



MINISTRY OF FINANCE COMMENDS MZUNI

The Ministry of Finance has commended MZUNI for great improvements it has made in the 2024/25 Financial Year.

Speaking on Thursday 6th February, 2025 during the 2025/2026 Annual Review Meetings for all Commercial State-Owned Enterprises, Mr. Edwin Visabwe, who is the Deputy Director for Public Finance Management Systems, said MZUNI had over the years accumulated a huge amount of statutory arrears.

“Accumulation of arrears was a crime under the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act but MZUNI has now managed to clear all that to zero. It is, therefore, good to give credit where it is due. We need to encourage good performance in public service,” he said.

University Finance Officer Bryce Nthara said the support from University Council and Management has led to the successes registered.

“Under Pillar 5, Governance and Management, one of the strategies is to promote institutional sound financial and economic management systems that will promote efficient use of resources with binding national charters. This has always been our target and the support we have received so far has made this possible,” he said.

Pillar 5 of the University’s Strategic Plan is aligned to Mw2063 and MIP-1 2030 Enabler 2 which is effective governance systems and institutions whose objective is to have effective and efficient governance systems and institutions with strict adherence to the rule of law.



Mr. Bryce Nthara

DWAS EXTENDS MZUNI’S RESEARCH FOOTPRINT



Dr. Brighton Chunga

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWAS) is set to kickstart a new project funded by The Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago’s (EPIC) Clean Air Programme.

Mzuzu University’s Lead, Dr. Brighton Chunga, says the new project is one of the 12 new projects that EPIC has awarded worldwide this year.

In this project, Dr Chunga will collaborate with researchers in the USA, Ghana, and the UK to embark on a project called “Malawi Initiative for Clean Solutions” (MifCAS).

Dr Chunga said that currently, there was no established stationary open-source long-term reference air quality monitoring station in Malawi.

“This makes it difficult to understand trends and background levels of air pollution, a prerequisite for developing and implementing air pollution management and control strategies such as national ambient air quality standards,” he said.

Dr. Chunga said this also makes it challenging to develop domain-specific calibration protocols for the use of lower capital-cost air quality monitoring approaches and identify sources of air pollution.

This project aims at establishing a comprehensive network of 32 stationary air quality monitoring sites focused on measuring PM2.5 levels in Malawi. It is co-designed to generate actionable, domain-specific, reliable, meaningful, open-source, and quantitative air quality data that can drive significant policy changes at the national level, ultimately improving public health outcomes.

MZUNI, as a hub, will spearhead data collection, management and sharing with relevant stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health, Malawi Environment Protection Agency (MEPA), Malawi Bureau of Standards, Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services, and international regulators.

MZUNI GROUND WEARS NEW TURF

Do you want to see what true passion looks like? Visit Mzuzu University Grounds today. Felix Kaliwo has served as the University's Sports Administrator since he joined the university, but his commitment to the facility has gone beyond his official role.

Since October 2024, he has been a constant presence at the University Grounds, actively supervising the growing of grass on the football field. What truly stands out is his hands-on involvement in the grass planting process, ensuring that the standards of a modern football pitch are met. MZUNI proudly celebrates Mr. Kaliwo's unparalleled commitment and passion to his work.



Mr. Kaliwo has been involved in growing the grass since October 2024

MZUNI HOSTS MCA

Just a week after Mzuzu University and University of Malawi signed a memorandum of understanding, Malawi College of Accountancy (MCA) visited the green campus for talks on a similar arrangement. Partnerships between institutions of higher learning are vital for enhancing education, research, and community engagement. Through collaboration, institutions can share resources, expertise, and infrastructure, leading to more comprehensive and innovative research projects.

MZUNI stands to benefit from these collaborations as it implements its 2021 – 2030 Strategic Plan.



MZUNI and MCA members pose for a group photograph

MZUNI IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

On 4th February, 2025, Mzuzu Academy students were privileged to listen to the presentation titled: African History, Culture, and Heritage as Platforms for Rethinking Africa's Uniqueness and Contribution to Humanity.

After his presentation, Dr. Lusaka led the discussion which delved into Africa's contribution to universal civilisation.

"Culture, history and heritage are valid indicators of the uniqueness of what makes people African," he said.

Dr. Lusaka said it was impressive that today, the world continues to be inspired by the ideas of Africans singling out Leopold Sedar Senghor of Senegal.

"The idea of negritude continues to inspire many black people and other minority groups who are under white domination and oppression," he said.



Dr. Lusaka making his presentation



EVENTS AND UPDATES



Mzuzu University, through Test and Training Centre for Renewable Energy Technologies (TCRET), has organized a short course on Planning, Design, Installation, Operation and Management of Renewable Energy Systems that can lead to certification by the Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA) as an installer of renewable energy systems. For more information, call Mr. Timeyo Maroyi on +265 999 272 627 or e-mail maroyi.t@mzuni.ac.mw



MZUNI Basketball Teams are dominating Basketball Standings in the Northern Region Zone Basketball (NOZOBAL). In NOZOBAL Division 1, MZUNI Panthers is on second position with 9 points trailing leaders Moyale on position 1 with 10 points. MZUNI Hotshots is on position 1 in the Women's League while MZUNI Panthers Reserve is on position 1 in Division 2.



EVENTS AND UPDATES *Continued*



A Grid Impact Study, conducted by Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi, to integrate MZUNI's 20MW Choma Solar Farm has been concluded. The integration has been highly recommended as it will increase the limited available generation currently installed on the system compared to existing load and future demand.



MZUNI Alumni (Eastern Region Chapter) planted 250 tree seedlings at Zomba Central Prison on February 1. Not to be outdone, the Southern Chapter had a similar exercise in Michiru, Blantyre on the same day. In total, the four chapters of the Alumni have planted 1000 trees this year.



CELEBRATING MZUNI ALUMNI'S ACHIEVEMENTS

MZUNI celebrates the achievements of the following Alumni for their various contributions to the development of Malawi:



Admore Chiumia, the owner of Green Impact Technologies, who has created 350 jobs since 2018 and has helped 60,000 smallholder farmers to access ed fertilizer at affordable price.



Dan Chiwinga, founder of Ctech Systems Ltd, for contributing to the country's digital transformation, driving both economic growth and community empowerment.



Charles Kajoloweka, founder Youth and Society, for empowering young people aged 10 to 35 and marginalized groups, including youth with disabilities, those in conflict with the law, young women, and refugees.



Kondwani Chimatiro, an accomplished entrepreneur and the founder of GiantPlus, for providing affordable digital solutions and creating jobs within the ICT sector in Malawi.



Hudson Gareta, an educationist, for his contribution to education in Malawi through the 16 books he has authored and are used in secondary schools in Malawi.