



9TH UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK (2026)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Issue of call for abstracts: 2nd December 2025

Abstract submission deadline: 31st January 2026

Theme: Water and Environment for an inclusive and prosperous Uganda



23rd to 27th March 2026

Organised by the Ministry of Water and Environment through the Water Resources Institute in collaboration with Partners

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Introduction

The 9th Uganda Water and Environment Week will be held from Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March 2026. The National Organizing Committee of the 9th Uganda Water and Environment Week 2026 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 for an inclusive and prosperous Uganda”**.

Sub- themes:

- a) Sub-theme 1: Role of water and environment in achieving Uganda's Tenfold Growth strategy

This subtheme explores innovations related to water-environment-energy-food nexus to ensure balanced and resilient development. It explores innovative ways of how water and environment resources development and management as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation can support achievement of Uganda's ten-fold economic growth through ATMS: i) Agro-Industrial Development; ii) Tourism Development; iii) Mineral-based Development plus Oil and Gas (petrochemical industry); and iv) Science, Technology, ICT and Innovation. The sub theme will further showcase high-impact growth areas for water and environment resources that will propel a double-digit growth over the NDPIV period and subsequently contribute to 10-fold growth of the economy over the 15 years leading up to 2040

- b) Sub-theme 2: Investment in science, technology, innovation and capacity building to enhance progress in water and environment management and development

This theme explores the integration of science, technology, and innovation (STI) with capacity building to develop and scale solutions for challenges such as climate change and water scarcity as an investment. This approach includes investing in research and development, adopting new and digital technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), big data for monitoring infrastructure, developing new water purification and desalination technologies, and implementing cyber-physical systems for smart management of water and environment resources. It will further explore the advancement of water and environment management systems, and building human and institutional capacity through training and knowledge sharing. Strategic partnerships and financing are crucial to implementing these initiatives, particularly to achieve global goals such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 6, 13 and 14. It will further establish strategies for strengthening individuals, organizations and institutions to innovate, use science technology and innovation. It will also explore innovations on spatial data and remote sensing as solutions in the management of the resources. Early warning systems as tools to mitigate floods and droughts in the country will also be explored.

c) **Sub-theme 3: Ensuring environmentally sustainable and climate resilient economies and communities**

This theme seeks to promote awareness pertaining investment in green and grey infrastructure, sustainable and climate-resilient economic activities like diversified agriculture and local businesses, and implementing cohesive policies that integrate climate resilience into all levels of planning. It explores using both modern and local knowledge to empower local institutions and communities to take the lead in developing solutions. Additionally, it will also explore approaches to ensure that environmentally sustainable and inclusive principles are at the forefront of all climate and water resilience planning, policies and financial instruments, human health and productivity for economic growth. It will also highlight the usefulness of healthy ecosystems as essentials for climate-resilient infrastructure, protecting economies from natural disasters and ensuring the long-term availability of resources like water for economic stability.

d) **Sub-theme 4: Leveraging the power and capacity of women, youth and children in delivery of water and environment services**

This sub-theme will provide insights on opportunities and approaches to engage and leverage children, youth, women, persons with disabilities, marginalized, and vulnerable groups in water and environment service delivery. It will deepen the understanding on the benefits of increasing representation of women and youth and having equal opportunities to participate in water and environment committees and other decision-making bodies at local, national, and global levels. It will explore justification for strengthening and supporting of women-led and youth-led organizations and networks to create platforms for information exchange, policy influence, and cooperative action. It will enhance the provision of financial support e.g. offering grants, financing, and investment opportunities for women and youth-led enterprises focused on WASH, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and climate adaptation among other engagements and leveraging of women and youth in water and environment sector.

Key considerations;

- a) UWEWK 2026 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 only
- f) Early submissions are highly 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)
- All the aforementioned sections must be in only one paragraph and should not exceed 300 words, Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12, spacing 1.5.
- A template for abstract format has been attached for guidance

Important Dates

- Issue of call for abstracts: **2nd December 2025**
- Abstract submission deadline: **31st January 2026**
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: **13th February 2026**
- Write shop (revision of abstracts/ Power Points): **19th and 20th February 2026**
- Receipt of revised abstracts: **27th February 2026**
- Submission of full papers and final PowerPoint presentations: **13th March 2026**

Abstract submission address and date

Abstracts should be submitted to wri.uga@gmail.com with copy to uwewk@mwe.go.ug not later than **31st January 2026**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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