

# AGENDA

Thursday, 21 November 2019 – Room Marquee 3, Sunbird Capital Hotel, Lilongwe

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 Inaugural session

Master of ceremony: Feston Chimphamba

- Francis Zhuwao – Director of Planning, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism
- Mahesh Sugathan, Agriculture and Trade expert, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Short break for a photo opportunity

9:30 – 9:45 Session 1: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and agricultural trade policies

- Global trends on sustainable agricultural trade and link to SDGs and political coherence for sustainable development – Julian Benda, Economics and Agriculture expert (UNCTAD)

9:45 - 11:15 Session 2: Agricultural value chains in Malawi

- Overview, market trends and main findings for groundnut, sunflower and soybean sectors in Malawi – Mahesh Sugathan (UNCTAD)

Technical discussion panel: Challenges faced in value-addition, diversification and upgrading in the groundnuts, sunflower and soybean sectors

**Topic 1:** The Role of a Structured Market in Value-Addition, Diversification and Upgrading

- Issues, challenges and opportunities for the private sector – Napoleon Dzombe, Chairman (Mtalimanja Holdings)
- Ensuring Sustainable Access to Seeds – Lilly Musaya, CEO, African Women in Agribusiness
- Opportunities and Challenges for smallholder farmers – Dr. Dean Kampanje, Head of Associations, Business and Marketing, National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi (NASFAM)

**Topic 2:** Sector-specific Constraints and Opportunities in Groundnuts, Sunflower and Soybean

- The Role of International Co-operation - Waqas Malik, Project Component Manager, MIERA project (GIZ)
- Upgrading and value-addition challenges for groundnuts in Malawi – Caroline Hambloch, Value chain expert (ICRISAT)
- Addressing the Aflatoxin Issue for Groundnuts – Edward Maferano, Project Coordinator, Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA)

Open discussion

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12.45 Session 3: Sustainable agri-food trade in Malawi

- Gender dynamics in agricultural food trade – Grace Mijiga, President of the grain trade association
- Food security considerations – Bernard Owadi, Head of Programme (WFP)
- Climate-change, environment and resilience – Mcloud Kayira, Associate Country Programme Officer, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- The role of co-operatives in ensuring agri-trade sustainability – Kingsley Makiyoni, Co-operatives Development and Marketing Coordinator, Co-operative Development Foundation

Open discussion

- 12:45 – 14:00 Buffet lunch in the hotel
- 14:00 – 15:30 Session 4: The Role of Trade Policy in Supporting Agriculture through the development of the Sunflower, Soybean and Groundnuts Sector
- Agricultural trade policies of Malawi: underlying goals and strategies – Feston Chiphamba, Policy and Planning Economist, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism
- Open discussion
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 – 16:00 Conclusion and closing remarks

### Friday, 22 November 2019 – Room Marquee 3, Sunbird Capital Hotel, Lilongwe

- 9:00 – 9:30 Summary of key conclusions and recommendations from Day 1
- 9:30 – 10:45 Discussion on a trade-policy action plan and related tools to support sustainability objectives in Agriculture focusing on sunflower, groundnuts and soybeans
- Discussants will involve representatives from:
- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism
  - Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
  - Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development
  - Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability, and Social Welfare
  - Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
  - Department of Environmental Affairs
  - National Planning Commission
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Continuation of the discussion
- 12:30 – 12:45 Conclusion and closing remarks
- 12:45 Buffet lunch in the hotel