MEDIA ADVISORY ON YOUTH CONSULTATIVE FORUM AND A STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY STRATEGY MAINSTREAMING YOUTH AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT ISSUES FROM 7-10 APRIL, 2014, MALAWI

The SADC Secretariat and the Southern Africa Trust, with support from The Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) will convene a Regional Youth Consultative Forum from April 7-8, 2014.

The main purpose of the Youth Forum is to provide a platform for soliciting ideas and recommendations of SADC youth on gender sensitive youth empowerment and participation in ways that promote sustainable development. The discussions and ensuing policy and strategic recommendations, will inform the agenda and deliberations of the meeting of SADC Ministers responsible for Youth scheduled for June 2014.

This Youth Forum will be followed by a Stakeholders Forum on the development of a SADC Food and Nutrition Security Strategy, focusing on mainstreaming Youth and Women Empowerment issues. The Stakeholders forum will take place from April 9-10, 2014 and it is supported by the Southern Africa Trust and the National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi (NASFAM).

The Stakeholder Forum will provide a platform for soliciting inputs into, ideas on, and concerns about the conceptual Framework for the SADC Food and Nutrition Security Strategy that will form the basis for further elaboration of the Strategy. The output of the meeting will lead to the development and finalisation of a strategy document that will inform the agenda and deliberations of the SADC Joint Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Agriculture and Food Security, and Ministers Responsible for Health scheduled for May 2, 2014.

The Forums and the Ministerial meetings are part of the strategic plan to operationalise the dedicated Agenda of the SADC Chairperson, President of the Republic of Malawi, Her Excellency Dr. Joyce Banda.

Venue: Sunbird Capital Hotel in Lilongwe, Malawi

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