

Plan of Action

1. Organisations represented to form part of a national coalition for decriminalisation. Other organisations to be invited to join the coalition.
2. A task force/ steering committee is to be established to which the coalition shall delegate the power to oversee the day to day running of the campaign.
3. The Malawi Law Society is to chair the task force with the assistance of MISA Malawi.
4. Should the Malawi Law Society be unable to take on this role, the Human Rights Consultative Committee will be called upon to do so.
5. The Campaign will be multi-faceted and shall include – government officials, civil society organisations, law enforcement agencies , intergovernmental organisations and the African Union and its organs (ACHPR and PAP).
6. The task force is to begin the process of identifying and narrowing down criminal laws limiting freedom of expression as quickly as possible and draft possible amendments or advocate repeal for each law identified.
7. The task force is to develop an advocacy plan for the campaign that lays down a strict time frame, objectives and member of coalition responsible for of each action.
8. The task force is to identify key ministers/government officials to be the driving force of the campaign at the national, regional and continental level (e.g. members of the Committee of Legal Affairs in the Malawi Parliament and Malawian members of the Pan African Parliament) as part of the advocacy campaign
9. The task force is to ensure that the issue of decriminalization is included in the next shadow reports to be submitted to the UNHRC and African Commission, ahead of the presentation by the government of Malawi to these bodies.
10. The task force is to lobby President Banda to sign the Declaration of Table Mountain, which *inter alia* calls for the repeal of criminal defamation and insult laws.
11. The task force to see to it that the decriminalization of laws which limit Freedom of Expression and the adoption of an Access to Information legislation is made a topical issue during the forthcoming May 2014 elections in Malawi.