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UPDATE ON FM BAND REFORMING IN MALAWI

The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) wishes to update the public on the progress of FM band reformatting exercise currently underway. The project is aimed at realizing free channels in the band to accommodate more sound broadcasting licensees.

MACRA has taken the initiative to establish a task force that will replicate the FM band across the country. The project team has successfully completed the design phase for the new FM network plan, which aims to promote high-quality service delivery among broadcasters and foster a more dynamic and competitive broadcasting industry.

The project involves a comprehensive analysis of the current FM channel assignments, a redesign of the FM frequency band, and a review of frequency coordination requirements with neighbouring countries.

Starting from August 3rd, 2023, the Authority will engage with various stakeholders to discuss the new FM network plan with confidence and assurance, leading to a broadcaster's conference in August, where the new plan will be released to the general public.

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