



Uganda Evaluation Week 2024

Theme: “Development with Purpose: Empowering Accountable learning for achieving Development Goals and Enhancing Climate Resilience”.

Date: 19th – 23rd August, 2024

Dear Evaluation Practitioner/Scholar,

Uganda Evaluation Association working in partnership with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Uganda, invites you to participate in the upcoming 8th Uganda Evaluation Week. We welcome submission of abstracts and papers on diverse topics related to Monitoring and Evaluation, as well as Innovations that support the sector.

The Uganda Evaluation Week will be hosted in Kampala.

The concept note can be downloaded from this link: [Concept-8th Uganda Evaluation Week 2024- 11.03.2024.pdf \(ugandaevaluationassociation.org\)](https://ugandaevaluationassociation.org/Concept-8th%20Uganda%20Evaluation%20Week%202024-11.03.2024.pdf)

1.0 Objectives of the Evaluation Week

1. To provide a platform where stakeholders share experiences from evaluations that have contributed to attainment of national targets towards NDP III and SDGs in building resilience to Climate change.
2. To explore innovative ways for evaluation practice that improve learning and strengthen synergies between local practitioners and international evaluation actors.

The conference aims to enhance the practice of monitoring and evaluation by fostering a shift towards impactful, learning-oriented outcomes beyond accountability. It will delve into the evolution of accountability centric evaluations to practices that prioritize learning. Emphasizing the importance of moving past mere evidence generation, the conference will promote shared learning experiences anchored in strong partnerships. The overarching theme provides a foundation for stimulating discussions, interactive workshops and diverse activities throughout the event.

2.0 Target Audience

Participants will comprise Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) practitioners in Uganda drawn from Government, the Private Sector, Non-governmental Organizations, Civil Society, academia, Young and Emerging Evaluators, and students. Participants from the East African Community (EAC) member states as well as those from Africa and the wider international community.

2.0 Context

The Uganda Evaluation Week is an annual stakeholder event in the UEA's strategic plan (2021-2025). It showcases evidence use from monitoring and evaluation to support given development interventions by government, NGOS/CSOs and Private Sector, International development partners in the country. The majority of these interventions are funded by Government wherein the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) hosts the secretariat responsible for promoting the culture of monitoring and Evaluation in government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). Thus, government provides the space where the growth of the Uganda Evaluation Association has evolved and operates.

The past seven editions of the Uganda Evaluation Week resulted from concerted stakeholder collaboration from the time the Government of Uganda (GoU) instituted the first of the now three five-year National Development Plans (NDPs) in 2010. The overall goal of the NDP, which is in sync with the Uganda Vision 2040, is to propel the country towards middle income status through strengthening the country's competitiveness for sustainable wealth creation employment and inclusive growth. Through the five-year NDP cycles, the OPM has cooperated with development partners, Africa and Regional Evaluation Associations, and particularly the Uganda Evaluation Association to deepen

mainstreaming of M&E in government, the private sector and Civil Society Organisations.

3.0 The 8th UEW 2024 edition

The event is scheduled to start with **pre-conference workshops** on the **19th and 20th of August, 2024** followed by a **three-day conference** starting from the **21st – 23rd August 2024**. Both the Pre-Conference workshop and the Conference will be by subscription.

3.1 Expected Outcomes

1. Strengthened support for integration of evidence-use in national development initiatives spanning various sectors.
2. Improved methodologies in evaluations practices and expanded research prospects for both local practitioners and international evaluation stakeholders.

3.2 Conference Sub-themes

Three sub-themes align to the main theme. Abstracts and papers in English are invited from evaluators, experts, academics, researchers, and students among others. Accountability in Learning: Measuring Progress towards NDP and SDGs, Catalyzing Change: Learning Strategies for Climate Action, Sustainable Growth: Education as a Driver for Resilient Development

Sub-theme 1. Accountability in Development: Enhancing utilization of evidence to achieve national targets progress towards NDP IV & SDGs

- a) Exploring the current landscape of evaluations primarily serving accountability demands.
- b) Exploring Factors contributing to Limited Utilization of Evaluation in Decision Making and Project Design: Case Studies from Local Development Programmes
 - i. Investigating the factors contributing to underutilization of evaluation insights in shaping decision-making processes and Project Design
 - ii. Drawing insights from the experiences of specific local development program – Emyooga, Parish Development Model (PDM) – Deepening Financial Inclusion, Agricultural Credit Facility, Small Business Recovery Fund, Uganda Development Cooperation (UDC), Blockchain Technologies.

- iii. Analyzing the unique challenges encountered within programs that impede the effective integration of evaluation findings.
- c) Developing practical approaches to increase the uptake of evaluation findings for informed decision-making: Lessons from NDP II Evaluation and NDP III Mid-term Review.
- d) Strategizing Evaluation Approaches Aligned towards NDP IV to Promote Continuous Learning and Informed Project/Program Design.
- e) Integrating Localization in Evaluation to Enhance Relevance and Impact
 - i. Examining the role of local stakeholders in the evaluation process to ensure the relevance and applicability of findings.
 - ii. Leveraging indigenous knowledge and local expertise to improve the contextual accuracy of evaluations.
 - iii. Enhancing the capacity of local institutions and evaluators to drive sustainable evaluation practices and foster local ownership.
 - iv. Addressing challenges and opportunities in implementing localized evaluation methodologies within the context of national development frameworks.

Target: Ministries, Department and Agencies, Parliament, Private Sector, Academia, NGOS/CSOs and Development Partners.

Sub-theme 2. Catalyzing Change: Partnerships in Learning strategies for Climate Action and Resilience.

- a) Showcasing case studies that exemplify successful resilience of communities participating in learning-focused practices.
- b) Analyzing evaluations and early warning that led to tangible improvements of livelihoods in subsequent projects and programs.
- c) Exploring collaboration model(s) between stakeholders that enhance the effectiveness of monitoring and evaluation in Climate Resilience; Experience from the Private sector initiatives on tree planting such as Cultural institutions, Banking institutions, NGOs, among others.

Target: Private Sector, CSOs / NGOs, Cultural institutions, Ministries, Department and Agencies, Parliament, Private Sector, Academia, and Development Partners.

Sub-theme 3. Innovation in Evaluation Practices: Tools and Techniques.

- a) Integrating innovative tools and techniques in evaluations – AI Technologies, Localization of Evaluation, Social Network Analysis, Life Stories, Big Data Analytics and Digital Dashboards.

- b) Showcasing advancements in evaluation methodologies that contribute to a more nuanced understanding of project impacts and outcomes such as Integration of indigenous knowledge.

Target: Young and Emerging Evaluators, Students of M&E, Academia, Eval Practitioners, Consultants.

The mentioned above listed sub-themes will be in form of Key-note speeches, Short Paper Presentations, Posters, Lightning Talks, Panel Discussions, Workshops (Masterclass) and Exhibitions. Details can be got from the concept note.

4.0 Conference Registration

Registration: Participants for the pre-conference training are expected to register before 5th July, 2024.

Conference Fees

The fees listed below apply to participants registering for attending the conference.

International (USD)	East Africa (USD)	Ugandans (US\$)		
		UEA Members	YEE	Non-UEA Members
\$200	\$150	\$100	\$80	\$130

Workshop and Exhibition

The fees listed below apply to participants registering for pre-conference workshops and or Exhibition.

Workshop		Exhibition	
1 Day	2 Days	Standard	Deluxe
\$60	\$80	\$100	\$200

Workshop and Conference Full Board

The fees listed below apply to participants registering for the entire Evaluation Week, which includes attendance at all workshops and the conference.

	International (USD)	East Africa (USD)	Ugandans (US\$)		
			UEA Members	YEE	Non-UEA Members
Early Bird (Paid by July 20, 2024)	\$270	\$220	\$170	\$150	\$200
After July	\$280	\$230	\$180	\$160	\$210

Fees: All fees should be paid either to the dollar or shilling account of the Uganda Evaluation Association. Account details are below:

USD Account	UShs Account
Account Number: 0011026105571901 Account Name: Uganda Evaluation Association Bank: Eco Bank Uganda SWIFT CODE: ECOCUGKA	Account Number: 0341216486 Account Name: Uganda Evaluation Association Bank: ABSA Bank Uganda Ltd. Branch: Kampala Road.

Submission of Conference Papers

All Conference Abstracts and Papers will be sent to:

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