

8th AfrEA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 27 –31, 2017

Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort, Kampala, Uganda

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PROPOSALS

CONFERENCE THEME:

“Evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
Opportunities and Challenges for Africa”

BACKGROUND

The Board of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) in partnership with the Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA), in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) takes pleasure to invite submissions for the **8th AfrEA International Conference**.

The conference will be held at the Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort hotel in Kampala, Uganda from March 27-31, 2017.

In the past, various African and international participants submitted and presented paper and poster presentations, chaired panels and facilitated professional development workshops. The conference acts as the foundation for promoting and advocating AfrEA’s “Made in Africa” approach, and allows knowledge sharing, collaboration and networking with a wide range of international organisations and individuals.

With a theme titled **“Evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**

Opportunities and Challenges for Africa”, the 8th AfrEA conference aims to promote exchange between researchers, academia, emerging evaluators and practitioners in support of the SDGs in Africa. It will also build capacity to design, manage and use evaluations to help Governments achieve their national and international development agendas, particularly around the SDGs and the Africa 2063 Agenda.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Innovative proposals for Papers, Workshops, Panels, Round tables and Exhibitions are welcome in any of the following 21 conference strands:

1. The role of governments in evaluating SDGs
2. Partnerships for evaluating SDGs (North/South, South/South)
3. The role of the Auditor General in the audit of SDGs performance

4. Evaluating Resilience and Poverty Alleviation
5. Evaluating Health
6. Evaluating Education
7. Evaluating Climate Change
8. Evaluating Agriculture
9. Youth and Emerging Evaluators
10. Gender Equality and Equity Focused Evaluations
11. Parliamentarians for African Evaluation
12. Leveraging capacity building knowledge for development results
13. Professionalisation in evaluation
14. Impact Evaluation
15. Evaluation in fragile and conflict states
16. Made in Africa Evaluation
17. Evaluating Sustainable Cities
18. Evaluating Financial Literacy
19. Promoting VOPES and the EvalAgenda
20. Innovation in Evaluation
21. Technology and Evaluation in Africa

DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Submission deadline for abstracts:

Abstracts should be submitted electronically no later than **30 November 2016** at 12:00pm (GMT)

Notification of acceptance of abstracts:

All applications will be informed whether their abstracts have been selected for the conference by **15 January 2017**.

The deadline for receipt of full papers:

AfrEA needs to receive all full papers no later than **15 February 2017**.

Submit all abstracts electronically via the AfrEA Conference website

<http://conferences.afrea.org>^{AB}

Paper presentations

Written papers engage a debate in evaluation, report critically on completed evaluation, aim to clarify issues in evaluation theory and propose new and innovative evaluation paradigms.

Paper submissions entail a written paper in final form by 15 February 2017 and an oral presentation during the conference where the presentation time is divided equally between the PowerPoint presentation and questions from the floor, for response by the presenter.

Paper proposals should indicate:

- Title of the paper, clearly indicating it as is on the paper presentation

- Name/s, title/s and institutional affiliation/s of author
- Name and title of presenting author
- Email and telephone contact details of presenting author
- A 300 to 500 words abstract must be included and contain information on the context, overview of the content of the presentation and a summary of the results and conclusions that will be presented
- Abstracts must be submitted on the AfrEA conference website Word [Abstracts that are accepted will be included in the conference programme as they stand, and authors are required to ensure that they are adequately proof-read before submission]
- In addition please note that:
 - Submitted papers may be considered for publication in the African Evaluation Journal. Authors are required to sign a statement indicating whether their paper has been previously published, in which journal, or in what format
 - Abstracts speaking to the theme would be favourably considered

Round table presentations

Round tables usually entail evaluation work-in-progress. During such sessions, authors make available a manuscript for debate to clarify, strengthen argumentation and consider next steps. Sessions aim to assist the author to complete the manuscript with the view to publish. We encourage participants to bring draft or in-progress reports about interesting initiatives for brainstorming and advice.

Abstracts for a Roundtable should be 300 to 500 words and should be submitted in Microsoft Word format. Please note that a hard copy of the written manuscript in progress, with issues for discussion, should be made available in sufficient numbers to attendees at the presentation.

Poster presentations

Poster presentations entail a poster size presentation with images as well as text. Posters usually depict an evaluation study including: questions asked in the study through methodology, data, findings and conclusions. Posters will be displayed during the conference and presenters need to be available to respond to questions about the poster on display.

Abstracts for Poster displays should be no longer than 300 to 500 words, and must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document.

Accepted Poster presentations will be displayed in the exhibition hall for the duration of the conference. Posters should measure approximately 95 cm in width and 1.5 m in height.

Exhibition presentations

Exhibition presentations should indicate:

- The title of the exhibition

- The name of the member association or organisation
- The contact details (including e-mail address)
- Should be accompanied by a half- to one page description of the exhibition stating the materials required and the language (French or English)

Workshops and training sessions

The organisers invite African and international M&E experts, donors, foundations, individual consultants, universities, and African government, organisations, private sector training providers and NGOs to submit proposals to facilitate professional development workshops on the first two and a half days of the conference (27, 28, 29 March 2017).

Workshops proposals should list:

- Workshop Title
- Facilitator name/s, background, qualifications and affiliation
- Description of experience in training in the field and history of the workshop or course
- Contact details of the presenting entity or facilitator
- Course length: half/1/2 days
- Target participants: beginner, intermediate or advanced participants?
- Workshop description/programme of activities (including learner outcomes, key themes, training methodology)
- Accreditation
- Ideal and maximum number of participants
- Special requirements
- Description of course materials
- Language in which workshop will take place (French or English)

Workshop and training proposals must be submitted online via the AfrEA conference portal. All proposals will be considered and during the selection of workshops preference will be given to accredited courses, to (non-accredited) scarce-skills development courses and workshops offered by highly skilled presenters with substantial experience in M&E training.