



## PRESS RELEASE

### Accreditation of monitors for Elections

The Malawi Electoral Commission is informing all political parties, independent candidates, civil society organizations and all electoral stakeholders that it has now started receiving applications for accreditation of **MONITORS** for the May 20, 2014 Tripartite Elections.

All individuals and institutions wishing to place monitors are requested to submit the names of the monitors to the respective local assemblies. In the letters they should indicate the institution, political party or the candidate who they will represent, the centre, ward and the constituency where the monitor will be placed.

The Commission is encouraging all stakeholders to place two monitors per polling stream. The list of polling streams is available from all councils and the MEC website [www.mec.org.mw](http://www.mec.org.mw)

The deadline for submitting the information is **May 9th, 2014**. Pictures of the monitors are, NOT required.

Monitors whose names will not be submitted through this channel shall not be allowed access to polling and vote counting centres.

Application forms for accreditation of monitors can be collected in all councils or downloaded at [www.mec.org.mw](http://www.mec.org.mw).

The Commission will conduct training for polling clerks on **May 18th, 2014** in all the centres and the monitors are encouraged to monitor this training so that they appraise themselves of the polling process.

The Commission is further reminding all political parties and stakeholders that they are responsible for the welfare of their monitors.

Further details about the accreditation process can be obtained from Sangwani Mwafulirwa on **0 999 274 304** or email [smwafulirwa@mec.org.mw](mailto:smwafulirwa@mec.org.mw).

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