

Talking Points

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The Impacts of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Malawi:
Roundtable Dialogue on Harnessing the Opportunities

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Salutations:

- The Secretary to the Treasury, Dr Mafuta Mwale
- The Deputy Vice Chancellor of Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr Agnes Mwangwela
- The Representative of the Director General of the National Planning Commission, Dr. Joseph Nagoli

- The Governance Portfolio Manager and Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program, Julie Van Dassen
- The Deputy President of the Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr Boyd Luwe
- The Chief Executive Officer of Farmers' Union of Malawi, Mr Jacob Nyirongo
- The Chief Executive Officer of National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi, Dr Betty Chinyamunyamu
- Senior Government Officials
- Representatives of Civil Society Organizations
- Representatives of the Private Sector
- Representatives of Development Partners
- All Protocols Observed
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon to you all.

On behalf of the MwAPATA Institute, the National Planning Commission and the United Nations Development Program, I would like to welcome the Secretary to the Treasury, Dr Mafuta Mwale and all of you, our Distinguished Guests, to this Roundtable Dialogue on the impacts of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Malawi.

The Secretary to the Treasury, we are very delighted that you agreed to officially open this Roundtable Dialogue.

We appreciate, your absolute passion in moving with speed in taking action on any policy actions and recommendations.

I would like to take this opportunity to present the Objectives of this Roundtable Dialogue.

This Roundtable Dialogue aims to gain a good understanding of the key impacts of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Malawi and develop strategies or major steps that need to be undertaken in

mitigating the impacts of the conflict and harnessing opportunities.

In this Roundtable Dialogue, practical ways on how Malawi can ride the wave of these economic troubled waters and harness the opportunities from this conflict will be explored in great depth. Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen as you all know, from every crisis there are opportunities.

Before I conclude, I would like to inform you all, that this dialogue has been organized as part of the partnership and collaboration between MwAPATA Institute and the United Nations Development Program on development dialogue series, working alongside the National Planning Commission.

As MwAPATA Institute, we are very delighted that this Roundtable Dialogue also forms part of our strategy to begin following up on

the policy actions and recommendations that were agreed at the 2022 Malawi Agricultural Productivity and Commercialization Conference that was held last month.

Thank Secretary to the Treasury, Thank You Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you all for your attention.