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WORKSHOP ON PRINCIPLES GUIDING NEW INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURE: SCREENING OF PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS AND INVESTMENT PROPOSALS

<p style="text-align: center;">26 September, 2017</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">08:30 Arrival & Registration</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">09:00 Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening remarks by the FAO Representative▪ Keynote presentation by the Principal Secretary for Industry and Trade
<p style="text-align: center;">09:20 Introduction of all participants</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">09:30</p> <p>Role and guidance of international instruments on responsible agricultural investment — FAO</p> <p>Knowledge into action on screening of investment — UNCTAD and the World Bank</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10:30</p> <p>Technical presentation on screening of prospective investors and investment proposals in Malawi — MITC</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10:45 Coffee Break</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11:00 Case study</p> <p>Presentation of a case of screening of investment in Malawi by an International Investor — ExAgris</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11:10 Case study</p> <p>Presentation of a case study by a Local Investor — Mtalimanja</p>

11:20
Break-out group session

- Division into groups
- Brainstorming based on participants' own knowledge and experiences
- Discussion on recommendations on key issues and criteria for ensuring that investment screening is contributing to more and better agricultural investment in Malawi.
- As a guide to assist the process address the following questions:
 - o *What are the key areas investors should be screened for (financial, environmental, social, tenure issues and community engagement etc.) and what minimal standards and/or criteria should be considered?*
 - o *What sorts of issues are there in a Malawi context that investors should be sensitive towards (i.e. land rights and acquisition process, environmental, social, value share propositions)?*
 - o *What sorts of investors and investment proposals should be screened?*

12:30
Lunch

13:30
Plenary

- Rapporteurs from breakout groups give summaries in plenary
- Open discussion

14:30
Break-out group session

- Resume to groups
- Discussion on key aspects to be included in a Malawi screening guide
- As a guide to assist the process address the following questions:
 - o *What legal framework is applicable in the context of screening?*
 - o *Which entities are mandated in the legislation and what is their mandate?*
 - o *Which Ministry should be taking the lead?*
 - o *How should the process be staged?*
 - o *What kind of assistance and support should investors receive and from whom?*

Refreshments will be served

16:00
Plenary

- Rapporteurs from breakout groups present their respective group's deliberations
- Open discussion
- Agreement on next steps to draft and implement the Malawi screening guide and roles and responsibilities of different actors, including government, the private sector and civil society.
- Completing Workshop Evaluation Forms
- Concluding words by the IAWG

17:30
Cocktail