

Learning Event on Food Systems Governance



Research Fellow, Dr. Anderson Gondwe, making remarks on behalf of MwAPATA during the Learning Event on Food systems Governance

The Transformative Initiative for Food Systems in Malawi (TI Malawi) project conducted a Learning Event on Food Systems Governance, which was held at Sunbird Capital in Lilongwe on 29 May 2025. TI Malawi partners comprising the MwAPATA Institute, GIZ, CSONA and CISANET organized the event in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Planning Commission. The theme for the learning event was “Strengthening Malawi’s Food Systems Governance”. The multi-stakeholder learning event brought together several food systems actors to share updates on their involvement in food systems and plans for the future.

The stakeholders also co-created actionable solutions to strengthen the food systems governance structures in Malawi and identified systemic gaps and opportunities for improved coordination. The stakeholders that participated in the event include development partners like UNICEF Malawi, AGRA, Irish Aid, etc, government ministries,

departments, and agencies (MDAs), farmers' organizations, the youth, women, civil society organizations, the private sector, the media, and academia. By bringing the diverse views together, the event provided a platform for learning, enabling policymakers, development partners, and government actors to incorporate the lessons into their planning processes.

The Ministry of Agriculture and NPC utilized the platform to inform stakeholders of the recent establishment of the National Food Systems Steering Committee and the imminent formation of Food Systems Technical Working Groups. The outcomes of the event shall be synthesized into a report to guide follow-up actions with relevant stakeholders towards strengthening Malawi's Food Systems Governance.