

MwAPATA participates in the Commodity Platforms Capacity Strengthening Workshop and Learning Visit



Dr Anderson Gondwe during MwAPATA's presentation at the Commodity Platforms Capacity Strengthening Workshop

The MwAPATA Institute is participated in the "Commodity Platforms Capacity Strengthening Workshop and Learning Visit" under the TRADE Programme. The workshop, which was held at the Amaryllis Hotel in Blantyre on 11th February 2025, aimed to strengthen the institutional capacity of commodity platforms by addressing critical governance, financial, strategic, and accountability gaps identified through the assessment, thereby positioning platforms for sustainable operation and more effective engagement with the TRADE Programme. Representing the MwAPATA Institute at the workshop were Research Fellow Dr. Anderson Gondwe and Research Analysts Mrs. Dinah Salonga and Mrs. Joyce Minofu.

On behalf of MwAPATA, Dr Anderson Gondwe made a presentation titled "*Strengthening Strategic Planning and Policy Alignment of Commodity Platforms*". The presentation focuses on research-based recommendations towards strengthening platforms' capacity to develop realistic, bankable, and costed multi-year strategic plans. The recommendations in the presentation also ensure clear alignment of platform priorities with national economic transformation and industrialization agendas, as well as policy coherence as a strategic tool to attract partnerships, investment, and diversified funding sources.