

# Biography of H.E. Ambassador Edward Yakobe Sawerengera

Ambassador Sawerengera has just completed a successful tour of duty as Ambassador of Malawi to the Federative Republic of Brazil, during which he facilitated and signed, on behalf of his Government, the Investment Cooperation and Facilitation Agreement between Brazil and Malawi. Prior to this, Ambassador Sawerengera worked as Director General for State Residences (Chief of Staff). While at State House, Ambassador Sawerengera established favorable and constructive working relationships with various sections of the Presidency, including State House, the President's Advisory Team, and the Office of the President and Cabinet.

Ambassador Edward Yakobe Sawerengera has had a remarkable and distinguished career in public and private sector management in Malawi. For 20 years, Ambassador Sawerengera worked at the Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (ADMARC), a state marketing agency, where he rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of Operations. He worked tirelessly to ensure efficient and reliable markets for smallholder farmer outputs, and provision of adequate farm inputs at all ADMARC depots.

In the past 15 years, Ambassador Sawerengera has held several executive leadership positions including; Deputy Chief Executive Officer of David Whitehead & Sons (DWS), a textile Company; Chief Executive Officer of the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA), a strategic grain reserve for the state; and Executive Director of Malawi Social Action Fund (MASAF), a government project designed to finance self-help community projects and transfer cash through safety net activities.

Ambassador Sawerengera holds a Diploma in Agriculture from Bunda College of Agriculture of the University of Malawi (1975), a Post-Graduate Certificate in Agricultural Marketing and Supply from Loughborough Cooperative College-UK (1986), and an MBA in Strategic Management from Strathclyde Graduate Business School-UK (1997). He is a strategic thinker with excellent negotiation skills, and the ability to build partnerships and networks with relevant stakeholders. Throughout his career, Ambassador Sawerengera has achieved productivity improvement and turned non-performing operations around.

His Excellency Edward Y. Sawerengera presented his letters of credence to the United States on 16 September, 2016. He is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Malawi to the United States on a residential basis. He is also accredited on a nonresidential basis to the Bahamas, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Ambassador Sawerengera is happily married.

