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Theme

## Call to Action for Youth Participation in Agriculture Transformation (Productivity and Commercialization)

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### Introduction

The MwAPATA Institute, National Planning Commission (NPC) and Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) are pleased to invite you to the Fifth Eminent Speaker Series (ESS) event. Theme of the event is Call to Action for Youth Participation in Agriculture Transformation (Productivity and Commercialization)

The Eminent Speaker Series is aimed at promoting a positive mindset in Malawi's development possibilities. The ESS welcomes speakers from a diverse range of disciplines and backgrounds seeking to impact and transform Malawi's development landscape. The events are promoting candid and honest public interaction/dialogue with distinguished thinkers both within Malawi and beyond in order to generate implementable solutions for accelerating Malawi's socio-economic transformation



### Eminent Speaker

**Dr. Louise Fox**

*Non-Resident Senior Fellow -  
Global Economy and Development  
Africa Growth Initiative,  
Washington DC, USA.*

Louise Fox is a nonresident senior fellow in the Africa Growth Initiative (AGI), which is part of the Global Economy and Development Program at the Brookings Institution. Her work at Brookings focuses on youth employment, inclusive growth, and poverty reduction. Her previous positions included chief economist at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), visiting professor of development economic policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and various positions at the World Bank.

Fox's most recent published work has been on employment, labor markets, and labor regulation, women's economic empowerment, poverty reduction and inclusive growth, and the political economy of poverty reduction, all with respect to sub-Saharan Africa. Her most recent book is "Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa," published by the World Bank in 2014.



### Discussant

**Mr Frank Mwenechanya**

*Foundation for Irrigation and Sustainable  
Development (FISD)*

Frank Mwenechanya is one of the shareholders and Director of FISD Limited Company and is one of the founder of its affiliated NGO (Foundation for Irrigation and Sustainable Development). He is a Professional Irrigation Expert with over 15 years' experience and has designed and supervised the development of over thirty solar powered Irrigation and water supply Schemes Countrywide and Twenty Gravity Fed Irrigation and Water Supply projects.

He Holds an MSc Degree in Irrigation Engineering from Florence UNIVERSITY, Italy and a Bsc. Degree in Irrigation Engineering from University of Malawi now LUANAR. All and above Mr. Mwenechanya is a Plantation Agriculture farmer who grow Pine trees, Coffee and Bananas.



### Moderator

**Mathews Malata**



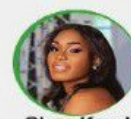
**Ms Madalitso Chipekwe**  
*Co-Chair of Youth Core Advisory Panel*



**Kondwani Kachamba Ngwira**  
*CEO & Founder of Project Innovation Center*



**Judy Msusa**  
*Director of Youth in the Ministry of Youth*



**Clara Kamlomo**  
*Amazing B Project*

### Panelists

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