

Uliimi ndi Chilengedwe (UCHI) Roundtable Event



From the left (in front), Research Analyst, Mrs Joyce Minofu, Research Fellows, Dr Anderson Gondwe and Dr Christone Nyondo during a plenary session at the UCHI Roundtable Event

On Thursday, 16th April 2026, the Mwapata Institute, in partnership with [UNDP Malawi](#), the TRADE Program and the [National Planning Commission of Malawi](#), with support from the [European Union](#) in Malawi, convened a high-level, multi-stakeholder roundtable event under the Uliimi ndi Chilengedwe (UCHI) Commercialisation project. The event, which was held under the theme “Turning Potential into Commercial Outcomes: Strengthening Implementation for Inclusive Agricultural Commercialisation,” took place at the Sunbird Capital Hotel in Lilongwe.

During the event, the MwAPATA Institute shared key findings and policy recommendations from deep-dive analyses of the banana, soybean, and rice value chains, with a focus on translating those findings into coordinated action for inclusive agricultural commercialisation. The roundtable event brought together government policymakers, private sector actors, financial institutions, development partners and other critical stakeholders who brainstormed and mapped pathways to the transformative implementation of evidence-based actions for Inclusive Agricultural Commercialisation.

Download the event's MwAPATA presentations below:

Commercialisation and Investment Options for Banana Value in Malawi

Presented by Mrs Joyce Minofu - MwAPATA Research Analyst

Opportunities, Issues and Options for Commercialising the Rice Value Chain in Malawi Presented by Dr Christone Nyondo - MwAPATA Research Fellow

Strategies for Building a Profitable Soybean Value Chain in Malawi

Presented by Dr Anderson Gondwe - MwAPATA Research Fellow

Recommendations and Proposed Implementation Mechanism Matrix

Presented by Dr Christone Nyondo - MwAPATA Research Fellow

Proposed Policy Implementation Support Panel for Driving Value Chain Commercialisation Presented by Dr Christone Nyondo - Research Fellow