

### **Civic Organisations Consulted by the Committee**

Spokespersons for the Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Economics Association of Malawi represented only those organisations.

All other spokespersons represented many organisations with similar interests in reducing poverty. Each group met and selected one or more spokespersons to communicate their recommendations to the Committee. Previous interactions of some of these groups with other Committees of Parliament are noted below.

Among them, the spokespersons listed on page 47 below represented a total of 48 organisations with expertise in agriculture, education, health, private sector interests, consumer interests, and donor debt relief.

Agriculture: Spokespersons for the Agriculture Advocacy Network represented seven organisations including ActionAid, the National Association of Smallholder Farmers, Smallholder Coffee Trust, Land O' Lakes, Christian Services Committee, Oxfam, and CARE International. Last year this Network, with additional representation from several other organisations, testified before Parliament's Agriculture and Irrigation and Environment Committees.

Education: Spokespersons for the Civil Society Coalition for Quality Basic Education represented 16 organisations including the Teachers Union of Malawi (TUM), Association of Pre-School Playgroups in Malawi (APPM), Malawi Schools Parents Association (MASPA), CARE International, Oxfam, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), Paper Making Education Trust (PAMET), Development Aid from People to People (DAPP), Chisomo Children's Club, Forum of African Women Educationalists, Episcopal Conference of Malawi, The Story Workshop, World University Service of Canada (WUSC), GTZ Basic Education, Centre for Creative Community Mobilisation (CRECCOM), and Centre for Educational Research and Training (CERT). In December the Coalition testified before the Education, Science, and Technology Committee.

Health: Spokespersons for the Malawi Health Advocacy Network (MAHN) represented three organisations including the Medical Association of Malawi, the Consumer Association of Malawi (CAMA), and the National Association of Nurses of Malawi. Last year this Network, with additional representation from several other organisations, testified before the Health and Population Committee.

## **Annex D, continued**

Economic Justice: Spokespersons for the Malawi Economic Justice Network (MEJN) represented more than 20 religious, civic, human rights, consumer, education, and academic groups that coalesced around the issue of debt relief and the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP). MEJN is an advocate before Parliament, Government, and donors regarding poverty reduction issues.

## Annex D, continued

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