

VOTE OF THANKS, KEY TAKE AWAYS & WAYFORWARD

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1. All Protocols observed
2. On behalf of the Chairperson for the Board Directors and Advisory Board, I would like to thank you all distinguished guests for making time to be part of this conference.
3. We are so grateful that Ministry of Agriculture continue to embrace MwAPATA Institute as evidenced by the presence of a number of Directors throughout the conference.
4. Several policy actions and practical solutions as well as quick wins related to the pillar of agricultural productivity and commercialization of Mw2063 have been raised and discussed.
5. Moving forward, we have received advance requests from a number of constituencies who would like to partner with us in following up and implementation of the policy actions and quick wins as identified from this conference (some with a sense of urgency).
6. Together with our partners, NPC, LUANAR, MSU, FSFW/ATI we will be moving forward to consolidate these policy actions and quick wins.
 - a. Deal with accountability of the policy actions
 - b. More research questions have arisen e.g., youth, livestock being ignored, failure to policy implementation, number of emerging middle-class farmers.
7. Also allow me to thank our keynote speaker, panelists, moderators, program director, staff from MwAPATA, PolSAT and NPC who have been working behind the scenes. Of course, with guidance from the Advisory Board and Board of Directors led by Prof. Richard Mkandawire. “A big hand of applause for them”
8. Finally, I would like to thank the conference sponsors and partners: NPC, PolSAT, LUANAR, CAT, MCCCCI, CISANET, CRS, Pyxus Agriculture Ltd, MSU, FSFW/ATI

9. At this point, I would like to invite the Director of Agricultural Planning Services to officially close the conference on behalf of the PS.
10. Thank you.