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Captions
1. The Guest of Honour, Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Hon Mary Thom Navicha, MP welcomed by Chairperson of MICGBV, Mr. Assan Golowa - Executive Director ActionAid (right), Madam Linga Mihowa - Country Director Oxfam (Centre) and Irish Ambassador to Malawi, His excellency Gerry Cunningham (2nd Right).
2. Mr. Golowa delivers the welcoming remarks during the event.
3. Charlotte Wezi Malonda, Transformative Women Leadership Program Manager – Oxfam making a presentation on finding of the study on GBV in the world of work.
4. Agness Mphote, the Lilongwe Urban Women Forum Director, giving a testimony on the extent of GBV in the world of work.
5. Malawi Girl Guides Association, a Member of Activista Youth Network, performs #Ndiulula# I Wont Be Silent theme song during the high-level event.
6. Irish Ambassador to Malawi, His Excellency Gerry Cunningham, giving a speech during the event.
7. A cross-section of participants following the proceedings during the event.
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11. Moved by the findings of the study on GBV in the world of work and testimonies by women workers at the national event, Honourable Navicha took an initiative to visit women in the Lilongwe market to appreciate the level of GBV they experience.

Social Media Campaign Influencers:
12. Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Honourable Mary Navicha, urges everyone to respect rights of women workers and pledge to fight against GBV in the world of work.
13. Speaker of National Assembly, Right Honourable Catherine Gondwe, M.P calls for equal enjoyment of human rights in a democracy and asks all stakeholders to join the fight to end GBV in the world of work.
14. A renowned gender activist and SADC Gender Protocol-alliance Chairperson, Mrs. Emma Kaliya, call upon the survivors of violence in the workplace to break the silence and start reporting the perpetrators to relevant authorities as a key step towards ending GBV in the world of work.
15. Loud and Clear! The Irish Ambassador to Malawi, His Excellency Gerry Cunningham, says a violence-free work environment is possible and reaffirms the Irish Government’s continued support towards the MICGBV to fight the vice.

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