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# IPA Malawi Presents on Impact Evaluations at Monitoring & Evaluation Workshop

On June 11-13, 2019 the USAID/Malawi MELS Project, implemented by IBTCI, convened over 40 Malawian M&E practitioners in Lilongwe for an annual learning workshop on the “State of Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning.” The workshop this year had four objectives:

1. Update the Malawian M&E practitioners on the state of Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) and USAID expectations to date.
2. Explore impact evaluations and share experiences in using outcomes for future implementation.
3. Facilitate a discussion on analytical frameworks and share experiences and lessons learned around using data for action.
4. Come together to create a formal Malawi M&E Community of Practice.

IPA Malawi Country Representative [Patrick Baxter](#) presented at an impact evaluation workshop during the event, giving a presentation on the importance of rigorous evaluation and an introduction to randomized evaluations. After the presentation, he also participated in a plenary panel discussing common challenges surrounding impact evaluations and responding to audience questions.

At the end of the three days, the workshop participants voted on a new name for the community of practice, along with an updated mission statement. From now on the Malawi M&E Community of Practice will be known as “The Kauniuni Forum” with an inclusive mission statement:

*To convene Monitoring and Evaluation practitioners across Malawi, and build individual’s and firm’s capacity in the Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning sector.*

Going forward The Kauniuni Forum will continue to be resourced by the USAID/Malawi MELS Project and continue to convene all M&E practitioners in Malawi to strengthen the practice and evidence base. More information on The Kauniuni Forum and its future events coming soon.

## City

Lilongwe

## Country

Malawi