



Cookstove Camp 2012



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Background



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- ▶ MBAULA was created during the 2012 PCIA/DISCOVER stove camp which gathered organizations and experts in production, promotion and marketing of biomass cooking technologies.
- ▶ The workshop participants expressed an urgent need for a long-term platform for bio-energy stakeholders in the country to share information and experience, increase common learning and to harmonize standards, implementation and marketing strategies.

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- ▶ Started as an informal info sharing mailing list of 40 members, voluntarily facilitated by RENAMA, one of its founding member organizations, based on discussions at the Cookstove Camp - later with added web presence
- ▶ Mid 2013, MBAULA solicited support from IrishAid through the National Cookstove Taskforce to create a professional network secretariat, develop a project / stakeholder database (now fed into CONREMA online platform), undertake a field survey of improved cookstove stakeholders and the technologies they promote, hold regional meetings with interested stakeholders to find out their needs and suggestions for the further development of the network, and produce a DVD tool for (potential) cookstove producers and promoters with overview of all technologies and instructional videos
- ▶ In 2015, basic support by Irish Aid through Concern Universal to have a Secretariat Coordinator in place to support the NCSC and solicit follow-up support to implement plans derived from the regional meetings suggestions

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- ▶ MBAULA as part of the National Clean Cookstove Strategy
 - ▶ In the National Cookstove Taskforce (now National Cookstove Steering Committee, NCSC) action plan for the initial phase of activity, 2013-2014, the strengthening of MBAULA as a national network for all involved stakeholders was planned “as an essential instrument for informing and supporting the implementation of the National Strategy currently being developed in order to up-scale the marketing, usage and harmonization of cookstove technologies in the country”.

Objectives of MBAULA



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- ▶ To create a transparent platform for best practice exchange, coordination, partnership and networking among stakeholders engaged in the production, technology development, promotion, implementation and planning of actions and strategies related to biomass energy and bio-fuels
- ▶ To strengthen and leverage support by policy makers and development partners through overview of existing initiatives, their challenges and benefits/impacts
- ▶ To support the National Cookstove Taskforce in raising public awareness for the importance of fuel efficient and emission-reduced cookstoves and contribute to planning and monitoring the Roadmap implementation to reach the 2 million stove goal by 2020

Current Status



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- ▶ Currently, there are more than 300 signed up members, including more than 60 institutional members
- ▶ Current activities:
 - ▶ Fundraising for sector development interventions, e.g. to support mapping of projects; provide support to members for their expressed needs (training, start-up-funding, business development skills); research (best practise and cost-benefit comparisons)
 - ▶ Advocacy for sustainable bio-energy fuels and devices to be highly featured in national energy related policies and strategies
 - ▶ Responding to member requests, e.g. providing information and creating linkages
 - ▶ Updating website after moving to own domain with sector-relevant news and inviting members to share information
 - ▶ Raising awareness for the networking opportunities at stakeholder events and registering new members
 - ▶ Identifying bio-energy projects for case studies and exciting stories worth learning from for sharing

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▶ How?

- ▶ Become a MBAULA member
- ▶ Inform and invite others to become MBAULA members
- ▶ Suggest other ways of boosting the MBAULA network
- ▶ Share bio-energy information for incorporation into the comprehensive member resource library and the Melting Pot: project reports, technology info, funding opportunities, events, etc.
- ▶ Follow and like us on Facebook: www.fb.com/MBAULAmalawi

Thank you for your attention!



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Benefits of membership



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- ▶ Regular email digests of the latest MELTING POT posts (planned)
- ▶ First-hand access to the newest MBAULA News Bulletins
- ▶ Option to link up your profile on MBAULA to the CONREMA capacity & projects database
- ▶ Access to the MBAULA project database, case studies & resource library
- ▶ Online and live networking opportunities with other stakeholders to ease access to technical expertise, experience, shared resources, fundraising opportunities etc