning experiences that enable organisations to improve performance, strengthen governance, embrace innovation and respond effectively to emerging development challenges.

PALGNET's conferences are designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue, encourage cross-sector collaboration and provide platforms where decision-makers can exchange ideas, share best practices and build partnerships that contribute to sustainable economic growth across Africa.



CONFERENCE THEME

Powering Africa's Sustainable Future: Leadership, Innovation, Investment and Energy Security

The theme recognises that Africa's energy future depends not only on technological innovation but also on visionary leadership, effective governance, strategic investment and strong partnerships that can accelerate access to reliable, affordable and sustainable energy.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Cabinet Ministers and Principal Secretaries
- Chief Executive Officers (CEOs)
- Board Chairpersons and Directors
- Energy Executives and Senior Managers
- Utility Executives
- Engineers and Technical Professionals
- Renewable Energy Developers
- Project Managers
- Policy Makers and Regulators
- Investors and Financiers
- Climate Finance Specialists
- Procurement and Supply Chain Professionals
- Environmental and Sustainability Professionals
- ICT and Digital Transformation Leaders
- Researchers and Academics
- Development Partners
- Entrepreneurs and Technology Innovators
- Consultants
- Young Professionals in the Energy Sector
- Graduate Engineers and Students (limited spaces)

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The Summit seeks to:

- Examine the latest trends shaping Africa's energy sector.
- Promote leadership excellence across energy institutions.
- Explore investment opportunities in renewable and conventional energy.
- Strengthen collaboration between governments, utilities, regulators and the private sector.
- Showcase emerging technologies transforming energy generation, transmission and distribution.
- Promote climate-smart energy solutions and sustainable development.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange among regional and international experts.
- Support policy dialogue that contributes to improved energy security and universal access.
- Encourage innovation and digital transformation within the energy industry.
- Develop practical recommendations that support Malawi's national energy priorities and regional energy integration.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Stronger partnerships between public and private sector stakeholders.
- Increased investment interest in Malawi's energy sector.
- Enhanced leadership capacity among energy professionals.
- Greater awareness of emerging technologies and financing mechanisms.
- Improved collaboration on regional energy initiatives.
- Practical policy recommendations to strengthen energy security.
- Expanded business and networking opportunities for participating organisations.
- Knowledge-sharing on best practices from across Africa and beyond.
- A conference communiqué outlining key resolutions and action points.
- Media coverage promoting Malawi as an energy investment destination

WHY ATTEND?

- Gain insights into emerging energy technologies and global best practices.
- Learn from renowned regional and international experts.
- Engage directly with policymakers and regulators.
- Explore investment and financing opportunities.
- Build strategic partnerships with industry leaders.
- Showcase innovative products and services.
- Network with senior executives and decision-makers.
- Earn a Certificate of Participation.

KEY THEMATIC AREAS

- Energy Transition
- Renewable Energy
- Artificial Intelligence
- Smart Grids
- Battery Energy Storage
- Green Hydrogen
- Climate Finance
- Carbon Markets
- Digital Transformation
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Energy Leadership
- ESG and Sustainability
- Innovation
- Future Skills
- Energy Security
- Regional Power Integration

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY ONE – Wednesday, 4 November 2026

Theme: Leadership, Policy and the Future of Africa’s Energy Sector

07:30-08:50	Registration, Networking Breakfast & Exhibition Opening
08:50-09:20	Official Opening Ceremony (National Anthem Opening Prayer Welcome Remarks Sponsor Remarks) Official Opening: Secretary for Energy: Mr Elvis J. Thodi
09:20-09:50	Ministerial Opening Address: Powering Malawi’s Energy Transformation: Leadership, Partnerships and Investment for a Sustainable Future Minister of Energy: Hon Dr Jean Mathanga
09:50-10:30	Opening Keynote Address: Powering Africa’s Sustainable Future: Leadership, Innovation and Investment African Development Bank - Malawi
10:30-11:00	Networking Tea Break and Exhibition Visit
11:00-12:15	High-Level Executive Panel: The Future of Africa’s Energy Transition (Covering: Regional Energy Integration Universal Energy Access Climate Commitments Energy Security) Ministry of Energy, MERA, Energy Regulation Board Zambia and Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority
12:15-13:00	Executive Case Study: Developing Bankable Hydropower Projects: Lessons from the Mpatamanga Hydropower Project Mpatamanga Hydropower Limited (MHPL)
13:00-14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00-15:15	Executive Leadership Masterclass - Leading High-Performing Energy Organisations in a Changing Energy Landscape Covering: Strategic Leadership and Executive Decision Making; Governance, Ethics and Accountability; Leading Organisational Change and Transformation; Building Innovative and Agile Organisations Pan African Learning and Growth Network
15:15-16:45	CEO Roundtable: Mobilising Public-Private Partnerships to Accelerate Malawi’s Energy Transformation Ministry of Energy, PPC, Old Mutual Investment Group, National Bank of Malawi and Nico Holdings.
16:45-17:00	Day One Wrap-UP

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DAY TWO – Thursday, 5 November 2026

Theme: Innovation, Technology and Investment

08:00-08:30	Networking Coffee
08:30-09:00	Keynote: Emerging Technologies Transforming the Energy Industry Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority
09:20-09:50	Panel Discussion: Renewable Energy Solutions for Africa UpEnergy Group: Private sector innovation, clean energy access, carbon finance, and clean cooking solutions. Renewable Energy Industries Association of Malawi (REIAMA) Industry representation, renewable energy policy, solar PV, and private sector development. Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA): Regional regulatory experience and enabling policy frameworks for renewable energy. JICA Malawi: Development cooperation, renewable energy infrastructure, technical assistance, and capacity building.
10:30-11:00	Tea Break and Exhibition
11:00-12:15	Technical Session: Artificial Intelligence, Smart Grids and Digital Utilities - Building the Digital Energy Systems of the Future Ministry of Energy, Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM) and National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST)
12:15-13:00	Strategic Industry Case Study/Presentation - Bioenergy and Ethanol: Powering Africa's Clean Energy Future PressCane Limited
13:00-14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00-15:30	Executive Investment Forum - Mobilising Climate Finance, Carbon Markets, and Private Capital for Africa's Energy Transition and Green Investment Opportunities. (Unlocking Green Investment Opportunities through Innovative Financing, Strategic Partnerships and Sustainable Capital Markets) Malawi Investment and Trade Centre Management, Reserve Bank of Malawi, UpEnergy Group, CDH Investment Bank and Standard Bank of Malawi
15:30-16:30	Innovation Showcase - Energy Start-ups and Technology Demonstrations Ministry of Energy to provide Innovators to showcase
16:30-17:30	Business Networking Session

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DAY THREE - Friday, 6 November 2026

Theme: Building Sustainable Energy Systems for Africa

07:30-08:15	Networking Coffee
08:15-09:00	Keynote Address - Energy Security and Resilient Infrastructure Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)
09:00-10:30	Executive Panel Discussion - Developing Africa's Future Energy Workforce - Building Skills, Leadership and Innovation for a Just Energy Transition. Discussion areas: Skills Development for the Future Energy Sector, Women in Energy Leadership, Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Future Careers in the Energy Industry, STEM Education and Research, Building Regulatory and Technical Capacity and Public-Private Partnerships for Talent Development National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST), Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST), National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) and Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority
10:30-11:00	Networking Tea Break
11:00-12:20	Executive Dialogue - ESG, Sustainability and Corporate Leadership Facilitated by: Edwell Maposa, LLB LLM Doctoral Researcher LLD (Laws) Legal Advisor; Law Lecturer; Sustainability & ESG Advisory; Mining; Minerals Law; Extractives International Laws & best practices; Responsible Mining; Environmental Law; Social Justice; Cybersecurity; Board Member Malawi Stock Exchange - ESG regulation, governance, compliance, and sustainable sector oversight. Illovo Sugar Malawi - ESG implementation in large-scale infrastructure, stakeholder engagement, and environmental and social safeguards. Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) - Tanzania - Regulatory oversight, sustainability, ESG considerations in energy and utilities, environmental and social responsibility, investment frameworks and lessons from Tanzania's energy sector.
12:20-13:40	Executive Knowledge Exchange: Best Practices and Success Stories from sector organizations driving energy transformation ETHCO - Scaling Malawi's Ethanol Industry: A Renewable Energy Success Story JCM Power Malawi - The Golomoti Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Project - lessons from delivering utility-scale solar and battery storage. Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM) - Utility modernization, customer service improvements, grid expansion, and digital transformation. Electricity Generation Company (EGENCO) - Expanding generation capacity, hydropower operations, and renewable energy integration.
13:40-14:40	Networking Lunch
14:40-15:20	Conference Communiqué and Policy Recommendations Ministry of Energy, MERA and PALGNET
15:20-15:30	Closing Remarks and Official Conference Close



REGISTRATION AND DELEGATE PARTICIPATION

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