



MZUNI WEEKLY Bulletin

Ministry commends MZUNI FM | By Annie Kayira



Msusa (centre) interacting with Dr. Madula (left) and MACRA official

The Ministry of Information and Communications Technology has commended Mzuzu University (MZUNI) for setting up MZUNI FM, saying the station shows strong potential to support both students and the wider community.

The Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology, Harold Msusa, said this when he visited MZUNI on Wednesday, 20th May 2026, accompanied by officials from the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA).

“We came to see what MZUNI is doing, most especially the studio and the radio station we have here,” Msusa said.

Msusa said the visit was intended to understand how the station operates, the programmes it airs, and how MZUNI FM works with students and the surrounding community. He noted that

MACRA, which falls under the ministry, supported the project and that the ministry wanted to see how such initiatives could be replicated in other areas.

During the visit, the Principal Secretary also met with the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Precious Madula, to discuss how MZUNI can partner with the government and MACRA to provide academic knowledge to shape policy and direction in government communication.

“We discussed how the University and Government can partner, and how MZUNI can partner with MACRA to provide more academic knowledge that can be used to shape policies and direction,” Msusa said.

MZUNI FM serves as both a training platform for communication students and a channel for educational programmes and community engagement. It covers a radius of 16 kilometres.



Officials from the Ministry of Information, MACRA and MZUNI pose for a group photo



Dr. Jim Chatambalala speaking during the workshop

The Faculty of Education, in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), held a training workshop for secondary school teachers on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) on Tuesday, 19th May 2026, at Luwina Secondary School.

The workshop is part of the UNESCO O3 Project, which supports the delivery of quality age-appropriate sexuality education and life skills in schools across Malawi. It targeted teachers already in service and teacher trainers from Mzuzu City District and two clusters in Mzimba North. Deputy Dean of Faculty of Education Dr. Jim Chatambalala said the aim of the workshop was to close knowledge gaps that emerge after initial teacher training.

“During their training, they might have been trained in some areas, but due to emerging issues, they lack certain information that needs to be imparted to learners during teaching. The idea is to ensure that teachers are able to impart knowledge and skills in life skills, also known as Comprehensive Sexuality Education, to learners effectively,” he said.

Continuing Professional Development Coordinator for the Northern Education Division, Annie Kamanga, said the workshop focused on equipping teachers with confidence and practical methods to handle CSE topics professionally.

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We are working with teachers to make sure they have the right knowledge, skills and methods to handle these topics professionally and support learners better,
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- Kamanga said.

The teachers who attended took part in interactive sessions on curriculum content, teaching methods and professional approaches to handling sensitive topics in the classroom.

Dr. Chunga joins Global Scientists in Bahamas

By Cliff Kawanga



Dr. Brighton Chunga, a hydrologist and systems dynamic modeller, is among a select group of the world's foremost climate and water scientists gathered in the Bahamas from 18th-22nd May, 2026, for the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) Second Lead Author Meeting (LAM2).

Dr. Chunga serves as a Coordinating Lead Author for Chapter 16: Water, one of the most critical chapters in the AR7, a role he shares with his fellow Coordinating Lead Author, Dr. Edoardo Borgomeo, Associate Professor of Water Engineering at the prestigious University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. Together, the two scientists lead a diverse and distinguished team of water experts and researchers drawn from across the globe, tasked with synthesising the most robust, science-based evidence on climate change and the water sector.

Chapter 16 is expected to be a landmark contribution to global climate science, painting a comprehensive picture of vulnerabilities,

mitigation strategies, and adaptation pathways in water resources. These issues are of profound urgency as extreme weather events, prolonged droughts, and erratic rainfall patterns continue to batter communities across the Global South and beyond.

Speaking from the meeting, Dr Chunga expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to collaborate with some of the finest scientific minds of our time.

"I am truly honoured and humbled to be part of this extraordinary group of scientists who are at the very core of developing the best science-based evidence that will guide the world's understanding of water vulnerabilities, and chart pathways for mitigation and adaptation," he said. "The quality of the science being produced in this room gives me great hope."

Dr. Chunga was equally reflective on the weight of his position as Malawi's representative on the global stage.

"Representing Malawi, and more particularly MZUNI, at these high-level scientific indabas comes with immense responsibility. But it also brings enormous opportunities: to ensure that the realities of water-stressed communities in sub-Saharan Africa are reflected in science, and that the voices of the Global South are heard where the world's most consequential climate decisions are shaped," he said.

Dr. Chunga's expertise in hydrology, groundwater development, system dynamics modelling, and water resources management under climate change makes him a fitting contributor to this global scientific endeavour. His appointment as a Coordinating Lead Author is a significant milestone not only for Mzuzu University but for Malawi's growing role in international climate science. He is a Senior Researcher/Lecturer in the Department of Water and Sanitation, Faculty of Environmental Sciences.

The IPCC AR7, when published, is expected to inform global climate policy negotiations and national adaptation plans well into the coming decades.



MZUNI students and learners interacting

MZUNI students have encouraged learners at St. Augustine Community Day Secondary School in Nkhatabay to remain focused as they prepare for their examinations scheduled for next month.

The students, who are members of Mzuni Hope Initiative (MHI), visited the learners on Friday 22nd May, 2025.

Patron of MHI, Dr. George Chidimba Munthali, advised the students to dedicate themselves to reading and desist from bad behaviour which would derail their academic journey.

Munthali stressed that discipline and commitment to education are key to securing opportunities at university level.

Headteacher at St. Augustine Community Day Secondary School, Zifire Ng'oma, expressed gratitude for the mentorship programme, particularly its focus on mental health. Ng'oma described the initiative as timely and life-changing for the learners.

One of the students, Memory Harawa, shared her excitement after the session, saying the teachings had strengthened her resolve and inspired her to pursue higher education at MZUNI.

News updates



Chief Executive Officer of the Power Market Limited (PML), Rosemary Mkandawire, visited MZUNI on Thursday, 21st May, 2026, to appreciate progress towards establishing the 20 megawatt solar farm. Mkandawire said the University Management should expedite the processes so that the project is completed by 30th June 2027 and commissioned in July 2027. She committed PML's support and suggested regular engagements to review and track progress towards achieving set activities within agreed timelines.



Standard Bank (Mzuzu Branch) Team Leader Joseph Manjolo and staff paid a courtesy visit to MZUNI on Thursday, 21st May 2026. Manjolo is the Branch's new Team Leader. He praised the relationship between MZUNI and the Bank. MZUNI Vice-Chancellor Professor Wales Singini said Standard Bank is one of its partners and expressed excitement that banks are so fully involved in promoting excellence in institutions of higher learning, as these institutions are committed to achieving financial independence to serve students and surrounding communities better.



The American Corner at MZUNI hosted a training session for female police officers. The session focused on computer skills to enable the officers to carry out their duties efficiently. Senior Librarian Maloto Chaura, representing the University Librarian, said that empowering women by equipping them with relevant skills and knowledge will enable them to carry out their duties effectively. The American Corner has so far trained 70 female officers. The 24 officers who graduated on 22nd May, 2025, are the third cohort.



MZUNI and Mzuzu City Council (MCC) officials met on Tuesday 19th May, 2026 to identify new projects for collaboration. MZUNI Vice-Chancellor Professor Wales Singini said the meeting demonstrated the commitment of both MZUNI and MCC to ensuring that the existing partnership is successfully realised.



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