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1.1 What is the basis of renewable energy policy and regulation in your jurisdiction and is there a statutory definition of "renewable energy", "clean energy" or equivalent terminology?

Renewable energy policy and regulation in Malawi stems from the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy III (MDGS), National Energy Policy 2018 (NEP) and the Malawi Renewable Energy Strategy 2017 (MRES).

The goal of the NEP is to establish a guiding framework including policy and strategic direction for achieving increased access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, efficient and modern energy for every person in Malawi. The NEP emphasises the importance of private sector participation in the energy sector and providing an environment conducive for such participation, in the form of direct investment, public private partnerships (PPPs), independent power producers (IPPs) or other participation vehicles. The NEP further emphasises sustainable and clean energy accessible to all. Energy efficiency is another priority area of the NEP. The objective of the NEP is to increase access to modern, clean, affordable and reliable energy.

MRES sets out the priorities and actions to achieve "Universal access to renewable electricity and a sustainable bioenergy sector" in Malawi, and specifies strategies targeting on-grid renewables, off-grid solar, clean energy mini grids, and bio energy.

The energy sector in Malawi is governed by the Energy Regulation Act, Electricity Act, and the IPP Framework. Renewable Energy is defined in the Energy Regulation Act as "sources of energy available to mankind arising from natural processes in the interaction between the sun and the earth's surface and regularly replenished and these include the sun as the primary renewable energy resource and the secondary renewable energy resources that derive from the sun including wind energy, hydro, ocean thermal, ocean wave, ocean



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tidal and electricity from photovoltaic effects, biomass, geothermal, etc.".

1.2 Describe the main participants in the renewable energy sector and the roles which they each perform.

The Ministry of Energy oversees the energy sector and establishes energy policies and sets strategic direction for the sector.

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