AGENDA

8:00 Registration with Coffee and Pastries

9:00 Opening Remarks – Facilitator: Femi Oke, Mistress of Ceremonies. Speakers: Dr. Derek Yach, President and Board Member, Foundation for a Smoke-Free World; Gray Nyandule Phiri, Principal Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development; Honourable Kondwani Nankhumwa, Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development.


10:00 AgTech Challenge – Facilitator and Moderator: Femi Oke, Mistress of Ceremonies. Panelists: William Kamkwamba, Author and Innovator, Moving Windmills; Titianne Donde-Ommes, Director of Business Incubation and Commercialization, Centre for Agricultural Transformation; Salim Ahmed Mapila, Knowledge Translation Officer, African Institute for Development Policy; Yohane Chimbalanga, Research Services Officer for Agricultural Sciences, National Commission for Science and Technology.

10:50 Break and Multi-Crop Thresher Demonstration by the Soybean Innovation Lab and Bountifield International

11:00 Technology Enabled Extension – Moderator: Tim Strong, Global Director of Agricultural Finance, Opportunity International. Panelists: Andrew Goodman, Director, Horizon Farms Limited; Anna Chimalizeni, Farmer Support Agent, Horizon Farms Limited; Kobus Louw, General Manager Group Credit, FMBcapital Holdings Plc Group; Patricia Kanyanga, Horizon Farms Limited, Outgrower Smallholder Farmer; Luphess Major, Horizon Farms Limited, Outgrower Smallholder Farmer; Bhahati Zimba, Senior Programs Officer, Opportunity International Malawi.

12:00 Positioning Education for the Twenty-First Century – Moderator: Jeremy Coats, Lead of Foundation Programs, Institute of International Education. Panelists: Dr. Address Malata, Vice Chancellor, Malawi University of Science and Technology; Dr. Daniel Sikawa, Dean of Faculty of Natural Resources, Lilongwe University of Agriculture & Natural Resources; Dr. Becky Bart, Associate Faculty Member and Principle Investigator, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.

1:00 Networking Lunch


3:15 Converting Land into an Investment – Moderator: Richard Ferguson, Investment Advisor, Foundation for a Smoke-Free World. Panelists: Kobi Ruthenberg, Associate Director in Urbanism, ORG Permanent Modernity; Dr. Milu Muyanga, Director of Research and Assistant Professor of International Development, Michigan State University; Mr. Davie Binton Chilonga, Team Leader of the Land Reforms Implementation Unit, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

4:00 Data Revolution for Agricultural Markets – Presenters: Dr. Phil Pardey, Professor and Co-Director, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and GEMS Agroinformatic Initiative at the University of Minnesota; Dr. Ali Joglekar, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Research Associate, Department of Applied Economics and GEMS Agroinformatic Initiative at the University of Minnesota; Dr. Bryan Runck, Geocomputing Scientist, GEMS Agroinformatics Initiative at the University of Minnesota; Dr. Jan Greyling, Lead, Stellenbosch Agroinformatics Initiative at Stellenbosch University; Dr. Maxwell Mkondiwa, Research Associate, Center for Agricultural Research and Development at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

5:00 Wrap Up and Closing Remarks – Speakers: Dr. Candida Nakhumwa, Malawi Country Director, Agricultural Transformation Initiative; Professor George Yobe Kanyama Phiri, Vice Chancellor, Lilongwe University of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

5:30 Cocktail Reception