

## 5th African Regional Conference on Loss and Damage



Dr Maggie Munthali (First from left, second row) and other participants during the group photo at the 5th African Regional Conference on Loss and Damage

In collaboration with partners led by the Civil Society Network on Climate Change (CISONNECC), the Mwapata Institute co-organized the 5th Edition of the African Regional Conference on Loss and Damage, held at BICC in Lilongwe from 25 – 27 March 2026. The theme for the conference was: “Advancing Sustainable, Equitable and Just Financing and Technical Support for Loss and Damage in Africa.” The Conference aimed to advance a coherent approach to financing, assessment, and addressing loss and damage (L&D), while enhancing access to technical assistance, including through the Santiago Network on Loss and Damage (SNLD). Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Patricia Wiskes, was the Guest of Honour.

Representing the Mwapata Institute at the conference, Research Fellow Dr. Maggie Munthali, moderated the discussion on the topic "Delivering Technical Support for Loss and Damage: Lessons from SNLD". The discussion focused on identifying financing models and governance structures capable of delivering accessible and equitable resources; improving robust, context-appropriate methodologies for assessing economic and non-economic losses; and examining how litigation, human rights frameworks, and accountability tools can reinforce climate justice in Africa.

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By convening policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and civil society actors, the conference helped to bridge the gap between global commitments and national realities. It also generated evidence-based recommendations, enhanced technical capacity, and reinforced African solidarity in shaping the evolving global L&D architecture