



MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK-2019 (UWEWK-2019)

Call for Abstracts

This is a call for conference abstracts that address the theme: “*Water and Environment: a strategic driver in attainment of Sustainable Development Goals 2030.*”

Abstracts may be drawn from research papers, case studies, topical reports, photos, videos and posters

Background

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) in collaboration with key partners successfully held the first ever UWEWK in March 2018. The event attracted high-level political participation including the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda. Stakeholders presented information, exchanged knowledge, built relationships, and deliberated on pertinent sector issues.

Based on the success of the first UWEWK, the MWE will hold the second UWEWK at the Water Resource Institute in Entebbe from Monday 18 – Friday 22, March 2019. The event will conclude with the annual commemoration of three important International Environmental Days: World Forest Day (March 21st), World Water Day (March 22nd) and World Meteorological Day (March 23rd).

A wide range of water, sanitation and environment stakeholders are expected to attend the event, including policy makers, technocrats, academicians, public and private sector institutions, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations and consumers.

Abstracts are requested in line with the following sub-themes:

1. **Water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus:** This theme will focus on the inseparable link among security of water, energy, food and ecosystems which underpins



sustainable economies and human well-being. It will explore means of addressing concerns about the availability, distribution, access and sustainability of water, food and energy and the resultant stress on natural resources due to increased climate variability and change and as more people migrate to cities and join the middle class. Special attention will be given to key cross-sectoral issues of policymaking, conflicts and conflict management, interdependencies (water, food- energy and ecosystems) in shared basins, water security and scarcity and nexus financing.

2. **Water, environment and Society:** This theme will focus on how water and environment contribute to society and how society can enhance its stewardship role and contribute effectively to achievement of SDGs related to water and environment. Focus will be given to the role of faith-based organisations, cultural institutions, the private sector, children and youth, community based organizations etc. It will look into issues of inclusive Water supply, Sanitation and hygiene services, politics and governance of water and ecosystems, sustainable urbanization, irrigation, industry water and environment innovations, water and environment businesses, waste water management.

3. **Green growth:** The theme will aim at exploring opportunities for achieving green growth through sustainable development and management of water and environment resources. It will focus on the key principles of a green economy such as equity, environment sustainability, resource efficiency, pollution prevention technologies and best practices, climate change adaptation and mitigation and inclusiveness. Special focus will be given to Green cities, Sustainable energy, Green jobs and employment as well as sustainable production.

4. **Blue economy and SDGs:** The theme will introduce the Blue Economy concept, which is the economic benefit, and value we realize from the Earth’s freshwater environment. Sustainable Blue Economy provides social and economic benefits for current and future generations, restores, protects and maintains the diversity, productivity and resilience of aquatic ecosystems, and is based on clean technologies, renewable energy, and circular material flows. The

theme will also discover how sustainable development furthers social progress growth and challenges faced as we move towards a sustainable economy, and how to work together to overcome them. The theme will also address issue of transboundary water cooperation and its role in achieving a blue economy and SDGs.

5. **Financing Sustainable Development:** Goals (SDGs): This theme will focus on innovative funding opportunities and investment vehicles that can support national efforts to achieve the SDGs related to water and environment. It will also discuss the current and potential roles of the private sector in delivery of water and environment services.

Full papers and poster presentations will be submitted upon successful review and acceptance of abstracts. Abstracts (**not exceeding 300 words**) are expected to be prepared in line with the theme and sub-themes of the conference. Emphasis should be put on innovations and case studies so that they can be replicated. Abstracts should be sent to uwewk@mwe.go.ug and copied to wri.uga@gmail.com **not later than 18:00hours of Friday 18th January 2019.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstract Submission: Fri 18th January 2019

Writeshop: Mon. 4th – Wed. 6th February 2019

Deadline for Full Papers: Wed 20th Feb. 2019

UWEWK 2019: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd 2019

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