

Side Event on the Domestication of the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan (FSH-AP) - 2025 Alliance for African Partnership Conference



A group photo of MwAPATA staff and other participants at the Side Event on the Localization of the Implementation of the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan (FSH-AP) at the Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) conference, held at BICC in Lilongwe.

As the Secretariat for a multi-stakeholder platform coordinating the implementation of the Malawi Action Plan on Fertilizer and Soil Health for 2024 to 2034 (MAP-FSH), the MwAPATA Institute in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) organized and facilitated the Side Event on the Localization of the Implementation of the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Action Plan (FSH-AP) at the Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) conference, held at BICC in Lilongwe. Our various partners, including the National Planning Commission, LUANAR, ANAPRI, Catholic Relief Services, farmers' representatives and other private sector stakeholders, participated in the side event.

The side event, which was conducted on June 11th, 2025, provided a platform for various relevant local

stakeholders in the fertilizer and soil health subsector to brainstorm on the best ways to localize and effectively implement the strategies and actions of the continental 'Fertilizer and Soil Health 10-year Action Plan', to which Malawi's 10-year action plan is aligned.

The side event featured a panel discussion, which was preceded by a keynote presentation and followed by a plenary session. The panel comprised representatives from the government, non-state actors, the private sector, and farmers. Representing the Secretariat, MwAPATA's Research Fellow Dr. Christone Nyondo made a keynote [presentation](#) titled "The Domestication of the Fertilizer and Soil Action Plan in Malawi: Process, Stakeholder Roles and Pathways for Progress". Also, Dr Anthony Chapoto, Executive Director for ANAPRI, made a presentation on "Innovative Funding for the Implementation of the Africa FSH-AP". During his presentation, Dr Chopto urged all partners to start thinking outside the box in terms of mobilizing resources for implementation of the Africa FSH-AP as donor fatigue keeps growing.

It is anticipated that from this workshop, a roadmap detailing localization activity that align with the 10-Year Action Plan on Fertilizer and Soil Health will be actualized. The Africa FSH-AP was adopted at the African Union Summit on Fertilizer and Soil Health in Nairobi in May 2024. The plan outlines strategies and actions to be implemented to tackle challenges in fertilizer and soil health at the continental level. By the time of the FSH Summit in Nairobi, Malawi had completed the development of the draft 2024 to 2034 MAPFSH.