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Dear Participant,

**Invitation to a Workshop on Transforming Higher Education Systems in Malawi**

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a workshop on the current state of higher education and employment at the intersection of agriculture and technology in Malawi. The purpose of this workshop is to help inform programming being implemented by Michigan State University (MSU) on behalf of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The programming is focused on improving employment opportunities and job readiness, as well as removing barriers to employment (faced by students and employers alike) in the fields of agriculture and technology.

This workshop has been organized by the Institute of Public Opinion and Research (IPOR) in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame's Pulte Institute for Global Development and is one in a series of workshops that we will be conducting throughout the country with students, alumni, lecturers and private sector employers. We believe that the workshop is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and inform the direction of programming by MSU and USAID. Below are details of the event:

**Date: 22nd March, 2022**

**Time: 08:30AM**

**Venue: Sunbird Capital Hotel**

Your participation at the workshop is completely voluntary. All information collected during the workshop will be anonymized prior to being shared with our partners at MSU and USAID. We also plan to share the findings from the workshops with all participants. For your participation at this meeting, IPOR will provide a transport refund and a modest participation allowance.

For additional details and confirmation of your attendance, kindly contact IPOR's Liaison and Engagement Officer, Ms. Chimwemwe Kasakula on the following contacts: Phone: 0885 679 744; email: [ckasakula@ipormw.org](mailto:ckasakula@ipormw.org).

Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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