



8th UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK 2025

Issue of call for abstracts: 29th November 2024

Abstract submission deadline: 2nd February 2025

Water and environment resources for enhanced resilience and improved incomes and livelihoods

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17th to 21st March 2025

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Introduction

The 8th Uganda Water and Environment Week will be held from Monday 17th March to Friday 21st March 2025. The National Organizing Committee of the 8th Uganda Water and Environment Week 2025 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: *“Water and environment resources for enhanced resilience and improved incomes and livelihoods.”*

Sub- themes:

a) **Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future**

This sub-theme seeks to raise awareness of the complex inter-linkages between threats to the natural world, human security and sustainable future. It will explore the relationship between water, environment and peace, especially in fragile contexts. The subtheme will further explore linkages between water, environment, climate change and foreign policy with regard to transboundary water and environment resources management/ development. It will also focus on benefits of cooperation over shared water resources, the role of improved water and environment management in fragile contexts and how water diplomacy can be a powerful tool for conflict prevention and peacebuilding. It will explore the role of security agencies, cultural and religious institutions, and media among others in promoting peace, risk reduction and conflict resolution.

b) **Water and environment for climate action**

This subtheme will explore innovative water and environment technologies and ways for adapting to and mitigating impacts of climate change to address water scarcity, equity, accessibility, environmental conservation and ecosystem protection. The technologies may include among others, roads for rain harvesting, flood control through water storage mechanisms “store when pretty” to address shortages of water supply in prolonged droughts, Triple Rs (reduce, recycle and reuse)

technologies to improve resource efficiency and address pollution of water and environment resources.. Options for transitioning away from the use of oil and gas to clean, safe and renewable energy, transition to zero-carbon transportation systems with an emphasis on active transportation, building local, healthy, and sustainable food and agricultural systems that is central to climate action will be investigated

c) Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods

This sub-theme will highlight the centrality of water and environment resources for socio-economic development, employment creation, and improved incomes and livelihoods. It will also explore approaches, practices and policy issues such as sustainable investments in water infrastructure; equitable water and environment governance; water and working conditions; and the links between water-related skills, innovation and decent job creation for people of all genders and age groups. It will also explore and discuss how to build national capacity to leverage green financing for climate change responsive infrastructure development, catchment based integrated management of water and environment resources, and water and environment cooperative societies for improved household income and livelihoods.

d) Water and environment innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation

This sub-theme will explore how investing in the education and empowerment of new generation with green skills can nurture a generation that is prepared to lead the way towards a more sustainable future. It will also explore opportunities for technological advancements and cultivating an environmentally literate and empowered youth and new generation. It will further explore a crucial role organizations can play in building a sustainable future by breaking down barriers, collaborating on educational resources, and offering support to schools and communities. Environmental literacy is not just an academic goal but an ethical imperative shaping the future leaders and citizens who will drive positive change for our planet..

Key important considerations

- a) UWEWK2025 will be hybrid to provide an opportunity for researchers, practitioners and policy makers to present and share their work, studies and/ or findings.
- b) Abstracts should be prepared in line with the theme and sub-themes of the conference
- c) Abstracts should be prepared with a mind idea of either academic, scientific, practice, research, policy, and/or experiences. views and experiences, policy recommendations and outcomes or creative arts (spoken word, animations, music, graffiti, dance, paintings etc)
- 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) Final abstracts, 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.
- A template for abstract format will be shared upon request

Important Dates

- Issue of call for abstracts: **29th November 2024**
- Abstract submission deadline: **2nd February 2025**
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: **12th February 2025**
- Write shop (revision of abstracts/ Power Points): **17th and 18th February 2025**
- Receipt of revised abstracts: **21st February 2025**
- Submission of full papers and final PowerPoint presentations: **28th February 2025**

Abstract submission address and date

Abstracts should be submitted to uwewk@mwe.go.ug with copy to wri.uga@gmail.com not later than **2nd February 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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