



7th UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK 2024

“Rethinking collective action and innovative solutions to water, environment, and climate change crisis in Uganda.”

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Date:
18th to 22nd March 2024

Venue:
**Ministry of Water and
Environment Headquarters
Luzira**

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Introduction: The 7th Uganda Water and Environment Week will be held from Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March 2024. The National Organizing Committee of the 7th Uganda Water and Environment Week 2024 therefore calls for abstracts from interested researchers, practitioners and policy makers to share their research and practical work, findings and experiences in line with the theme and sub themes of the week. The theme and sub themes are as follows:

Theme: *“Rethinking collective action and innovative solutions to water, environment, and climate change crisis in Uganda.”*

Sub themes:

a) Sub-theme 1: Sustainable access and utilization of water and environmental resources for economic development

This sub-theme will address water and environment security as one of the most pressing issues globally, in the region and also in Uganda. It will explore opportunities for accelerating inclusive access to safely managed water and sanitation services in both rural and urban areas, the need to ensure availability of adequate and good quality water for domestic use and for productive purposes; promotion of trans boundary water cooperation, scaling up integrated water resources management approaches, protection of the environment and all related ecosystems. It will further explore the role of sustainable utilization of water and environment resources to boost Uganda’s economy with improved livelihood and protection of communities. It will also highlight the relationships between the water-environment-energy-food nexus approaches with economic and environmental objectives to accomplish the objectives of optimal and sustainable management across all sectors.

b) Sub-theme 2: Nature-based solutions to solve water, environment and climate change crisis

The sub-theme will assess progress made in promoting nature-based solution in Uganda and globally to enhance water harvesting and storage, integrated water resources management approaches, and protection of ecosystems. It will also identify innovative approaches and solutions for scaling up nature-based solutions for ensuring resilient water supply systems, livelihood improvements, job creation and accelerating water and environment business incubation and entrepreneurship.

It will assess the need for research and innovations to develop and strengthen climate adaptation strategies; development of several specific approaches that can close the implementation gap for water, sanitation, hygiene, environment and climate change. The sub theme will assist in broadening the understanding importance of nature-based solutions which have emerged globally as one of the sustainable and cost-effective ways to ‘fix’ the broken ecosystem and ultimately integrate communities, nature and heritage

c) Sub-theme 3: Resilient built environment and infrastructure in urban settings

This sub-theme aims to establish a better understanding of how to contextualize resilience in the built environment and infrastructure through accelerating inclusive access to safely managed water and sanitation and hygiene services; increasing sanitation, waste water treatment infrastructure and services; improved water services and water security. It will further assess opportunities for incorporating robust urban climate actions in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), as well as enhancement of cooperation between local and national governments on planning, financing and implementation. The sub-theme will further explore opportunities for sustainable climate resilient developments, mitigation and adaptation in cities and urban centres. It will further explore adaptation and mitigation initiatives, technologies, planning and regulations to bridge climate resilient infrastructure development. .

d) Sub-theme 4: Protection of lives, livelihoods, and property to support community resilience and stability

This sub-theme will review the status of implementation of the updated Nationally Determined Contributions with respect to water, sanitation and environment. It will assess progress made and the required needs in ensuring resilient water supply systems for domestic and productive uses, promoting sustainable water harvesting and storage, increasing sanitation and waste water treatment infrastructure and services, scaling up integrated water resources management approaches and water use efficiency, and protection of ecosystems. It will also review the relevance of the outcomes of the various water, environment and climate change related events, identify innovative approaches and solutions therein, and assess the role of innovation and technology in addressing water, environment, and climate change challenges. It will explore opportunities for scaling up Uganda’s response to conflict and climate change induced migration and displacement and identify approaches and means of accelerating adaptation and resilience to climate change to prevent loss and damage of lives, livelihood, ecosystems and infrastructure, conflicts, and mobility.

The sub theme will stimulate discussions regarding options and mechanisms for mobilizing the required financing to achieve various SDGs. It will further explore opportunities and challenges in scaling-up investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation to increase the resilience of communities, ecosystems and infrastructures.

Key important considerations

- a) UWEWK2024 will be hybrid to provide an opportunity for researchers, practitioners and policy makers to present and share their work.
- b) Abstracts should be prepared in line with the theme and sub-themes of the conference
- c) Abstracts should be prepared focusing on academic or practical research, practitioners' views and experiences, policy recommendations and outcomes
- d) Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentation. Authors are encouraged to indicate their preference.
- e) Abstracts are to be submitted in English
- f) Early submissions are encouraged
- g) Oral and poster presentations will be submitted upon successful review and acceptance of abstracts.

Abstract format:

Abstracts should follow the following format:

- Names and contacts of the Authors
- Introduction
- Significance (of the research or issue)
- Methodology/approach (used to gather the data or information)
- Results (key findings or experiences)
- Conclusion (final verdict and recommendations)
- Should not exceed 300 words, Font: Times New Roman, Size:12, spacing 1.5.

Important Dates:

- Issue of call for abstracts: **30th December 2023**
- Abstract submission deadline: **9th February 2024**
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: **16th February 2024**
- Write shop (revision of abstracts/powerpoints): **22nd and 23rd February 2024**
- Receipt of revised abstracts: **1st March 2024**
- Submission of full papers and PowerPoint presentations: **8th March 2024**

Abstract submission address and date

Abstracts should be submitted to uwewk@mwe.go.ug with copy to wri.uga@gmail.com not later than **9th February 2024**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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