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*Promoting Standardization and Quality Assurance in Malawi*



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **11<sup>TH</sup> ARSO CONTINENTAL ESSAY COMPETITION RESULTS**

The Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS) in collaboration with the African Organization for Standardization (ARSO) and AMC Group Africa, in December 2023 conducted the “**11<sup>th</sup> ARSO Continental Essay competition**” for students from accredited Universities and Colleges in the country.

Interested students were invited to write an essay in English under the theme: *“Empowering Consumers through Standardization to Achieve their Rights to Safe Quality Goods and Services”*.

The MBS received competition entries from most of the accredited Universities and Colleges in the country. A team of four judges, from the following institutions, assessed the essays:

- Ministry of Trade of Industry
- University of Malawi
- Mzuzu University and;
- The Competition and Fair Trading Commission (Malawi)

The judges’ assessment identified the following as the five best winners of the competition, whose details at the submission of the essays were as below:

**1<sup>st</sup> Position** – **Lawrence Manyozo**, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Third Year, Bachelor of Development Economics.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Position** – **Dumisani Nyirongo**, University of Malawi, Third Year, Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Position** – **Yamikani Bottomani**, University of Malawi, Second Year, Bachelor of Arts in Development Economics.

**4<sup>th</sup> Position** – **Levis Ophlex Sinkonda**, Malawi University of Science and Technology, Second Year, BSc Meteorology and Climate Science program.

**5<sup>th</sup> Position** – **Madalo Banda**, Malawi University of Science and Technology, Fifth Year, Bsc Biomedical Engineering (Hons).

The essays of these five winners were submitted to ARSO to compete at Continental Level. It is therefore with pleasure that we announce that **Ms Madalo Banda** and

Mr. **Levis Ophlex Sinkonda** from Malawi, both from Malawi University of Science and Technology, achieved position three and eight at Continental Level, respectively.

At national level, the MBS will award the five top national winners and honour them by awarding monetary prize, a trophy and a certificate.

Ms. Madalo Banda, the 3<sup>rd</sup> winner at Continental Level, was awarded with monetary prize equivalent to USD500 at the 30<sup>th</sup> ARSO Annual General Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria.

Both the National and Continental Prizes will be awarded at a ceremony that will be held in Blantyre on **5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**.

We say congratulations to the winners at national level, and for the winner at Continental Level, we say kudos for putting Malawi on the map under the umbrella of the African Organization for Standardization.

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