



African Evaluation Association  
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International Conference

Evaluation that leaves no-one behind: empowering progress towards the Africa we want amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the other crises and opportunities facing us

20 – 24 September 2021  
Addis Ababa

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PROPOSALS

# Abstract Submissions

Open

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## BACKGROUND

The Board of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) in partnership with the Ethiopia Evaluation Association (EEVA) and the Government of Ethiopia takes pleasure to invite submissions for the 10<sup>th</sup> AfrEA International Conference.

The conference will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from September 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

In the past, various African and international participants submitted and presented paper and poster presentations, chaired panels, and facilitated professional development workshops. The conference acts as the foundation for promoting and advocating AfrEA's "Made in Africa" approach, and allows knowledge sharing, collaboration and networking with a wide range of international organisations and individuals.

With a theme titled **"Evaluation that leaves no-one behind: empowering progress towards the Africa we want amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the other crises and opportunities facing us"**, the 10<sup>th</sup> AfrEA conference aims to:

- Promote learning and action to support evaluation practice that contributes to real, responsive, agile and sustained development in Africa
- Promote Africa-rooted and Africa-led evaluation through sharing African evaluation perspectives
- Build the theory and practice of evaluation in Africa by providing the platform for the development and sharing of a high quality body of contextually-relevant knowledge on evaluation
- Support the establishment and growth of national evaluation associations or VOPEs and other related communities of practice
- Facilitate capacity building, networking and sharing of new developments in evaluation theory and practice, towards fostering capacity development among evaluators, policymakers, researchers, development specialists and related stakeholders in the evaluation eco-system.
- Facilitate networking and partnerships between key local and global stakeholders and development partners towards an integrated, coherent approach to strengthening evaluation systems, knowledge and practice on the African continent.

In addition, AfrEA aims to empower members to influence national M&E system and policy in their respective states and represent Africa on the global stage of M&E.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Proposals (in English or in French) for Papers, Workshops, Panels, Roundtables and Exhibitions are welcome in any of the 23 strand topics reflected from 8 thematic areas as indicated in the table below:

Number	Strand topic	Thematic Area
1.	Evaluation of climate-related interventions	Facing the Climate Crisis: the role of Evaluation
2.	Evaluation's response to the Climate Crisis	
3.	Gender Responsive and Equity Focused Evaluation	Addressing inequality
4.	Bringing an equity lens into evaluation of any sector	
5.	Evaluation of transformative initiatives	
6.	Child and youth centred evaluations	
7.	Evaluation in crisis, fragile and humanitarian settings (including COVID-19) (rapid evaluations, use of technology, adaptive management, learning and adjustment)	Responsive Evaluation
8.	Systems that support rapid methods to feedback into management (real time monitoring)	
9.	Evaluators navigating the political economy of evaluation in Africa	Transforming Evaluation
10.	The use of evaluation evidence in policy and practice	
11.	Measuring use of evaluation evidence	
12.	Digital technology and evaluation	Emerging technologies
13.	Made in Africa Evaluation	Made in Africa Evaluation
14.	Building an organizational culture of adaptive management, learning and adjustment	Governance and evaluation systems
15.	National evaluation systems	
16.	Parliament and evaluation	
17.	Young and emerging evaluators	
18.	Building evaluation capacity in Africa	
19.	Knowledge management in evaluation	
20.	Policy evaluation (content, implementation and impact of policy)/use of evaluation for policy influence	
21.	Evaluation in philanthropy and impact investing	
22.	Evaluation of Agenda 2063	
23.	Evaluation of SDGs	

AfrEA encourages you to think creatively about your presentations, their design, and format to provide attendees with the best experience while presenting virtually. Virtual sessions will have the opportunity for typed chat and Q&A, live engagement via video chat, space for breakout rooms, and more. Please choose the presentation type that best fits your material and utilizes your content in the greatest way. Skill-building workshops, panel discussions, demonstrations, and expert lectures continue to be the most popular session types at the annual conference.

## SUBMISSION & DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

### *Submission Opens:*

Online Abstract Submission Opens on **28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### *Submission deadline for abstracts:*

Abstracts submissions close on **23<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 12:00pm GMT**

### *Notification of acceptance of abstracts:*

All applications will be informed whether their abstracts have been selected for the conference by **08<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

### *The deadline for receipt of full papers:*

AfrEA needs to receive all full papers no later than **15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

*Submit all abstracts electronically via the AfrEA website:* <https://papers.afrea.org>

## Paper presentations

Written papers engage a debate in evaluation, report critically on a completed evaluation, aim to clarify issues in evaluation theory or practice and propose new and innovative evaluation thinking and practice (including, but not limited to, paradigms, theories, tools, methods and approaches).

Paper submissions entail a written paper in final form by **15<sup>th</sup> August 2021** and an oral presentation during the conference where the presentation time is divided equally between the PowerPoint presentation and questions from the floor, for response by the presenter.

Paper proposals should indicate:

- Title of the paper, clearly indicating it as is on the paper presentation
- Name/s, title/s and institutional affiliation/s of author
- Name and title of presenting author
- Email and telephone contact details of presenting author
- A 300 to 500 words abstract must be included and contain information on the context, overview of the content of the presentation and a summary of the results and conclusions that will be presented
- Abstracts must be submitted in MS WORD, through the Online Submission portal on the AfrEA conference website. [Abstracts that are accepted will be included in the conference programme as they stand, and authors are required to ensure that they are adequately proof-read before submission]
- In addition please note that:
  - Submitted papers may be considered for publication in the African Evaluation Journal, and authors will be approached should the quality of submissions meet the requirements for such publication. Authors will be required to sign a statement indicating whether their paper has been previously published, in which journal, and in what format.
  - Preference will be given to abstracts speaking to the theme of the conference.

## Round Table Presentations

Roundtables usually entail evaluation work-in-progress. During such sessions, authors make available a manuscript for debate to clarify, strengthen argumentation and consider next steps. Sessions aim to assist the author to complete the manuscript with the view to publish. We encourage participants to bring draft or in-progress reports about interesting initiatives for brainstorming and advice.

Abstracts for a Roundtable should be 300 to 500 words and should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

Please note that for face to face presentation, a hard copy of the written manuscript in progress, with issues for discussion, should be made available in sufficient numbers to attendees at the presentation.

### *Panel Discussions*

In panel discussions, two or more speakers will present different aspects, perspectives or thoughts on a particular topic, research problem, or question. Each speaker will have an opportunity to present their information. It should be possible to have multiple turns for the speakers to present. When all the speakers are finished, there should be time for discussions or interactions with the participants.

Abstracts for panel discussions should be 300 to 500 words and should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

Please note that for face to face presentation, a hard copy of the panel discussion synopsis with issues for discussion, should be made available in sufficient numbers to attendees at the presentation.

Panel Discussion Abstracts should indicate:

- The Title/ Topic of the Panel Discussion
- The Objectives
- The Profile of Moderator/Chair/MC
- The Profiles of Contributors/Panellists
- The Duration of the Discussion
- Contact details

### *Poster presentations*

Poster presentations entail a poster size presentation with images as well as text. Posters usually depict an evaluation study including: questions asked in the study through methodology, data, findings and conclusions. Posters will be displayed during the conference and presenters need to be available to respond to questions about the poster on display.

Abstracts for Poster displays should be no longer than 300 to 500 words, and must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document.

Accepted Poster presentations will be displayed in the exhibition hall for the duration of the conference. Posters should measure approximately 95 cm in width and 1.5 m in height.

### *Exhibitions*

Exhibitions should 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 and the language (French or English)

### *Workshops and training sessions*

The organizers invite African and international M&E experts, donors, foundations, individual consultants, universities, Ethiopian and other African government organizations, private sector training providers and NGOs to submit proposals to facilitate professional development workshops on the first two days of the conference (21-22 September 2021).

Workshops Proposals should list:

- Workshop Title
- Facilitator name/s, background, qualifications and affiliation
- Description of experience in training in the field and history of the workshop or course
- Contact details of the presenting entity or facilitator
- Course length: half/1 & 2 days
- Target participants: beginner, intermediate or advanced participants?
- Workshop description/programme of activities (including learner outcomes, key themes, training methodology)
- Accreditation status
- Ideal and maximum number of participants
- Special requirements
- Description of course materials
- Language in which workshop will take place (French or English)

Workshop and training proposals must be submitted online via the AfrEA conference portal. All proposals will be considered and during the selection of workshops preference will be given to accredited courses, to (non-accredited) scarce-skills development courses and workshops offered by presenters with substantial international experience in M&E training.

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