



**WELCOMING REMARKS TO BE DELIVERED
BY**

**MR. PATRICK MACHIKA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF THE
NATIONAL REGISTRATION BUREAU**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NZIKA
DIGITAL ID ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2026, AT THE BINGU
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONAL CENTRE (BICC)**

**Ministry of Homeland Security
National Registration Bureau
Lilongwe**

- **Honourable Peter Mukhitho, Minister of Homeland Security, The Guest of Honour;**
- **Honourable Dr. Shadrack Namalomba, MP, Minister of Information and Communication Technology**
- **Honourable Norman Chisale MP, Deputy Minister of Homeland Security;**
- **Excellency Ms. Rebecca Adda-Dontoh, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Malawi, Deputy Resident representative and staff from UNDP;**
- **Excellencies and members of the Diplomatic Corps here present;**
- **His Lordship Richard Banda, Mayor of the city of Lilongwe;**
- **Mrs. Linda Pacharo Moyo, Secretary for Homeland Security;**
- **Controlling Officers, Principal Secretaries and Senior Government Officials here present;**
- **Chief Executive Officers from Public and Private sector organisations here present;**
- **Members of Private Sector organizations;**
- **Members Civil Society Organisations;**
- **Colleagues from Homeland Security and National Registration Bureau**
- **Distinguished members of the Press;**
- **Distinguished Guests;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen;**

Good morning.

It is my great pleasure and profound sense of pride, on behalf of the Ministry of Homeland Security and particularly the National Registration Bureau that I warmly welcome you all to this important occasion marking the launch of the

Nzika Wallet. Today we are also commemorating the African ID Day and Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Day.

Guest of Honour, Honourable Minister, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen;

Allow me, first and foremost, to extend a very special welcome to our Guest of Honour, **the Honourable Minister of Homeland Security, Mr Peter Mukhito** and all ministers herein present. Honourable Minister, we are deeply grateful for your presence here today and for the leadership and support that your Ministry continues to provide towards strengthening our national identity system in the country.

Let me also welcome Honourable Dr. Shadreck Namalomba, MP, Minister of Information and Communication Technology Honourable Norman Chisale MP, Deputy Minister of Homeland Security to this important gathering this morning.

I would also like to warmly welcome Excellencies, Heads of Missions and your representatives whose presence demonstrates the importance that our international partners attach to initiatives aimed at improving public service delivery and strengthening national development.

To our colleagues from the donor and development community, we sincerely appreciate your continued partnership, technical expertise, financial support and confidence in Government-led initiatives. Your contribution has been instrumental in supporting this innovation we are launching today.

I further welcome all Government officials, private sector representatives, civil society organisations, members of the media, and all other distinguished guests

who have taken time to join us today. Your presence has made this occasion even more significant.

**Honourable Minister, Excellencies, Distiguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen;**

The launch of the Nzika Wallet represents an important step in our continued efforts to harness technology to improve the way Government interacts with and delivers services to its citizens. We are one of the 5 countries in Africa to roll out a Digital Wallet (Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Cote d'Ivoire)

The development of the Nzika Wallet has been driven by the need to create a more convenient, secure and citizen-centred platform through which individuals can access and manage services and information relevant to them. It is part of our broader commitment to advancing digital transformation, improving efficiency, reducing unnecessary barriers, and bringing Government services closer to the people.

**Honourable Minister, Excellencies, Distiguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen;**

I would like to acknowledge and commend all those who have contributed to the development of the Nzika Wallet. This achievement is a result of collaboration, dedication and a shared commitment to improving service delivery.

Lastly but not least, allow me once again to express our sincere appreciation to our Guest of Honour, **the Honourable Minister of Homeland Security**, for gracing this occasion and for your continued leadership and support.

Our profound gratitude also goes to the Ambassadors and Members of the Diplomatic Corps, the donor and development community, Government institutions, technical teams and all other stakeholders who have contributed to bringing the Nzika Wallet to this important milestone.

To everyone present here today, thank you for joining us and for demonstrating your support for this initiative.

I wish to assure you that NRB remains committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure that the Nzika Wallet achieves its intended purpose.

Once again, welcome to the launch of the Nzika Wallet, and thank you for being part of this important milestone.

I thank you.

I Thank you for your Attention!