

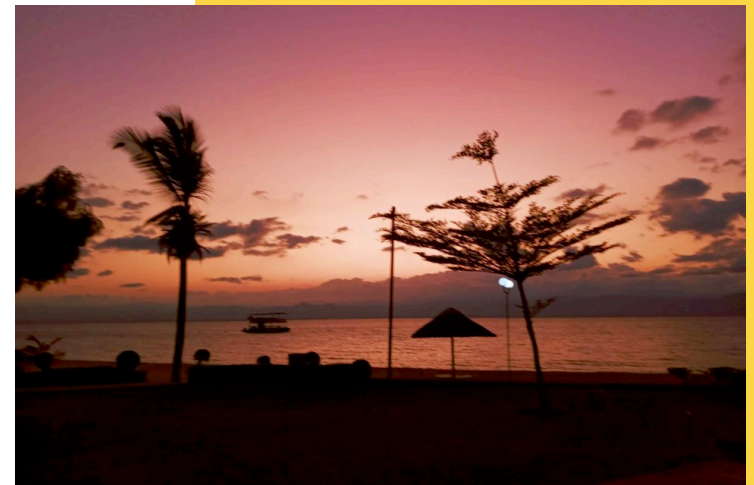
# CONFERENCE REPORT

## Overview of CIMPAD Conference in Malawi

From start to finish, the 12th International Conference of the Consortium for International Management Policy and Development was a rousing success. The event was held at the beautiful Amaryllis Hotel in Blantyre, Malawi, July 17 – 20, 2022. The opening reception on July 17th was a spirited event with student singers, dancers, and performers, including the local orchestra and band of the Malawi University Science and Technology (MUST). Vice Chancellor Address Malata, the first woman to hold this prestigious office in Malawi, gave an arousing speech on partnerships and welcomed all visitors.

His Excellency, David Young, US Ambassador was the keynote speaker for the official conference opening on July 18th. An estimated 100 guests were in attendance and dozens participated virtually. On-site participants included MUST faculty and administrators, local governmental and nongovernmental officials and seven CIMPAD delegates from the US. Ambassador Young, who has a long and distinguished career in public service in the southern Africa region shared the work of US Agency for International Development and the Centers for Disease Control to strengthen governance, expand the educational and economic opportunities, and promote the growth of its private sector. He shared a wide range of US activities in Malawi to promote health through AIDS relief and malaria prevention, and to address COVID response.

The conference featured a variety of topics from the conference tracks, including health, education, agriculture, cybersecurity, governance, technology, and sustainable development. There was local coverage on local television and newspapers. A major conference highlight involved presentations by 10 finalists for the youth innovation and entrepreneurship awards. These young people



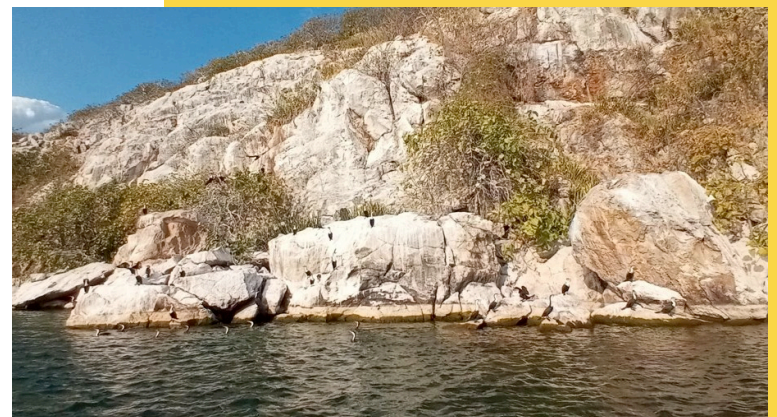


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came prepared to display their project that would meet a national need. A panel of judges selected 5 winners who received a \$1000 prize each to implement their projects over the upcoming year.

The US delegates were given a private tour of MUST, which is a very modern, "jaw dropping" beautiful and spacious university campus. It is the ideal location for one to study in a picturesque and peaceful setting, with the backdrop of mountain peaks. Within a short drive of campus, a visit was made to Chimpanya Primary School, bursting at the seams with over 1000 children on a campus built to accommodate 300 students. Overcrowding has led to many classes being held outside and under trees. During the visit, CIMPAD made a monetary contribution to paint a crosswalk on the highway and add school signage. The project is intended to promote student safety by alerting motorists to decrease speed within the school zone.

Several US delegates participated in the post-conference educational tours and learned a great deal about the Malawi history, culture, wildlife, agriculture, and way of life. The 4-day tour included visits to the Majete Wildlife Reserve, Mulanje Mountain, Lake Malawi and various stops at local villages.





# YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

## Congratulations Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Awardees!!

This year marked the inaugural Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Award. On May 4, 2022, a call for applications was published on both CIMPAD and MUST social media. The application was viewed more than 342 times, there were approximately 92 unique requests for applications, and more than 53 Malawian youth submitted applications. During the 12th International CIMPAD Conference, 10 finalists were invited to present their entrepreneurial projects, and five were selected as winners. The five awardees will receive \$1,000 USD towards their project proposals along with mentorship from entrepreneurship and technical experts at MUST and in the United States.

- **Prince Mkoweka and the Agrinsecta Company**

The project will produce and supply black soldier fly larvae as a substitute source of protein for soybean in animal feeds and use the supply of black soldier fly frass as biofertilizer.

- **Justin Jere**

The project will seek to create an effective fuel free generator that will be used by SMEs and households in Malawi in order to maximize the usage of electricity.

- **Madalitso Chimpeni**

Project is to install a 2KW wind turbine at a local primary school to generate electricity and power all the school blocks.

- **Matrida Mlotha and Zomera Fruit Propagation Farm**

Zomera Fruit Propagation Farm is running a project of producing clean banana planting materials through the tissue culture system. This ensures that smallholder farmers and non-governmental organizations have an access to organic, early maturing clean banana planting materials.

- **Mtisinge Banda and Live Once Healthy Juices**

Live Once Healthy Juices provides nutrient-rich, guava, carrot, and baobab juices, including to patients in a local child and maternal health hospital unit.

*On behalf the entire Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Award team, we thank the participants, committee, judges, and all of the Award supporters!!*



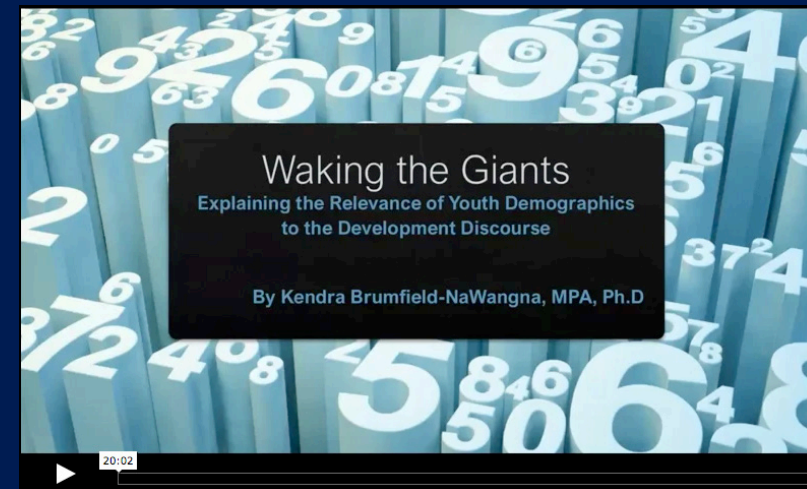
## FEATURED ARTICLES

### **Leveraging Educator Preparation programs as a Conduit to Human Capital Development** By: Denise Pearson, Ph.D.

Dr. Pearson examines the strategic positioning of American educator preparation programs as the nucleus for human capital development. It suggests that the capacity for economic, societal, workforce, and moral advancement is predicated on the education of its citizenry – the foundation of a strong democracy. Specifically, it offers an analysis of education preparation programs in the context of historical and contemporary education in America. It asserts that the basis for economic and social prosperity for an increasingly diverse country will be driven by citizens with postsecondary credentials. Subsequently, the foundation of this examination is the roadmap to postsecondary readiness, which is predicated on academic success in primary and secondary education – contingent upon the efficacy of educators prepared through education preparation programs. This paper includes an in-depth examination of public colleges of education at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and the role they could play in the most consequential profession in America and, in essence, the future of the country's most valuable resource – its human capital. It concludes with policy and practice recommendations and considerations for further discussion.

### **Waking the Giants: Explaining the Relevance of Youth Demographics to the Development Discourse** by: Kendra Brumfield-NaWangna, MPA, Ph.D

This presentation emphasized the importance of youth in the history of African societies, as drivers of development, and to creating relevant, Africa-centric models of development. Dr. Brumfield-NaWangna examined the curricula of the 10 National Resource Centers for African Studies and concluded that, despite the large proportions of youth in the majority of Africa's nations and the implications of the trend, the subject of African youth is rarely--if ever--addressed as a major developmental concern, even amongst America's most distinguished African Studies programs.



Watch the presentation here:  
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