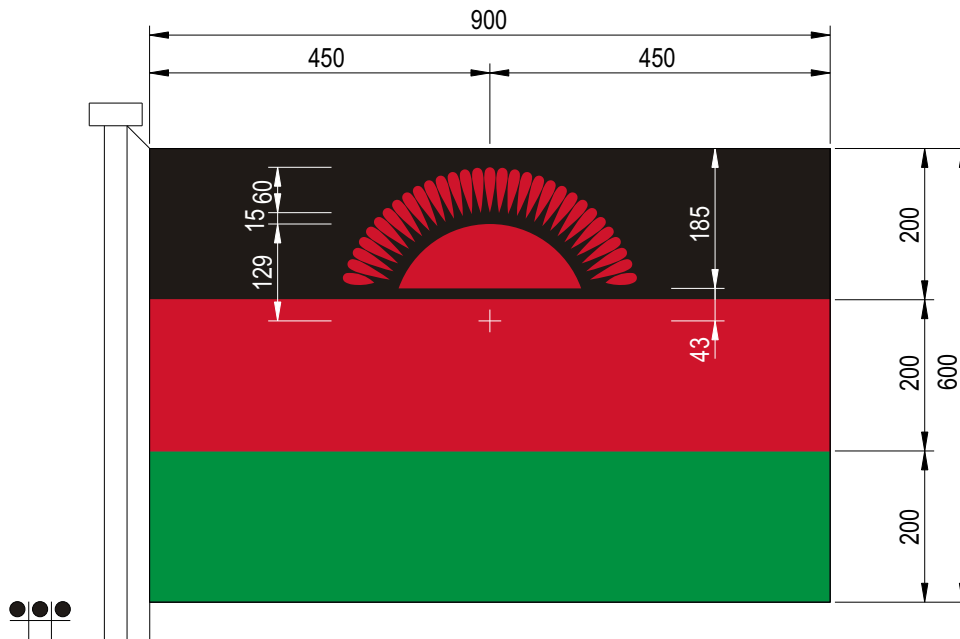


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

SV - MW - 01.0 - 1
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Malawi
National flag



DATA		COLOUR RECOMMENDATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	National Flag						
Ratio:	2 : 3	Red	186c	0	90	80	5
Adopted:	06 Jul 1964	Green	355u	80	0	100	10
Abolished:	07 Aug 2010						
Re-Adopted	00 May 2012						
Designer:	Theodosia Salome Okoh						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

The Malawi national flag was initially adopted at independence on 06 July 1964 and is described and illustrated in the Protected Flag, Emblems and Names Act (1964) - First Schedule Part I:

Description: From the top of the Flag to the bottom thereof, three equal horizontal stripes of black, red and green with a red rising sun superimposed in the centre of the black stripe.

Ratio of Length to breadth: 3:2

Significance: Black represents the people of the Continent of Africa.

The Rising Sun represents the dawn of hope and freedom for the whole Continent of Africa.

Red represents the blood of the martyrs of African freedom.

Green represents the ever green nature of Malawi.

The colours of the flag are the same as those of the Malawi Congress Party (MCP) which led the country to independence in 1964. The MCP flag was derived from the flag popularised by Marcus Garvey at the time of the First World War. For Malawi's national flag, the rising sun or *kwacha* was added.

The flag fell into disuse following the adoption of a new flag in 2010 (see SV - MW - 01.2 - 1) but was restored by President Joyce Banda in May 2012 following the death of President Bingu wa Mutharika.

Sources:

Protected Flag, Emblems and Names Act (1964) - First Schedule Part 1