**PROJECT NAME**: Promoting Inclusive and Progressive Land Governance for Sustainable Livelihood

**PROJECT BRIEF**: CEPA is implementing the “Promoting Inclusive and Progressive Land Governance for Sustainable Livelihoods” project with funding from the Government of Flanders. The project is complementary to the “*Land Use Planning and Sustainable Land and Water Management for Improved Agricultural Productivity in Kasungu and Mzimba Districts”* Project. The project seeks to contribute to *‘Improved resilience of 176,400 male and 183,600 female farmers through sustainable use and management of land resources”* by addressing interrelated challenges of limited awareness about the new land laws; contextual diversities and the implications of the new land laws; the influence of cultural differences as they relate to land law reforms and gender, youth and crosscutting issues.

The land sector in Malawi is one of the field which has been affected by various challenges as per A “Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Land Policy Reform” which was set up in 1999 to analyse the reported problems in the Land Sector and make recommendations for action. The inquiry revealed the following as problems that are faced by the Land sector in Malawi which required action;

* + Inherent insecurity of customary land
	+ Twisted distribution of land
	+ High population to land ratio leading to land degradation of natural resources
	+ Poor utilization of leasehold estates
	+ Existence of land scarcity in spite of idle lands
	+ Provocative trespassing
	+ Fraudulent disposal of customary land by traditional chiefs and government officials
	+ Privatizing access to customary land
	+ Mismanagement of land development

In 2016, ten land-related laws were enacted including:1. Land Act; and 2. Customary Land Act. In 2022, amendments of the land related laws were passed by the parliament which become effective on 01st July, 2022. Hence the “Promoting Inclusive and Progressive Land Governance for Sustainable Livelihood” project, is implementing the efforts of the government of Malawi in raising awareness about the land reforms.