



The 8th Uganda Evaluation Week 2024

Theme:

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

Venue: Kampala Uganda.

Dates: 19th -23rd August 2024

Kampala, Uganda.

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The 8th Uganda Evaluation Week

1.0 Introduction

The Uganda Evaluation Week is an annual event that provides a platform to discuss and share evidence, lessons arising from the development evaluation in Uganda and beyond. It is an opportunity to reflect on ongoing initiatives to understand their effectiveness and impact.

The 2024 Evaluation week will run under the theme: **Development with Purpose: Empowering Accountable learning for achieving development goals and enhancing climate resilience**. It acknowledges the national effort leveraging the power of learning, sharing, and partnerships in evaluation.

It will take place from **19th – 23rd August 2024** in Kampala, Uganda. This year's event marks the eighth edition since the Evaluation Week was first held in 2013.

The Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA) in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) organize the Evaluation Week that draws evaluation practitioners from Government, Civil Society, and the Private sector, Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs), the academia and development Partners. UEA is a body of professional practitioners that aims to strengthen the knowledge and practices in monitoring and evaluation, research and learning among its membership.

1.1 About the theme

Uganda's National Development Program III is a strategic framework that aligns with the Uganda Vision 2040 aiming to elevate the country towards middle income status. It focuses on enhancing competitiveness for sustainable wealth creation, employment and inclusive growth. This program is pivotal in accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and fortifying our resilience against the adverse effects of Climate change. It underscores the importance of rigorous evaluation and accountability, which are essential for learning, adapting strategies and effectively achieving national development targets. This conference shines the spotlight on learning and accountability as the catalyst for success of attaining national targets and advancing SDGs goals. The theme is crafted to motivate action and reflection on integrating these elements into our evaluation efforts, thereby facilitating informed decision-making in project and program service delivery.

2.0 The 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.

2.1 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.

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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.

3.0 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.

4.0 Conference Sub-themes

Three sub-themes align to the main theme. Abstracts 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.

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 sub-themes will be in form of Key-note speeches, Short Paper Presentations, Posters, Lightning Talks, Panel Discussions, Workshops (Masterclass) and Exhibitions.

5.0 Financing the Evaluation Week

5.1 Request for Financial Support

The UEA seeks support to organize a high-quality conference that will feature Key note speakers, panel discussions, poster presentations and networking sessions.

Support the UEW by:

- i Sponsoring a session, workshop or a speaker.
- ii Participating in the conference as a Delegate or as a Presenter
- iii Exhibiting your products or services.
- iv Supporting delegates from Upcountry or outside Uganda to attend the evaluation week.
- v Providing financial or in - kind contributions.

Supporting Uganda Evaluation Week will give you the opportunity to:

- i Showcase your commitment to evaluation and evidence-based development
- ii Engage with a diverse and influential audience of evaluation stakeholders
- iii Enhance your visibility and reputation in the evaluation community
- iv Learn from the latest trends and innovations in evaluation practice and research
- v Contribute to the development of evaluation capacity in Uganda and the region

We appreciate your interest and generosity in supporting the UEW. Please follow the contact links below.

5.1.1 Direct Monetary Support for Technical Execution of Conference

Direct funding of the UEW 2024 will cover the Conference venue, expenses for communication, printing, transport, meals, coordination and administration. Others include conference web platform, marketing and media support activities.

5.1.2 Bursary Sponsorship for Conference Attendance and Logistics

The support covers Young and emerging Evaluators (YEEs). Comprising students in M&E at university level who do not have the financial means to attend the conference, despite having their papers selected by the academic committee. Their sponsorship covers conference fees, meals transport expenses.

The keynote speakers and workshop presenter for given strands are also included under this category.

5.1.3 Previous UEA Development Partners

The following have supported the past UEW Conferences:

➤ 3ie	➤ Twende Mbele
➤ Regional Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results – Anglophone Africa (CLEAR – AA)	➤ Campbell Collaboration
➤ United Nation Children Fund (UNICEF)	➤ African Development Bank
➤ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	➤ USAID
➤ United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	➤ World Bank
➤ GIZ	➤ MasterCard Foundation

6.0 Financial Control and Auditing

Uganda Evaluation Association financial procedures and control mechanisms follow established protocols in accordance with international practice. UEA financial accounts are audited annually. The auditors present the audited accounts at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), where the (audit) reports are approved. We have standard operating manuals covering operations, procurement, human resource management, accounting and finance and project management procedures and guidelines. At the conclusion of UEW, an accounting and financial audit of all bank accounts of the conference will be examined by an independent audit firm.

7.0 Conference Registration

Registration: Participants for the pre-conference training are expected to register before 30th June, 2024.

7.1 Conference Fees

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

7.2 Workshop and Exhibition Fees

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

7.3 Workshop and Conference Full Board.

	International (USD)	East Africa (USD)	Ugandans (UShs)		
			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

All fees should be paid on the UEA Accounts Below:

USD Account		UShs Account	
Account Number:	0011026105571901	Account Number:	0341216486
Account Name:	Uganda Evaluation Association	Account Name:	Uganda Evaluation Association
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