



MZUNI WEEKLY Bulletin

MZUNI APPEALS TO YOUTHS TO UTILISE NEW KNOWLEDGE



MZUNI members of staff and other officials pose for a group photograph with the youths

The Dean of Faculty of Science, Technology and Innovation (FoSTI) Dr. Khumbo Kumwenda has urged the youth to utilise the new knowledge they have gained to contribute to the development of the country.

Speaking on Tuesday when he officially opened Renewable Energy Training for Mzimba youths at Nkhatabay Community College, Dr. Kumwenda said knowledge, if not

“You are lucky to acquire new skills and knowledge because many youths like you would have loved to participate too. How do you ensure that the community you serve benefit from the skills you have acquired? When you go back to your communities, share the knowledge with others to have a huge impact,” he said.

Save the Children International (SCI) funded Green Jobs for Youth

Project is delivering trainings in green skills comprising renewable energy and eco-tourism through the Faculty of Tourism and Test and Training Centre for Renewable Energy Technologies (TCRET) in the Department of Energy Systems. The trainings are for youths from Mzimba and Ntcheu districts.

With support from SAVE Project, the Department of Energy Systems and TCRET, launched the Renewable Energy training for Mzimba youths at Nkhatabay Community College on 17 February 2025. This follows a similar training on 2nd December 2024 at MZUNI’s ODeL Satellite Centre in Balaka for the Ntcheu youths who had two weeks of training.

MZUNI COMMITS TO QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION

MZUNI has reaffirmed its commitment to quality assurance and enhancement as it contributes to the realisation of Malawi 2063.

In a proactive move, the University Management has constituted a task team to oversee preparations for the institutional accreditation renewal, which is set to expire on 29th September 2025.

“Quality is at the heart of Mzuzu University and it is enshrined in our 2020–2030 Strategic Plan. We have started early to ensure the renewal of our accreditation well before the deadline in September 2025. This will also consolidate our journey towards regional accreditation, which we have embarked on,” said Associate Professor Thokozani Bvumbwe, Director of Quality Assurance and Enhancement.

The University remains in good standing with the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), with all 78 academic programmes currently holding valid accreditation.

This commitment underscores MZUNI’s dedication to maintaining high academic standards and positioning itself as a leading institution in higher education, both nationally and regionally.

MZUNI HOSTS AI & MARKETING TRAINING

The Library and Learning Resource Centre at Mzuzu University conducted a four-day training workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Integration and Marketing Techniques.

The workshop, which ran from 17th to 20th February, 2025, was closed by University Librarian Dr. Aubrey Chaputula.

Dr. Chaputula said it was important to embrace AI in today’s rapidly evolving technological landscape and encouraged participants to leverage the acquired knowledge to enhance their respective fields.

The workshop drew participants from Mzuzu University, University of Malawi, Malawi University of Science and Technology, Malawi College of Accountancy, Higher Education Loans and Grants



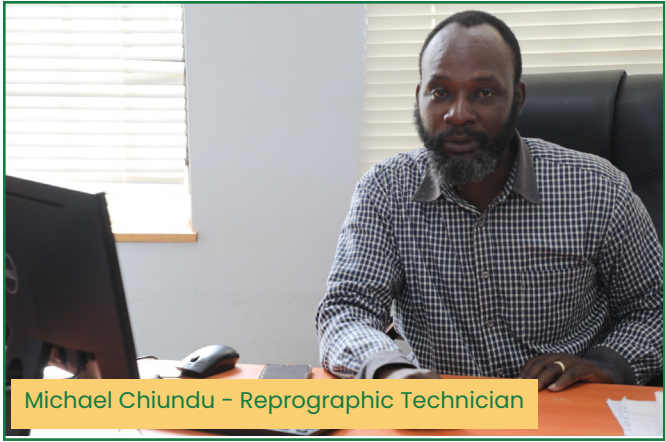
Participants who attended the training at MZUNI

Board, National Commission for Science and Technology, Ministry of Homeland Security, Malawi Human Rights Commission, Malawi National Council of Sports, Medical Council of Malawi, National Local Government Finance Committee, Lilongwe Water Board, Lilongwe Handling Company, Agricultural Commodity Exchange for Africa, CUMO Microfinance and FINCA.

The training equipped participants with skills and knowledge necessary to integrate AI tools into their marketing strategies, improve efficiency, and drive innovation within their organisations.

Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn from experts and network with colleagues from different sectors.

WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES



Michael Chiundu – Reprographic Technician

Not everyone who plays a vital role in the successful operations of the University is easily seen. Working behind the scenes, Michael Chiundu, who is a Reprographic Technician, is involved in typesetting and printing important documents for the University, ensuring that all materials are produced professionally and on time.

Chiundu also assists Open, Distance, and e-Learning (ODEL) students to access study materials, providing them with the resources they need to succeed. He also offers technical support to staff members, ensuring that everyone effectively performs their roles especially in teaching ODeL students.



Pupils from Chankhomi Primary pose for a group photograph

CHANKHOMI PRIMARY SCHOOL LEARNERS VISIT MZUNI

On Friday, February 21, 2025, a group of learners from Chankhomi Primary School in Rumphu had an enriching visit to the University. Their tour included the library and sports complex, where they were briefed on a number of issues related to university life and studies. The students expressed were inspired by the university environment and the opportunities presented to them, stating that the visit motivated them to work even harder in their studies to achieve their dreams of studying at the University one day.



CELEBRATING MZUNI ALUMNI’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Meet Daniel Chiwinga



Daniel Chiwinga

Daniel Chawinga is making an impact in the rapidly evolving tech landscape. Chiwinga is the founder of Ctech Systems Ltd. His leadership has influenced the country’s digital transformation, driving both economic growth and community empowerment.

Central to Ctech Systems' impact is CtechPay, an innovative digital payment platform that has transformed the way businesses and consumers engage in financial transactions across Malawi. This platform has not only streamlined payments but has also enhanced financial inclusion for individuals.

In addition to CtechPay, Ctech Systems has launched a tourism destination app that elevates the travel experience within the country. This app seamlessly connects travelers to local attractions, accommodations, and cultural events, providing real-time information that enriches their journeys and

promotes Malawi's vibrant culture. Chiwinga’s commitment to education in Malawi is also noteworthy. Ctech Systems has supported underprivileged students in secondary schools and universities by providing scholarships and financial assistance to those facing obstacles in pursuing their education.

Through his work with Ctech Systems, Chiwinga exemplifies a strong commitment to social responsibility and a passion for harnessing technology to drive positive change in Malawi.



EVENTS AND UPDATES



Congratulations to the following staff members for attaining the Doctor of Philosophy Degrees: Dr. Chrispin Gogoda, Dr. Daniel Hussein, Dr. Eugenio Njoloma and Henry Chiwaura.



Congratulations to the following for attaining a higher qualification: Mrs. Kettie Mwabumba (Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration) and Mrs. Chikondi Nyemera (Bachelor's Degree in Business Management).



The names of registered students for the 2024/25 Academic Year have been released in readiness of End of Semester Examinations. Students are requested to verify their registration status and confirm the courses that they have registered through their portals. All students who registered but do not appear on the list of registered students should contact the Academic Office for assistance.



A Task Team on Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Fees has been appointed. The Chairperson is Dr. Artz Luwanda and the Secretary is Mr. Felix Majawa. The other members are Dr. Moses Nyasulu, Dr. Daniel Hussein, Ms. Mirriam Msiska, Mr. Khumbo Newa, and Ms. Ellen Nkhambele.