

1983 - Commonwealth Day

In 1958, Harold Macmillan announced in Parliament the renaming of Empire Day as Commonwealth Day. The commonwealth and Britain have a shared history, cultural links, common legal systems and business practices. Following a 1973 proposal by the Royal Commonwealth Society, the Commonwealth Secretariat selected the second Monday in March as the date on which Commonwealth Day is observed throughout all countries of the Commonwealth.

7t-KWACHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Stamp depicts Kwacha International Conference Centre. The Centre is sited just 4.8 km. from Blantyre's City centre on the lower slopes of beautiful Soche Mountain and boasting beautifully landscaped gardens. It is within seven minutes drive of the delegates hotels. The main hall seats more than 300 delegates at twin desks and the Committee room can seat up to 100 delegates with individual microphone links.

20t-TEA INDUSTRY

The stamp depicts tea plantation at Mulanje and people picking tea. Tea is grown in some parts of Thyolo and Mulanje districts in the Southern Region of Malawi. In the Northern region it is grown in some parts of Nkhata Bay district. Tea is processed locally and exported to foreign countries and is a second foreign reserve earner.

30t-EARTH SATELITE

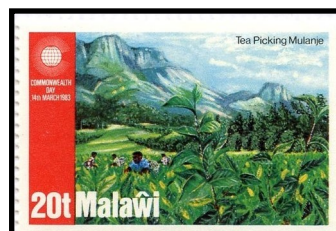
The stamp depicts map of the world and the position of Malawi on the continent of Africa.

K1 -PORTRAIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIFE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL FLAG

The stamp shows the portrait of His Excellency, the Life President Ngwazi Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda and the National flag.



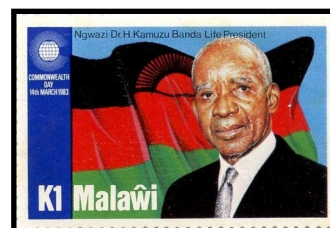
7t Kwacha International Conference Centre



20t Tea-Picking, Mulanje



30t World map with position of Malawi



K1 President, Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda

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Format : Horizontal : 7t, 20t and 30t and K1.

First Day Covers : Serviced official FDCs will be available at K 1.90 each.

Watermark : Malawi Cockerel (sideways)

Souvenir Sheet Size : None

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FIRST DAY COVERS

