



## Policy Research Seminar

### Future of Smallholder Farming in Malawi

Talking Points for William Chadza, Acting Executive Director for

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### Closing Remarks

Salutations:

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, firstly, I would like to thank our presenters and all participants that joined via zoom and following through our livestreaming. This really has demonstrated the importance of this subject matter of shaping the future of smallholder farming in Malawi.

Secondly, let me indicate that this seminar has presented a great opportunity for the two institutions (MwAPATA Institute and NASFAM) to work together to tackle topical issues.



Ladies and Gentlemen, we have taken note of the various suggestions that have been made on what could be done to move towards the path of agriculture transformation in which smallholder farmers are a key partner.

Some of the issues raised will also assist MwAPATA Institute in reshaping its demand driven research agenda and analysis.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the key outcomes from this event will be consolidated and used in informing some of the pathways for influencing and use of research outcomes that MwAPATA Institute and its partners have access to. As MwAPATA Institute our goal is to push beyond research, by moving from commitment into action.

Of immediate is to seek the audience with the Hon Minister of Agriculture to engage on some of the key outcomes from this seminar.

Finally, I would like to that the Moderator (Mr Rex Chapota) for ably facilitating the event. I would also want to thank the teams from MwAPATA



Institute and NASFAM that has been working in the background to make this event a success.

I should also not forget to thank our partners Michigan State University, the Agricultural Transformation Initiative and the Ministry of Agriculture for their usual technical and financial support.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention.