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AAP Annual Consortium Meeting Program

AAP Consortium Meeting
Lilongwe, Malawi
8-11th June 2025

and

MSU Malaria Colloquium
Blantyre, Malawi
12-13th June 2025



Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the AAP Management Team! We are looking forward to welcoming you to Malawi for the AAP Consortium meeting, co-hosted with the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) in Lilongwe from June 8-11th 2025. In addition, we invite members to participate in a Malaria Colloquium, June 12-13th 2025, celebrating the almost 40 years of research contributions of scientists from the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Pediatric Research Ward in Blantyre, Malawi, in understanding malaria pathogenesis and developing the careers of many biomedical scientists in the program.

Please find here important information to prepare you for the consultations that will take place and specifically your role during the meeting.

The objectives for the AAP meetings are to:

1. Introduce AAP university leaders to the consortium, and to familiarize them with Michigan State University's long-term engagement in Africa and Malawi in particular
2. Showcase AAP's accomplishments in research and capacity building collaborative work within the AAP consortium, including the plan for the next year
3. Review the implementation of AAP's 5-year strategic plan and strategize on the value proposition of AAP across the consortium
4. Host a higher education forum with the private sector in Malawi
5. Showcase MSU's engagement in Malawi and co-host the Malaria Colloquium in Blantyre, Malawi in collaboration with the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS)

We sincerely thank NICO Holdings Ltd, NBS Bank, and Astria Learning for their generous support of the AAP Consortium Meeting. Their dedication to education, innovation, and partnership reflects the spirit of the AAP, and we're proud to have them as valued collaborators in advancing our shared goals across Africa and beyond.

See you in Malawi!



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Welcome & Arrival Information for AAP Consortium Guests Malawi (June 2025)

Please find below information that will help you to plan your travels including contacts, details on weather in Malawi this time of year, safety and security, local transport, event and hotel information, and other travel tips.

Contact information

- Airport Pick Ups and Drop Offs: Mr. Aubrey Kanzengo +265 999 599 855 Email: akanzengo@luanar.ac.mw/aubkanzengo@gmail.com
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1. Weather in June

- Season: Malawi is in its winter in June. This year's winter promises to be colder than average.
- Temperatures: Average temperatures range from 10°C (50°F) in the mornings/evenings to 23–26°C (73–79°F) during the day.
- What to pack:
 - » Light sweaters or jackets for evenings/mornings
 - » Comfortable clothing for daytime

2. Security & Safety

- Malawi is generally peaceful, but as with all international travel:
 - » Be vigilant in public spaces and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
 - » Use registered taxis or transport arranged by the organizers.
 - » Follow local and hotel security advice.
 - » Emergency contact numbers and security liaison officers will be provided below.

3. Visa & Immigration

- Most participants will require visas.
- Visit the Malawi Immigration Department websites (<https://www.immigration.gov.mw/visa/>) and (<https://evisa.gov.mw/>) to see visa requirements
- Keep a printed copy of your invitation letter and accommodation booking for immigration.

4. Health & Medical

- **COVID-19:** No recent restrictions, but guests should check their airline's requirements.
- **Vaccinations:** Yellow fever certificate only required if coming from a yellow fever endemic country.
- **Malaria:** Lilongwe is a low-risk area, but taking antimalarial precautions is advised.
- Bring personal medication and basic travel meds.
- AAP will share contacts for nearby clinics and emergency services.

5. Currency & Payments

- **Currency:** Malawian Kwacha (MWK)
- **Exchange:** Available at the airport and local banks.
- **Cards:** Credit/debit cards accepted in major hotels and some stores; cash is preferred in many places.
- It's best to carry small denominations of cash.

6. Connectivity

- **SIM cards** (Airtel or TNM) are available at the airport or shopping centers.
- Most hotels offer **free Wi-Fi**.
- Hotel teams can assist in setting up connectivity.

7. Transport & Local Movement

- Airport pickup and drop off will be arranged for official guests.
- Transport to and from the event venues will be provided.
- For private movement, use hotel approved taxis.

8. Cultural Etiquette

- Malawi is known as the "Warm Heart of Africa."
- Greetings are important—shaking hands is common.
- Dress modestly in formal settings and events.

9. Event Locations

- Main venues will be:
 - LUANAR Campus (Bunda)
 - President's Hotel (City Center, Lilongwe)
- Exact venue addresses and maps will be provided upon arrival.



10. Plugs and Electricity

Malawi uses the **Type G** plug, which is the same type used in the United Kingdom. If you're traveling to Malawi with devices that don't use Type G plugs, you'll need a plug adapter.



BRIEF SCHEDULE

Saturday June 7th

All day	Arrival in Malawi Airport pick up by LUANAR to the President Hotel
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Sunday June 8th

8:30AM-1:00PM	AAP Leadership Meeting (Consortium leaders only) President Hotel Venue: Nthiwatiwa Boardroom Facilitator: Antony Chapoto, Executive Director, Africa Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ANAPRI) <i>Leveraging AAP Partnerships and Engagements to Drive Resource Mobilization, Innovation and Sustainable Impact in Africa</i> Vice Chancellors and leaders of AAP member institutions
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Sunday June 8th

10:00AM-12:00PM	Gender Program Introductions Venue: President Hotel, TBD Facilitators: Soma Chaudhuri, MSU Kelly Schweda, MSU Heather McCauley, MSU AAP Focal Points and Interested Advisory Board Members
3:00PM-6:00PM	Cultural Welcome Event <i>sponsored by NBS Bank</i> Venue: Amphitheater BICC Facilitators: Zione Kalumikiza Chikumbu, LUANAR and Sera Gondwe, LUANAR Welcome remarks & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Emmanuel Kaunda, Vice Chancellor, LUANARTitus Awokuse, Vice Provost & Dean International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University (MSU)AAP Consortium members and invited guests Cultural Performances

Monday June 9th

	AAP Consortium Meeting, Day 1 Opening Ceremony Venue: Teaching Complex A, Lecture Theater 1, LUANAR Campus Facilitators: Alexander Kalimbira and Zione Kalumikiza Chikumbu
7:30AM	Registration: Wakissa Matemanga Exhibitions and Research Showcase open to delegates and dignitaries

9:00AM	<p>Speeches and Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emmanuel Kaunda, Vice Chancellor, LUANAR• Titus Awokuse, Vice Provost & Dean International Studies and Programs, MSU• Levis Eneya, Permanent Secretary, Malawi Ministry of Higher Education• Jessie Kabwila, Hon. Minister, Malawi Ministry of Higher Education
10:00AM	Break (Refreshments and Press Briefing)
10:30AM	<p>Falling Walls LUANAR Hub launch Facilitator: Amy Jamison, Co-Director AAP, MSU</p> <p>Speeches and Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andreas Kosmider, Director, Falling Walls Foundation, Berlin• Christina Hooge, Project Manager, Falling Walls Foundation, Berlin• Saskia Schnorrenberger, Head of Falling Walls Lab, Falling Walls Foundation, Berlin• H.E Ute Konig, German Ambassador to Malawi <p>Panel discussion: Integrating Science Communication and Engagement in African Research Institutions Moderator: Linley Chiwona Karlton, AAP Advisory Board Member</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Norris, Vice Chancellor, University of Botswana (UB)• Antony Chapoto, Executive Director, ANAPRI• Japhet Mchakulu, Head of Department - Agriculture Education and Development Communication, LUANAR• Oguejiofo T. Ujam, Acting Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) <p>Open Forum: Building Support for Science Communication in Institutions Moderator: Agnes Mwangwela, Deputy Vice Chancellor, LUANAR</p>
1:00PM	<p>Lunch sponsored by Astria Learning Lunch hour presentation by Astria Learning</p>
2:30PM	<p>Concurrent Side Events</p> <p>Falling Walls Communication Workshop (Group 1) Venue: Gateway First Floor Boardroom Abraham Mamela, AAP Comms Coordinator Patricia Ngwale, Communication & Marketing Manager & Hub Manager, LUANAR Daniel Chiumia, Lab Coordinator, LUANAR Attendees: LUANAR faculty members and staff, AAP communications directors, and other invited guests</p> <p>Field Trip to LUANAR Farm (Group 2) Venue: Aquaculture and Fisheries Center of Excellence Emmanuel Kaunda, Vice Chancellor, LUANAR Attendees: AAP consortium leadership and other guests</p>

	Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) Information Session to Malawi Entrepreneurs (Group 3) Venue: LUANAR Agribiz Hub Hakeem Onasanya, Director of Operations, TEF Tony Milanzi, AAP Assistant Director & Youth Programs Coordinator Sera Gondwe-Director, TACE-LUANAR Jose Jackson-Malete, Co-Director, AAP Attendees: TEF entrepreneurs, LUANAR students and entrepreneurs, and other invited guests
5:00PM	Departure from LUANAR Free evening

Tuesday, June 10th

8:30AM	President Hotel AAP Consortium Meeting Day 2 Venue: Mvuwu Conference Room AAP Consortium Business Meeting Chairperson: Augustina Alexander, AAP Focal Point, University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Annual report & strategic plan Implementation – Jose Jackson-Malete, Amy Jamison & Richard Mkandawire, Co-Directors, AAP
10:00AM	Refreshments
10:30AM	Revisiting the value proposition of Alliance for African Partnership amidst the current global geopolitical challenges – Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor, Makerere University
12:30PM	Lunch
2:30PM	University / Private Sector Engagement Forum <i>Bridging Academia and Industry: Strengthening University-Private Sector Partnerships for Innovation and Economic Growth in Africa</i> Venue: Mvuwu Conference Room Moderator: Hakeem Onasanya, Director of Operations, TEF Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ronald Mangani, CEO, Press Corporation• Vizenge Kumwenda, Group Managing Director, NICO Holdings• Kondwani Msimuko, Interim Managing Director, Illovo Sugar Malawi• Wezi Mzumara, Cocoa Farmer & Chocolatier, Kwanzaa Chocolates, Malawi• Emmanuel Kaunda, Vice Chancellor, LUANAR
4:00PM	LUANAR-NBS Bank Agreement Signing Ceremony: Launch of Loan Facility for Incubation Hub Graduates
5:00PM	Free evening

Wednesday, June 11

8:00AM	<p>AAP Consortium Meeting Day 3 Venue: Nthiwatiwa Boardroom AAP Advisory Board Meeting Attendees: Advisory Board members</p> <p>Concurrent Side Events</p> <p>Gender-based Violence Panels/Policy Workshop (Group 1) Venue: Mpheta Conference Room Attendees: MSU team and Malawian institutions</p> <p>LUANAR African Fertilizer and Soil Health Meeting (Group 2) Venue: Phwiti Conference Room Attendees: LUANAR project team members</p>
12:00PM	Lunch
1:30PM	<p>Discussion Forum 100,000 PhDs in 10 years: Opportunities for transforming doctoral education at African universities to achieve this goal</p> <p>Venue: Nthiwatiwa Conference Room Facilitator: Dorothy Ngila, AAP Advisory Board Member Guest speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kondwani Gondwe, Acting Director of Planning and Resource Mobilization, Malawi National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST)• Titus Awokuse, Vice Provost & Dean International Studies and Programs, MSU• Belko Ouologuem, Rector, University Yembo Ouologuem of Bamako (UYOB)• Alexander Kahi, AAP Focal Point, Egerton University
3:00PM	Refreshments
3:30PM	<p>HBCU MSU Africa Initiative Building Bridges: Advancing Collaboration Between MSU, Historically Black College & Universities (HBCU), and Africa</p> <p>Venue: Nthiwatiwa Conference Room Facilitator: Jose Jackson-Malete, Co-Director, AAP, MSU Guest Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lanisa S. Kitchiner, Associate Vice President Global and Diaspora Engagement, Howard University• Dimeji Togunde, Vice Provost for Global Education & Professor of International Studies, Spelman College• Kwesi Brookins, Vice Provost University Outreach and Engagement, MSU• Nthabi Taole Mjimba, Deputy Vice Chancellor Research & Innovation, University of Fort Hare (UFH), South Africa
5:30PM	End of consortium meeting

Thursday, June 12th

All day	Departure from Lilongwe, Malawi (pick up by LUANAR) All team members depart either to home countries or to Blantyre for the Malaria Colloquium
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Malaria Colloquium

In 1985, the founding Dean of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) sketched out his vision of having an MSUCOM faculty member carry out research abroad, in a setting that would be suitable for medical student electives. In 1986, Terrie Taylor (MSUCOM) and Malcolm Molyneux (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine) began work on severe Malaria in Malawian children at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH). The first medical students arrived in Malawi in 1987, and the research and the medical student electives programs have continued over the past 24 years.

The goal of this colloquium is to simultaneously celebrate the contributions of the Paediatric Research Ward (PRW) to our understanding of malaria pathogenesis and to the careers of many biomedical scientists. We hope this will be inspiring to the up-and-coming Malawian investigators so that they see that the paths to productive careers in science are many and varied!

Thursday, June 12th

10:00AM	Arrival at Hotel, Blantyre Early check in & breakfast
11:00AM	Concurrent Tours <i>Invited VIPs, MSU President / Provost, ISP, AAP Consortium, AAP & ASC staff (select 1 tour)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH), Pediatric Research Ward (PRW) / Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHEs)• Molecular Laboratory• Ndix / Hamilton Banda Community
12:00AM	Opening Luncheon Venue: Sports Complex All visitors and VIPs
2:00PM	Opening ceremony Venue: KUHeS Lecture Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Mkandawire, AAP Africa Director - MC• Mac Mallewa, KUHeS Vice Chancellor – Welcome• President / Provost MSU - Remarks on MSU’s history in Malawi (Agriculture to health)• Terrie Taylor – Introduction to the Colloquium• Leo Zulu, Director MSU’s African Studies Center, MSU - Closing
2:00PM	Scientific Session 1: Parasites <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bal Singh*• Karl Seydel• Jimmy Vareta*
5:00PM	Session Close Titus Awokuse, Vice Provost & Dean ISP
5:30PM	ISP / AAP / ASC Opening reception (KUHeS Lobby)

Friday, June 13th

8:00AM	<p>Concurrent Tours Venue: Conference Room, KUHeS Invited VIPs, AAP Consortium, AAP & ASC staff (select 1 tour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH), Pediatric Research Ward (PRW) / Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHEs)• Molecular Laboratory• Ndix / Hamilton Banda Community <p>Scientific Session 2: Early clinical work and autopsy study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridget Wills*• Yamikani Chimalizeni (KUHeS) (local)• Dan Milner*• Steve Kamiza (KUHeS) (local)
10:00AM	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
10:30AM	<p>Scientific Session 3: Malarial retinopathy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susan Lewallen*• Nick Beare (has a current project, will visit at this time) + Prof Simon Harding• Kyle Wilson (works under Nick, lives in Blantyre)• Owen Banda (works under Kyle, lives in Blantyre)
12:00PM	<p>Lunch</p>
1:00PM	<p>Scientific Session 4: Neurology/Neuroimaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gretchen Birbeck• Sam Kampondeni /Mike Potchen• Karen Chetcuti and Cowles Chilungulo <p><i>Celebrate Dr. Riegler in the context of the Riegler scholarship supporting Cowles</i></p>
2:30PM	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
2:30PM	<p>Scientific Session 5: Pediatric Critical Care vis-à-vis CM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robert Hamilton*• Nicole O'Brien (local)• Hunter Wynkoop (local)
4:30PM	<p>Closing Remarks Dean deJong, MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine</p>
5:00PM	<p>Group photo</p>
5:30PM	<p>Closing Reception Venue: KUHeS Lobby <i>Poster Showcase & Networking</i></p>
6:30PM	<p>Dinner & Dance Code Sangala Live Music</p>

Friday, June 14th

All day	<p>Departure from Malawi</p> <p>All guests depart either to home countries or on vacation at one of these recommended Malawi tourism spots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safari (overnight), Liwonde National Park: https://www.africanparks.org/the-parks/liwonde• Safari (day trip): Majete Wildlife Reserve: https://www.africanparks.org/the-parks/majete• Lake Malawi, Blue Zebra Island Lodge: https://bluezebra.mw/• Mount Mulanje (serious hiking): https://mcm.org.mw/making-a-trip/• Zomba Plateau (easier hiking): Zomba Forest Lodge: https://www.zombaforestlodge.com/• Kuchawe Inn: https://www.sunbirdmalawi.com/hotels/sunbird-kuchawe/accomodation.html• Casa Rossa: https://casarossamw.com/
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End of Program