



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

53rd International Letter Writing Competition

The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA), in collaboration with the Universal Postal Union (UPU), is inviting young Malawian learners to the 53rd International Letter Writing Competition which will run from 22nd **January to 31st March 2024.**

The theme for this year's competition is **“At 150 years old, the UPU has served people around the world for more than eight generations. The world has changed enormously since then. Write a letter to future generations about the world you hope they inherit”.**

The best composition will be submitted to UPU by 5th May 2024, to compete at the international level.

Malawi is a member of UPU, which is a specialized agency of the United Nations that coordinates postal policies and systems around the world.

Thirteen-year-old Claire from Kenya was the winner of the 52nd International Letter Writing Competition.

The objective of the Competition

The Letter-Writing Competition is aimed at encouraging young writers to express creativity and refine their language skills in the form of a letter that is written in line with the International Letter Writing Competition's annual theme. The Competition also aims to bring out innovative thinking which is inherent in all children about the way they perceive the world.

Eligibility

- Citizens of Malawi aged between 9 and 15 years
- Primary and Secondary School Learners from any school in Malawi
- Not a previous winner of the same competition
- Not related to MACRA member of staff

Guidelines:

- The letter must be in **English.**
- An applicant is only allowed **to submit one letter.**
- The letter must be **handwritten with no more than 1000 words.**

- Entries **must** have a stamp from their respective school.
- Entries must ensure that the **name and address of each entrant are indicated in the cover letter** and not on the actual letter.
- Entries **must** provide their name, date of birth, address, telephone number, and contact email address on the **cover letter**.
- Entries must be submitted by 31st March 2024.

Prizes:

1st Prize: Laptop, a gold medal, a dictionary, a mathematical instrument, a box of writing materials, and 10 notebooks.

2nd Prize: Laptop, silver medal, a Mathematical instrument and 5 notebooks.

3rd Prize: Laptop, bronze medal, and 5 notebooks.

Applying method

Entries should be sent through the Post Office addressed to:

The Director General,
53rd International Letter Writing Competition,
Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA),
1st Floor, Green Heritage House,
2 Khonje Close,
City Centre,
P.O. Box 30214,
Lilongwe 3.

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Dated this 16th January 2024



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