### WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY



#### **WHO WE ARE**

The Westminster Foundation for (WFD) is United Democracy the Kingdom's leading democracy assistance agency supported by, but independent of, the UK Foreign Commonwealth Development and Office. WFD partners with key institutions the establishment and to support development of pluralistic democratic practice, institutions, and political parties. The WFD political party programmes are designed and implemented by the Conservative Party International Office, Labour Party International Office, Scottish National Party, and Multi-Party Office. These four independent offices make up a cross-party initiative to foster more inclusive, accountable, and transparent government systems. In its 30th year, WFD's mission remains to create a world in which freedom and democracy thrive.

The Scottish National Party is a progressive, centre-left party with an internationalist outlook. The SNP have been in government in the devolved Scottish Parliament since 2007 as the largest party in Scotland and third largest party in the UK Parliament. Scotland has been at the forefront of gender equality with a female party genderand the UK's first balanced cabinet.

#### WHAT WE DO

The Scottish National Party's global work funded by the WFD focuses on projects select on cross-party, thematic bases to maximise the depth of our international engagement. At the heart of SNP WFD's international democracy support are: 1) women's political representation, 2) equality, and 3) environmental protection. Our programming shares Scotland's experience of good practice with global partners moving closer to gender equality.

SNP WFD supports developing model policies and delivering trainings to advance female leadership in parties and legislatures. The office works closely with elected representatives, engages with national and provincial parliaments, and provides international experts. Our ongoing programs with several partners in Africa focus on responding to environmental policy issues, promoting female political participation, and countering negative stereotypes against women in politics.



#### **MEET OUR PARTNERS**



## THE MALAWI PARLIAMENTARY WOMEN'S CAUCUS



The Parliamentary Women's Caucus (PWC) is a cross-party group of women parliamentarians represented in the Malawian National Assembly. The SNP WFD office has provided support to the PWC in Malawi since 2017 to promote gender equity in all spheres of Malawian society. The programme is managed on the ground through the Lilongwe-based non-profit Centre for Civil Society Strengthening (CCSS).

SNP WFD's partnership with PWC has four key workstreams: Girls Education, Women's Political Participation, Women's Economic Empowerment, and Gender Based Violence. SNP WFD supports the PWC through organising capacity-building training workshops, strengthening the visibility of women in leadership, engaging in election monitoring exercises electoral on integrity, creating informational campaigns, and conducting gender responsive budgeting analysis.

# ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Zambian Parliamentary Caucus on Environment and Climate Change has been at work since 2022 and is the largest Caucus in Zambian Parliament. SNP WFD has partnered with the Caucus since March 2023 to enhance the capabilities of all political parties in Parliament and strengthen their crossparty collaboration in response to rapid environmental challenges facing the region.

SNP WFD supports the Caucus in its Environmental Capacities **Project** Zambia's involving all of political parties. The project aims to identify gaps within Zambia's internal party structures, political commitments, and effectively respond to policies to environmental challenges both in their respective constituencies. and across the nation It will also aim to identify individual leadership potential to grow in-house sectoral policy experts connected to environmental partners.



