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## MEDIA ADVISORY

*MwAPATA Institute and CISANET agree to work together in promoting agriculture policy for transformation.*

Date: Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Venue: MwAPATA Institute Office Conference Room, Area 10/446

MwAPATA Institute and CISANET will be officially signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as a commitment gesture to work together in promoting agriculture policy for transformation. Together, the two institutions will be collaborating on agriculture policy research, advocacy, and stakeholders' mobilization to build consensus on policy issues and needed reforms for agricultural transformation in Malawi. These stakeholders include the public, parliamentarians, civil society, non-state actors, private sector, academia and think tanks.

Specifically, MwAPATA Institute and CISANET will collaborate in the following areas:

1. Supporting national non-state actors and regional partners with evidence-based policy advocacy.
2. Engaging decision makers in discussions aimed at finding feasible solutions to problems facing the agricultural sector with ultimate objective of improving the performance of the sector for sustainable development and wealth creation.
3. Information sharing and consultations during research activities by either party, through regular updates of ongoing research activities and sharing research publications and jointly promoting research findings their dissemination.

4. Aligning projects to enhance coordination and avoiding duplication of efforts between the parties.
5. Collaborating through engagement as service providers for either party on applicable project related research activities.
6. Capacity strengthening on effective outreach and advocacy methods such as formulation of impactful policy briefs, talking points and other advocacy tools.
7. Research and funding raising to support collaborative research activities.
8. Cooperating on any other area of mutual interest as may be mutually agreed between the Parties in accordance with their respective internal approval procedures and processes.

MwAPATA Institute's Acting Executive Director, Mr. William Chadza and CISANET National Director, Mrs Pamela Kuwali will sign the MoU on behalf of their respective institutions.

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**About MwAPATA:**

MwAPATA is a centre of excellence in agricultural, natural resources and rural development policy research, that provides policy guidance and implementation support for agricultural transformation in Malawi. The goal of MwAPATA is to accelerate the adoption of effective Malawian-led policies and programs to drive broad-based agricultural transformation, diversification and improved smallholder incomes and nutrition in Malawi.

**About CISANET:**

CISANET is a grouping of civil society organizations established in 2001 to facilitate the engagement of CSOs working in the agriculture sector with Government and research partners nationally and globally over policy issues affecting the sector. CISANET has a core mandate of providing leadership among non-state actors in agriculture policy advocacy, provides space for non-state actors working or interested in the agriculture sector to constructively engage Government for policy influence focusing at positively impacting agricultural production and productivity, marketing as well as food and nutrition security.

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