

2021-2022 Events Overview

The Africa Policy Journal Fireside Chat

March 8th, 2022

#APJFiresideChat with Rt. Honourable Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima, VP, Republic of Malawi

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**FIRESIDE
CHAT**

GUEST: **Right Honourable DR. SAULOS KLAUS CHILIMA**
Vice President of the Republic of Malawi

MODERATOR: **PROF. ZOE MARKS**
Lecturer, Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 / 8 A.M. EST / 3 PM CAT / VIRTUAL (ON ZOOM)

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In this Africa Policy Journal Fireside Chat, Public Policy and African Studies Lecturer, Prof. Zoe Marks of the Harvard Kennedy School, explored the role of agriculture, technology, and entrepreneurship in harnessing the potential of Africa's young people, in conversation with Right Honourable Dr. Saulos Chilima, Vice President of the Republic of Malawi. Dr. Chilima has been Vice President

in the Southern African country since 2014, and prior to entering politics had garnered extensive experience in both multi-national organizations and at the intersection between the public and private sector.

You can watch the conversation on the APJ's Youtube Page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VAjDaAHtBQ&t=13s>

March 25th, 2022

#APJFiresideChat: A conversation with Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka



The Africa Policy Journal team was excited and honored to host Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka at the Africa Policy Journal Fireside Chat. The event, held on Friday, March 25, 2022, was held in collaboration with the Harvard University Center for African Studies. Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka spoke on a range of issues, from expanding women’s civil and political participation, to her experiences while leading UN Women.

“You need to think and see how gender issues are integrated into your studies. Gender neutral policies are discriminatory. Raise these issues in class, at the individual level, make that decision. It is bad corporate governance to be a sexist policy maker,” Dr. Mlambo-Ngcuka told the room of students spanning from different Harvard schools.

She spoke of the importance of engaging men in conversations, and actions, around gender



based violence and gender equality. “There is definitely increase in the men who are speaking against gender discrimination issues. We are targeting men in power to speak against these issues, we also work with boys and children and engage them together,” she said.

She noted that engaging men in issues of gender equality is important, and is a collective responsibility. “It is important to continuously involve men in cleaning their mess — it’s a



collective responsibility,” she said. She urged those in attendance, especially the students in the room, not to forsake the world of politics, after they were done at Harvard. “You have to go into politics. You cannot leave politics to the worst people. The more you move away from politics, the more you leave

it for people who are not qualified. We want thinkers and people who care about people at politics,” she said.

Dr. Mlambo-Ngcuka is the Former Executive Director of UN Women, and former Deputy President of South Africa. She is the founder of Umlambo Foundation, a Gender Activist and a Campaigner for Universal Access to Education. She has devoted her career to issues of human rights, equality and social justice. Dr. Mlambo-Ngcuka has worked in government, private sector and civil society and was actively involved in the struggle to end apartheid in her home country of South Africa. She is currently a Hauser Fellow at Harvard’s [Center for Public Leadership](#).

April 27th, 2022

#APJFiresideChat: A conversation with His Excellency Martin Kimani, Kenya’s Ambassador to the United Nations



In this Africa Policy Journal Fireside Chat, Ambassador Martin Kimani spoke with Africa Policy Journal Editor In Chief, Adaobi Ezeokoli, about Kenya’s upcoming elections and the way that democracy has fared in Africa, the African Union’s response to the ongoing crisis in Ethiopia, African solutions to African problems, the AU’s Agenda 2063, and a reflection on his comments about the United Nations inability to live up to its mandate of preventing wars in light of the Ukraine crisis.



Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) final at the Harvard Kennedy School.



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