



Domains on .MW



# WORKSHOP ON .MW REGISTRARS - INVITATION

SDNP, the .mw domains registry operator, will run a training workshop on .mw domain registrars on 7 September 2017 at the Bingu International Convention Centre, BICC, Lilongwe.

More details on the workshop are available at SDNP registrar website at <http://www.sdnpr.registrar.mw/registrars.php>

The aim of the workshop is to assist to develop, train and support a sustainable crop of Internet domain registrars in Malawi that do sustainable business on the viable Malawi .mw country code top level domain, the .mw cTLD, using a top of the range domain registry platform.

A detailed agenda has been developed for the workshop and a brief version is shown here below with more details available on the above website.

The workshop is open to anyone interested but is particularly targeting registrars and potential registrars. Those interested should register by 4 September 2017. Registration form and fellowship offers are available on the above website. There is limited space for 25 participants.

We, therefore, cordially invite you to the workshop to learn, share knowledge and network with registrars in Malawi, as well as those from abroad, on how to develop and sustain the domain name industry in Malawi.

TIME	TOPIC AREAS
08:00 – 08:30	Registration, verification
08:30 – 09:00	Workshop opening
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Session 1</b> Overview: Domains, DNS, Registries, Registrars and Registrants Overview: Domains names, TLDs, Internet services, Users, Registrars, Registrars, Registrars, How DNS works, WHOIS, framework
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Session 2</b> Becoming a .mw registrar What is a registrar? Registries 2R, 3R, in Africa and globally, overview on EPP – Extensible Provisioning Protocol and command groups.
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Session 3</b> Policy Framework for .mw domains Domain Registration Policy – Registrar Accreditation – Fees and Charges – Registrar Agreement.
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Session 4</b> How to grow the domain name industry in Malawi Domain names and registrar business in Malawi - Example of a successful registrar – Lexsynergy - ICANN accreditation – Marketing .mw TLD, Registrar associations.
13:30 – 14:00	<b>Session 5</b> Registry and DNS operations Global DNS system and operation – BIND and other DNS servers – DNS zones and zone files - FRED Registry and Automatic Zone Generation - DNS propagation, Conducting EPP connections – Registry / Server Side
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Session 6</b> Requirements for registering a domain on .mw registry, Contacts, handles, assets, DNS servers, data validation, WHOIS - Requirements for a registrar to connect to .mw registry, Registrar Handle, Username and EPP Password, SSL, Private Key and Digital Certificate. SDNP Certification Authority, LINUX operating system tools for Registrars, SSL, HTTP
15:15 – 16:30	<b>Session 7</b> 1. Conducting EPP connections – Registrar / Client Side – Practical / Demo 2. Building your own EPP client. 3. Transferring your current .mw domains to you to manage as a Registrar over EPP connections.
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Session 8</b> Workshop evaluation
17:00 – 17:30	Closure of Workshop

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## Re-Advertisement - Seeking Technical Staff – Senior Regional Commodity Logistics Officer X 1 -LL

**Project Background**  
The purpose of the Global Health Supply Chain (GHSC) – Procurement and Supply Management (PSM) project is to ensure uninterrupted supplies of health commodities in support of USG-funded public health initiatives around the world. The project provides direct procurement and supply chain management support to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), and Population and Reproductive Health. In supporting USG-funded global health activities, PSM will develop and manage a wide array of services for health commodity procurement and related systems strengthening technical assistance encompassing different elements of a comprehensive supply chain. At the country level, PSM supports country strategies and priorities that fall under the following three project objectives:

- Global Commodity Procurement and Logistics
- Systems Strengthening/Technical Assistance
- Global Collaboration to Improve Long-Term Availability of Health Commodities

**Summary of Responsibilities:**  
The primary role of the Senior Regional Commodity Logistics Officer (RCLCO) is to meet project objectives focused on improving data quality at all levels of supply chain activity in-country, building capacity of regional/district staff who supervise health facility commodity management, designing and rolling out of innovations to increase reporting rates, and increase access to information on stock status at all levels. The Senior RCLCO will achieve this through provision of timely and hands-on TA to DHOs and health facilities on a need basis, in close collaboration with other project technical and other USAID implementing partners e.g. ONSE. The RCLCO will also support drug accountability measures at sub-national level.

As Senior RCLCO based in Blantyre, the incumbent will provide support and mentoring to other RCLCOs and will play a team leadership role for the team of Regional Commodity Logistics Officer.

**Specific Duties:**

**Technical (80% of LOE):**

1. Work with Regional/district MOH staff to bolster supply chain data visibility through identification of gaps in the performance of the supply chain and design innovative and practical solutions to close the gaps in a sustainable way
2. Give supportive supervision to health facilities; provide in-service training during these visits; and identify needs for supply chain management capacity building
3. Support the development of training curriculum that takes into account Malawi-specific supply chain management objectives and challenges
4. Support capacity building of Regional/district MOH staff in data aggregation, analysis, reporting and use in decision making to ensure commodity security
5. Support the national drug accountability actions at sub-national level in order to ensure that accountability and visibility of commodity movement and use is improved.
6. Participate in and facilitate data review meetings at regional and district levels to enhance scheduled and deliberate analysis and evidence-based decision making
7. Investigate reported stock-outs and stock imbalances, and recommend immediate action to remedy the situation, in conjunction with DHO and the zone, when possible, and in coordination with HTSS/P
8. Explore and recommend solutions for practical re-distribution of stocks within the region and across regions, including leveraging regional/district-based NGOs and USAID implementing partners (IPs)
9. Work closely with NGOs/IPCs, Regional MOH Quality Assurance Team Health Supervisors, Zonal Pharmacists, and DHOs to coordinate supply management interventions at regional level, especially with USAID IPs (3Cs approach).
10. Support the appropriate use of the pre-fabricated storage units by ensuring that complete and relevant information about use,

- including SOPs is readily available to all health facility staff where these units are installed.
11. Help to coordinate, and attend, occasional meetings at Regional and district levels and in making sure country-specific supply chain/logistics issues are on the agenda
  12. Provide monthly reports on achievements, challenges, opportunities and possible solutions to mitigate the challenges and exploit the opportunities.
  13. Exhibit Chemionics values and build culture of "Living our Values" within the team.
  14. Verify that USAID regulations, Chemionics policies, and quality management best practices are enforced consistently.
  15. Carry out additional responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time in consultation with supervisor of record.

**Team Leadership (20% of LOE):**

- Work with the various RCLCO to develop quarterly activity plans and budgets for interventions to be implemented in the various regions
- Provide regular capacity building and mentoring for other RCLCOs
- Collaborate with the project M&E team to develop a plan for monitoring and tracking impact of interventions by the RCLCOs for their supported regions
- Collaborate with the LMS team and other RCOs to regular review district LMS reports, identify issues and develop action plans to address identified issues
- Work with other RCLCOs to prepare a consolidated monthly activity report

**Qualifications & Attributes**

- Bachelor's degree in pharmacy, Master's degree in Pharmacy, Public health, Supply Chain Management or related fields an added advantage
- At least Seven years' professional experience in supply chain management of medicines and health products in public health programs required.
- At least five years' experience working in the Malawi public health sector supply chain at the district level or higher
- Previous capacity building/facilitator experience for district and facility level supply chain staff highly desirable.
- Ability to nurture and sustain productive relationships with Senior MOH officials at various levels and to leverage resources from other implementing partners to address identified challenges
- Strong leadership and motivational ability. Demonstrated team management ability
- International project management experience an advantage
- Thorough knowledge of USAID funding and its contractual and reporting requirements required: experience working on USAID-funded health programs strongly preferred.
- Strong written and oral communication skills. Excellent problem solving and decision making skills.
- Proficiency in English (written and spoken) and local languages
- Attention to detail and computer literacy
- Willingness to relocate to Lilongwe and to travel regularly within the Central Region

**Location of Assignment**

The location of assignment is a MOH Regional office in Lilongwe.

**Supervision**

The Senior Regional Commodity Logistics Officer will report directly to the Health Systems Strengthening Director or his/her designee.

**Those who have applied for this post before need not apply again**

**Application Instructions:** Please send electronic submissions to [psmmalawirecruit@gmail.com](mailto:psmmalawirecruit@gmail.com) by **September, 02nd, 2017**. Include your CV, a cover letter explaining your interest, and contact information for at least three professional references, subject line of: For more information about Chemionics International Inc., visit [www.chemionics.com](http://www.chemionics.com).