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INTERAGENCY COOPERATION: CBRN AWARESS SESSION

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DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

- ✓ Raise national awareness to help move implementation of the CBRN NAP
- ✓ Three partners offered support: EU CBRN CoE, UNSCR1540, BWC-ICU (UNODA)
- ✓ First, short high level session opened by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, EU Ambassador and Un Resident Coordinator representative
- ✓ Then technical sessions to
 - Exchange experiences on CBRN risks
 - Address the legal frameworks at international and regional levels
 - Assess Malawi's preparedness and gaps
- ✓ Over 65 national participants and 15 regional/international presentations

SUCCESSES / OUTCOMES

- ✓ Urged head of institutions to include NAP activities in their budgets
- ✓ Positive assurances from Senior officials
- ✓ National media and Social media exposure
- ✓ Potential support offers from COMESA, SADC, UNODC, Africa CDC, Brown Univ.
- ✓ Came up with priority activities from the NAP for the year
- ✓ Agreed to revive the domestication process of the BWC and CWC
- ✓ Agreed to include CBRN in the National Disaster Management Structure
- ✓ Agreed to develop a CBRN Emergency Response Plan

LESSONS LEARNT / RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Need to start planning early
 - Not easy to get hold of senior officials
 - CBRN not high on the priority
- ✓ Senior officials only available for a short time, so plan the agenda smartly
- ✓ Make necessary follow-ups
- ✓ Joint session saves time and resources
- ✓ Involve the head of your institution if you are not the head
- ✓ Need continuous engagement with NT and organizing partners.