

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Policy Innovations Hub Launch and Dialogue



On Thursday 26th April 2026, the Mwapata Institute participated in the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Policy Innovations Hub Launch and Dialogue held at BICC in Lilongwe, organised by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), under the Global CGIAR Policy Innovation Science Program (Policy Program). Malawi is one of five countries, alongside Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and India, selected to host the Policy Program, which seeks to address the persistent gaps in the systematic translation and application of research evidence to support the holistic transformation of food, land, and water (FLW) systems. The initiative particularly targets high-level policy arenas where strategic decisions shaping these systems are made.

Officially launched by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development, Hon. Thoko Tembo, MP, the Policy Hub serves as the central interface between the CGIAR, the Government of Malawi, and development partners, ensuring effective coordination of all country-specific activities under the Policy Program.

Representing Mwapata at the launch were the Executive Director, Mr William Chadza, and Research Fellow Dr Anderson Gondwe. After the Deputy Minister's official launch of the hub, the Mwapata Executive Director gave a presentation on *"Agriculture Policy Research in Malawi"*. Among other things, the presentation highlighted recommendations towards improving the agricultural policy analysis practice in Malawi. The recommendations included the need to strengthen partnerships among policy analysis institutions and diversifying financing for the agricultural policy analysis. The presentation also called for generating credible evidence to transform agri-food systems in Malawi.