



The 9th Uganda Evaluation Week

Theme: Innovate, Include, Impact : Advancing Evidence for Transformative and Sustainable Development

1. Introduction

The Uganda Evaluation Association (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. The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) is the lead Government Agency in promoting the culture of monitoring and Evaluation in government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

The UEA, in collaboration with the OPM and partners, is organizing the 9th Uganda Evaluation Week. The week is unique as it marks 25 years of commemoration of UEA's existence. The Uganda Evaluation Week is an annual event that provides a platform for evaluation practitioners from Government, Civil Society, the Private sector, Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs), academia, and development partners to discuss and share evidence and lessons arising from development evaluation in Uganda and beyond. It is an opportunity to reflect on ongoing initiatives to understand their effectiveness and impact.

2. Background

Uganda has initiated the implementation of the Fourth National Development Plan (NDP IV) (2025/26–2029/30), which focuses on sustainable industrialisation, infrastructure development, private sector-led growth, human capital investment, and efficient public service delivery. It is also the first Plan in the implementation of the Government's Strategy to grow the economy tenfold by 2040, a strategy that aims to fast-track the realisation of socio-economic transformation. Evaluation and evidence generation are central to tracking progress and ensuring that interventions are impactful, inclusive, and aligned with the national development goals and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At the same time, global trends in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) reflect a growing emphasis on technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI), real-time data analytics, well-being metrics, inclusive participation, and the use of evidence in public decision-making. The 9th Uganda Evaluation Week will convene stakeholders across sectors to explore how these emerging tools and approaches can support Uganda's transformation agenda under NDP IV.

3. Objectives

- i. Showcase innovations in AI and digital technology for enhanced accountability and learning from evaluation.
- ii. Foster dialogue on how M&E systems can better support inclusive, citizen-centered development.
- iii. Build capacity among government, civil society, and youth in using modern evaluation tools.
- iv. Align Uganda's evaluation practices with global standards and the SDGs in the context of NDP IV.

3.1 Expected Outcomes

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

4. Conference Strands

The Week will provide a forum for exploring the conference theme, organised around five main strands:

Strand 1: Innovation & Technology Use: AI, Big Data and Evaluation

- Using AI for Real-Time Monitoring and Decision-Making
- Big Data in Development Evaluation: Opportunities and Challenges
- Anomaly Detection and Predictive Analytics in Public Programs
- AI Ethics and Bias Mitigation in Evaluation Practice

Strand 2: Evidence for NDPIV Implementation (World Café)

- Influencing Uganda's Industrialisation and Infrastructure Agenda
- Monitoring Human Capital Development under NDP IV
- M&E for the Parish Development Model: Tools and Lessons
- Assessing Public Sector Governance and Private Sector Growth

Strand 3: Well-being, Equity and Inclusion in Evaluation

- Measuring Mental Health and Well-Being in Development Evaluations
- Gender, Youth, and Disability Inclusion in M&E Systems
- Citizen-Led and Participatory Evaluations for Local Development
- Localising the SDGs through Subnational Evaluation Initiatives (Barazas)

Strand 4: Capacity Strengthening in MERL

- Digital Tools for Participatory Evaluation and Data Visualisation
- Building AI Literacy for M&E Practitioners
- Equipping YEEs for the 21st Century MERL
- Strengthening Local Government M&E Capacity for NDP IV
- Universities and Think Tanks as Catalysts for Evaluation Innovation

Strand 5: Governance, Learning and Accountability

- Institutionalising Evidence Use in Policy and Budget Cycles
- Promoting Evaluation-Based Accountability in the Public Sector
- Creating a Culture of Learning and Feedback in Public Institutions
- Leveraging on CSO & Development Partners' role in Evaluation.
- Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Evaluation Partnerships

4. Cross-Cutting Events and Special Activities

The Week will be an exciting forum for evaluation professionals and development practitioners from national, regional, and international organisations, as well as diverse disciplines, to promote the use of evaluation in decision-making. It will encourage and ensure dialogue and exchange of experiences. Specifically, the Week will feature:

- i. Pre-Conference Workshops
- ii. Innovation Hubs: Youth-led innovations in AI-powered evaluation; AI for Non-Tech Evaluators; Digital M&E Platforms
- iii. Panel Discussions: High-level panels on MERL practice, AI, ethics, and evidence use in public policy
- iv. Exhibitions: Showcasing local and global M&E tools and evaluation innovations
- v. Blog posts, podcasts and pre-recorded testimonies of evaluators
- vi. Evaluation Awards: Recognising outstanding practices in innovation, inclusion, and evidence use
- vii. Excursion

5. Participants

- i. Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)
- ii. National Planning Authority and Local Government Authorities
- iii. Development Partners and UN Agencies

- iv. Civil Society Organisations and Community-Based Groups
- v. Academia and Research Institutions
- vi. Youth Networks and Emerging Evaluators
- vii. Private Sector and Technology Innovators
- viii. Media and Communication Professionals

6. Date and Venue

The Week is scheduled to start with **pre-conference workshops** on the **4th and half day of 5th of May 2026**, followed by the **main conference** from the **5th at 2.00pm to 8th of May 2026**, Silver Springs Hotel, Bugolobi in Kampala, Uganda.

7. Organisers and Partners

The Uganda Evaluation Week will be organised by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) through the Directorate of Monitoring, Evaluation and Inspection, in collaboration with the Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA).

8. Budget and Resource Mobilisation

The event will be financed through contributions from development partners, sponsors, and institutional collaborators. A detailed budget and fundraising plan will be developed and shared with stakeholders.

9. Conference Registration and Fees

Both the Pre-Conference workshop, Conference and excursions will be accessed only upon registration and payment of necessary fees.

Fees: All fees should be paid to the UEA account below:

Participant Category	Group	Early Bird (by Feb 15, 2026)	Late Registration (by Apr 15, 2026)	On-Spot Payment
International	International Professionals	\$400	\$450	\$500
	International YEEs	\$250	\$300	\$350
East Africans	Professionals	\$300	\$350	\$400
	EA YEEs	\$200	\$250	\$300
Ugandans	UEA Members	Ugx 750,000	Ugx 850,000	Ugx 1,000,000
	YEE Members	Ugx 500,000	Ugx 750,000	Ugx 850,000
	Non-UEA Members	Ugx 1,000,000	Ugx 1,100,000	Ugx 1,200,000
Pre-Conference Workshops	Stand-alone 1-Day Fee	\$200	\$200	\$250
	Stand-alone 1.5-Day Fee	\$250	\$250	\$300
Excursion	Source of the Nile / Greater Kampala tour	\$70	\$70	N/A
Exhibition Space	Per Booth/ Area	\$200	\$200	N/A

Bank account details:

Account Number: 7170004744 Account Name: Uganda Evaluation Association Bank: Eco Bank Uganda (Dollar Account) SWIFT CODE: ECOCUGKA Branch: Parliament avenue.	Account Number: 0341216486 Account Name: Uganda Evaluation Association Bank: ABSA Bank Uganda Limited (Uganda Shilling Account) Branch: Kampala Road.
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11. Call for Abstract/Paper Process

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Call for Abstracts Opens</i>	October 10, 2025
<i>Final Deadline for Abstract Submission</i>	January 23, 2026
<i>Notification of Abstract Acceptance/Rejection</i>	January 31, 2026