

Airtel Africa Foundation Provides K80 Million for ICT Innovation Awards in Malawi

Lilongwe, Malawi - 21 April 2026: Airtel Africa Foundation has reinforced its commitment to nurturing Malawi's digital innovation ecosystem and advancing the country's Vision 2063. On the sidelines of the Communications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa (CRASA) AGM, the Foundation announced a K80 million contribution to support the MACRA National ICT Awards, content creation, and policy capacity-building initiatives at the Bingu International Convention Centre (BICC).

The awards, commemorating World Creativity and Innovation Day, recognise and promote homegrown ICT solutions aligned with Malawi's long-term development goals.

This support builds on the Foundation's ongoing work to equip Malawian youth with digital skills and quality education. Through its Adopt-A-School Programme, Airtel Africa Foundation is equipping primary and secondary schools with digital and ICT labs. At the tertiary level, the Airtel Africa Fellowship - known locally as the Airtel Nzeru Fund - provides full STEM scholarships at the Malawi University of Science and Technology. These efforts are complemented by zero-rated learning platforms, expanding access to digital education for learners nationwide – directly contributing to the Foundation's goal of positively impacting 10 million lives across Africa by 2030.

Speaking on the partnership, Aashish Dutt, Managing Director, Airtel Malawi, said:

“Innovation thrives where policy, skills, and opportunity meet. Our support for MACRA and the CRASA AGM reflects our commitment to nurturing homegrown ICT solutions that drive Malawi's Vision 2063. By investing in innovators, content creators, and digital infrastructure, we are unlocking the potential of Malawi's youth and building a digitally inclusive future for all. This is how we empower communities and transform lives.”

The Foundation's support focuses on capacity building – providing innovators and content creators with training, tools, and platforms to refine and commercialise their ideas, contributing to the growth of the broader digital ecosystem.

Mayamiko Nkoloma, Director General, MACRA, welcomed the support, noting its importance in strengthening innovation and digital skills development in Malawi.

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