

# Conflicts and Influence in Malawi's Agricultural Policy Reform

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## **Abstract**

The Africa lead initiative “Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme”(CADDP) aims for boosting the participation of non-governmental stakeholders in the policy formulation and for reducing hunger and poverty. Applying a conflict index we assess conflict lines among stakeholders and politicians while implementing CAADP in Malawi. The empirical analysis is based on a policy network survey held in Malawi in 2010. Beyond the identification of major conflict lines within stakeholders and politicians, we further analyze to what extent political conflict determines political communication structures and vice-versa to what extent communication generates political influence fields operating on actors opinions that attenuate or amplify political conflicts.