

“Adapting Innovative Evaluation Practices for Evidence-Based Decision Making During and Beyond Covid-19 Pandemic”



2022 EVIDENCE TO ACTION CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

BACKGROUND

The International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED) in partnership with the office of the Prime Minister- Directorate of Monitoring and Evaluation, the Uganda Evaluation Association, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University, Uganda; and Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Market, Risk and Resilience of the University of California at Davis and other partners are organising the 2022 Evidence to Action (E2A) Conference and Exhibition. This year’s event features a blended partnership to mark the 8th Uganda Evaluation Week and 100 years (century celebrations) of the great Makerere University.

The event would be hosted by the College of Health Sciences of the Makerere University from 26th – 30th September 2022.

The theme of the Conference is “**Adapting Innovative Evaluation Practices for Evidence-Based Decision Making During & Beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic**”. The 2022 E2A aims to bring together actors within all stages of the value chain of evidence-based policymaking and policy practice to generate and utilize high-quality, rigorous evidence relevant to Africa’s context in support of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda in spite of the numerous challenges posed by the pandemic.

It would shine a spotlight on the conduct of practitioners and professionals in Monitoring and Evaluation, dwelling on learned experiences of adapting and innovating evaluation practice for evidence-based decision making within and beyond the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. Further it will explore the generation and use of evidence-based and relevant policies to support given development interventions.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- i. To generate innovative insights to support recovery plans in the face of the Covid-19 disruption, using evidence and evaluation.
- ii. To enhance opportunities for researchers and evaluators to contribute to demand-driven research and evaluation activities in the context of Africa.
- iii. To emphasize the importance of contextualized knowledge and local public debate and ownership
- iv. To provide a platform that integrates and optimises cutting edge cutting-edge innovation, research, and evaluation findings through collaborative and shared learning to promote policy making and sustainable program development.
- v. To examine approaches for infusing evidence into policy making and program development.

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DELEGATES

Conference delegates will be drawn from a diverse range of stakeholders working in Africa, who are involved in research, evaluation and decision-making such as:

Relevant government institutions, universities; civil society organisations, policymakers and practitioners, national and international research organizations, development agencies and partners, private sector organizations and the media.

WHAT TYPE OF CONTENT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

The 2022 Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition will include keynote addresses, breakout sessions, policy dialogue, and workshops. In addition, there will be two days pre-conference training sessions, exhibitions and side events by partners and sponsors.

Eight sub-themes have been identified from the main theme. Abstracts in English are invited from experts, evaluators, academics, researchers, students, policy makers using evidence for decision-making, and development professionals who have undertaken development and policy interventions based on rigorous evidence for the Papers, Workshops, Panels, Roundtables and Exhibitions that communicate to the overall theme or the indicated sub-themes.

- i. COVID-19 responses and post COVID-19 recovery and its impact on Public Health
- ii. Enhancing agriculture sector development and food systems in sub-Saharan Africa
- iii. Improving adaptation and resilience of private, public, and individual change makers to climate change and natural resources management
- iv. Innovative finance, insurance, credit, and savings for smallholders.
- v. Gender equality and youth empowerment in driving Africa's development
- vi. Evidence synthesis and impact evaluation for policy-making and good governance
- vii. Knowledge brokering and knowledge translation under the new normal
- viii. Effective recovery strategies and inclusion for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups
- ix. The role of Voluntary Professional Evaluation Societies (VOPES) in building debate on leaving no one behind in the face of COVID-19.



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

The dates for submission of abstracts and other presentations are outlined the table below:

No.	Description	Deadlines (2022)
1	Online submission of abstracts starts	6 th June
2	Submission of abstracts ends	23 rd July
3	Notification on acceptance of abstracts	30 th July
4	Receipt of PowerPoint presentations and full papers	15 th August
5	Receipt of soft copy for Poster presentations	20 th August
6	Exhibitions confirmations booking & payment	1 st September
7	Pre-conference training needs & registration	1st September

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstract should be at most 350 words in MS Word, and double-spaced. They should be submitted electronically to: info@iced-eval.org. Multiple abstracts may be submitted but should be registered separately.

The organizing committee invites interested individuals to express their interest in presenting as part of a panel discussion or leading or chairing specific sessions.

GUIDELINES

The 3rd Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition 2022 will include keynotes addresses, breakout sessions, policy dialogue, and workshops. In addition, there will be a full-day pre-conference training sessions, exhibitions and side events by partners and sponsors.

The Topics to be presented include: Policy papers; Case studies on research uptake in policymaking; Approaches and methodologies that have worked and those that have not worked; lessons learned and best practices; technology and tools that have been used by researchers and evaluators, stakeholder engagement, policy round table; evidence and gap maps for policy making.

Paper presentations

Papers are intended to generate discussion and therefore should be based on a recently completed evaluation, with the aim of clarifying issues in evaluation theory and propose new and innovative evaluation paradigms.

Paper proposals should indicate:

Title of the paper

Type of presentation

Name, title and institutional affiliation of the author

(s) Name, email and telephone of presenting author



An author (s) is allowed to submit up to three (3) abstracts

Types of Presentations

1. Short Paper Presentations (15 minutes each)

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Title of the paper, clearly indicating it as is on the paper
presentation Name, title and institutional affiliations or the author

Name and title of presenting author

Emails and telephone contact of presenting author

2. Round table and Panel Discussion (45 minutes)

Roundtables are for discussions of evaluation work-in-progress and will last 45 minutes each. They accord authors with the opportunity to present their work in order to seek and provide clarify, strengthen arguments and consider next steps to finalizing the work. Once approved, authors will provide electronically their work highlighting issues they would wish to be discussed. Those wishing to print hard copies may seek advice on the number of copies.

3. Poster presentations

An exhibition of posters during the evaluation week will be provided for. As such posters with images as well as text will be required for display at a designated space. Posters will be expected to depict an evaluation study including key questions asked, methodology, data, findings, recommendations and conclusions. Posters will be displayed during the conference and presenters need to be available to respond to questions about the poster on display. Accepted Poster presentations will be displayed in the exhibition hall for the duration of the conference. Posters should measure approximately 0.95 m in width and 1.5 m in height. Poster presenters are advised to submit the hard copy of their posters to the secretariat a day before/on the first day of the conference.

4. Exhibitions

Exhibitions of branded items, publications etc will be provided during the conference. The exhibitors will be expected to indicate:

The title of the exhibition

The name of the member association or organization

The contact details (including e-mail address)

Should be accompanied by a half- to one-page description of the exhibition stating the materials required

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Confirmations and booking upon payment to be made one month before the conference.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND FEES

For further information on conference registration and fees (physical/virtual participation), please visit <https://www.iced-eval.org/programs/evidence-to-action-conference/kampala-2022>

CONTACT FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

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