

Malawi Soil Health Indaba 2026



MwAPATA Research Analyst, Mr Lemekezani Chilora (3rd from left), during the panel discussion at the Malawi Soil Health Indaba 2026

On Thursday, 4th June 2026, the MwAPATA Institute participated in the Malawi Soil Health Indaba 2026, organised by Palladium with support from the Irish Embassy of Malawi. The event was held at BICC in Lilongwe under the theme “Unlocking Commercialisation of Soil Health Fertilisers at Scale”. The objective of the Indaba was to promote private-sector solutions for addressing soil health issues in Malawi.

MwAPATA Research Fellow Dr Christone Nyondo and Research Analyst Mr Lemekezani Chilora represented MwAPATA at the event. Dr Nyondo gave a keynote presentation titled "*The Cost of Inaction: Why Soil Degradation is Malawi's Most Urgent -Yet Silent -Economic Crisis*". The presentation was based on MwAPATA's research on the opportunity cost of not acting now, with strengthened coordination, urgency and scale-matching solutions to the scale of the soil health challenges. Mr Chilora was one of the panelists at the event. The panel discussion focused on priorities and pathways to unlocking the commercialisation of soil health fertilisers at scale.

The event brought together private-sector producers, researchers, regulators, buyers, financiers, and development partners to align on the market conditions needed to translate soil health investments into smallholder productivity, climate resilience, and food security outcomes at a commercial scale. Find Dr Nyondo's presentation [here](#).