

A newly formed association, Malawi Oil Seeds and producers Association has elected Lake Shore Agro Processors Enterprise (LAPE) and Capital Oil Refineries (CORI) as its Interim Chair and Vice Chair respectively at an elective conference held recently.

Other interim executive members include: Sunseed Oil as Secretary deputized by ETG while Parrogate was elected Treasurer and Dwale Supplies, NASFAM/FUM, Rab Processors and Inkupechi Trading were elected committee members.

The association which has been formed under the facilitation of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism is expected to help in driving the industry by being a platform for discussing issues pertaining to the oilseed industry.

The Ministry of Justice will help in ensuring that the Association is legally established by assisting with constitution drafting. The association's formation follows the SADC and EU launch implementation of Trade Related Facility (TRF) projects in members states.

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism is implementing the TRF project with financial support from the European Union (EU) through SADC .

The main components of TRF are Upgrading and Modernization of the Oilseed Cluster in Malawi.

The SADC Trade Related Facility is an innovative programme to strengthen implementation of existing regional trade agreements at the national level.