



BLANTYRE CITY COUNCIL

SPEECH BY

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**ON THE OCCASION OF
AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE
CLEAN PREMISSES COMPETITION**

ON

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COMESA HALL, BLANTYRE

- Your Excellency Madam Prof. Getrude Mutharika, First Lady of the Republic of Malawi;
- Councillor Joseph Makwinja, Deputy Mayor of the City of Blantyre;
- Councillor Stanley Kamphambale Banda, Chairperson for the Health and Environment Committee and all Council Members here present;
- All Protocol Observed.

Good morning.

I am delighted and honoured this morning to request Your Excellency to make a speech at the end of our cleaning campaign that is ending with presentation of awards to winning premises following the clean premises activity that was launched on 10 May 2017.

First, let me warmly welcome Your Excellency to Blantyre City and thank you sincerely for honouring us with your presence at this occasion. We do not take your gesture for granted knowing that you are a busy person.

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, the process that has led to this day started in July when we cleaned the streets of Blantyre as part the campaign to keep our city clean.

This activity sought to increase the cleanliness and competition culture in health issues around all the premises such as homes, businesses and all public premises of our beautiful City Blantyre.

Although this is happening in Blantyre, I consider this day as one of the most significant days in the promotion of sanitation, clean and green environment not only here in Blantyre but Malawi in general.

It is through this ongoing initiative of Keeping Blantyre City Clean and Green and other sanitation programmes that we have a clean and green City, definitely our City today is exceptional.

Your Excellency, Ladies and gentlemen, a lot of hard work has gone into this exercise which started with the launch of Blantyre Health Week in which all city residents and stakeholders proudly participated.

Before I go further, allow me to invite members of the steering committee for the Clean premises Competition to stand wherever they are for the Her Excellency the First Lady to see you. (Applause)

Also let me invite the team of judges in the Clean premises Competition to stand wherever they are for Her Excellency the First Lady to see you. (Applause).

Your Excellency, these people have done a commendable job and sacrificed their time. Their contribution is priceless.

Allow me to also recognize all the stakeholders, without necessarily mentioning them, for the support rendered during the Health Week to this day when we are honouring those that took heed of our call to keep our city clean and we are so thankful for your support.

To achieve a clean, beautiful and sustainable Blantyre City, the Council depends on partnerships with stakeholders in cleaning and beautifying the City.

One of the strategies is the Clean Homes Competition and city cleaning campaign, platforms that will allow the Council to enforce cleaning and beautifying the City.

As per our motto; "Taking the City back to the people", the Council has now thrown the ball on the ground so that it should move around to all residents to hold hands and put our efforts together.

We need to foster a sense of community pride when residents are involved in community based clean ups and other related activities

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, today is the day when we will witness rewards go to the cleanest and most well-kept premises in the City.

I stand here proud to announce that the competition will be an annual activity whereby the Council will keep recognizing the well-kept premises all the time and awards will be given to them.

Before I request the Guest of Honour, Her Excellency Madam Prof. Getrude Mutharika, the First Lady of the Republic of Malawi and Patron of Beam Trust to make her speech and give awards to the winners, allow me to congratulate all the winners. You are our ambassadors now of promoting the cleanliness in our city.

It is now my singular honour to request the Guest of Honour to declare the clean premises Competition closed and reward the outstanding premises.

I thank you for your attention.