

THE UGANDA NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WEEK 2026 (UGNAEW2026)

Theme: Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential: Multi-actor Agricultural Extension and Advisory services for Resilient, digital and Market-Oriented Agri-Food Ecosystems

Dates: 20th –24th April 2026



Participants of Uganda National Agricultural Extension Week 2024

Introduction

Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS), in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and other partners, annually organizes National Agricultural Extension Events that bring together over 500 different actors and stakeholders, from all over Uganda, to deliberate on AEAS issues critical to agricultural development.

The National Extension Week 2024 (UGNAEW2024) was held 28th October–1st November 2024 at Silver Springs Hotel, Bugolobi, Kampala. The main Kampala hybrid event was physically attended 270 (87 Females, 183 Males) extension actors and stakeholders. The virtual participants were over 150. The main UGNAEW2024 was preceded by 4 pre-workshops that were held from 1st-21st October 2024, in the Central, Northern, West Nile, and Southern regional hubs.

Hence, the planned UGNAEW2026, under the main theme of *“Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential: Multi-actor Agricultural Extension and Advisory services for Resilient, digital and Market-Oriented Agri-Food Ecosystems”*. The main event be held from **20th –24th April 2026** at a venue to be identified and communicated, preceded by regional workshops held individually or alongside other agricultural related events from August-November 2025.

Rationale

According to FAO (n.d), food production and consumption patterns have changed significantly in recent decades. Increased incomes have triggered demand for higher-value food products, while urbanization has led to the expansion of retailing. The shift from subsistence farming to more commercially and market-oriented farming and a concerted effort of various stakeholders, working together to achieve common goals. Some of the key actors are: farmers, research, extension workers, private sector, government, civil society and financial institutions. In the meantime, food supply chains have become ever more integrated, digitized and globalized.

A multi-actor ecosystem in agriculture can therefore, help address complex challenges and improve the overall performance of the agricultural sector. Hence, the need to focus the UGNAEW 2025 on Agricultural Extension and advisory services for resilient, Multi-actor and Market-oriented food ecosystems.

The purpose and objectives

The main purpose of this event is to bring out the importance and need for deepened multi-actor collaborations, including Public-Private partnerships, can sustainably complement each other and contribute to resilient agri-food ecosystems for food, income and environmental security. The objectives are:

1. To deliberate on the critical issues that enable the AEAS align with and support a dynamic, resilient market-oriented agricultural sector.
2. To highlight and present scalable AEAS models that have successfully worked under multi-actor and market arrangements, while ensuring resilient ag-systems
3. To raise and recommend priority policy arrangements that can make AEAS delivery more impactful within the multi-sector and market-oriented resilient agri-food ecosystem.

Sub themes

The Planned sub-themes that will inform the main theme are:

1. Scalable and market-driven AEAS delivery and business models
2. Sustainable Livestock and Aquaculture Extension (SLAE)
3. Resilient and climate smart agricultural systems and practices
4. Professionalisation of the agricultural workforce

These subthemes will be presented and discussed in plenary and parallel discussions





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The expected outputs

The expected outputs of the **UGNAEW2025** will be:

- Presentations, discussions and showcasing of AEAS: innovative, scalable models and solutions; climate-resilient practices; capacity building, certification and accreditation strategies and programs.
- A communique to inform policy on how to promote and scale-up Multi-actor AEAS for Market-oriented food ecosystems.
- Networking and information sharing strategies among the participants enhanced.

The expected outcome

- Improved agricultural productivity and income for farmers
- Enhanced market access and competitiveness for agricultural products
- Improved livestock and aquaculture practices
- Increased adoption of resilient and climate-smart agricultural practices
- Improved capacity and skills of ag-extension workers
- Enhanced service delivery and support to farmers
- Improved actor collaboration and coordination Enhanced relationships/ partnerships among participants.

The methodology

To achieve the indicated objectives, arrangements will be made for pre-events at the regional level as well at the national level. Key-note addresses will be provided for, including an overall keynote address on the main theme and other on sub-themes.

There will be research based and experience paper presentations each theme. There will also be case stories following a guided format on key field experiences and achievements. A call will be put out and a vetting committee in place to guide on the key aspects, that should be covered in order to bring out the desired message in line with the theme.

A variety of activities will be provided for including: Side events, exhibitions world café, capacity building events, deal - room for pitching innovative AEAS models, storytelling, field visits and a job fair especially for young University and College students.



Possible regional pre-event workshops

These will be organised current UFAAS regional hubs, where members and partners can organise themselves and mobilize resources for the workshop. Separate concept will be provided for these events.

- ◇ EASTERN: Lower East (Busoga Region); Central East (Tororo-Mbale regions); Upper East (Teso/ Karamoja regions)
- ◇ NORTHERN-Lango /upper Karamoja region; Acholi region; West Nile
- ◇ WESTERN: Upper West (Abertine and Rwenzori regions); Mid West (Ankole region); Lower West (Kigezi-Kisoro regions)
- ◇ CENTRAL: Greater Mukono, Greater Masaka; Greater Luwero; Kalangala

Summary Roadmap/ Programme Outline

Date/period	Major Activities	
Jul-Dec'25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners' engagement Call for papers and case stories Call for exhibitions and side events Publicity of the event Technical Committee meetings Regional pre-event workshops Regional pre-event workshops 	
Jan-Mar'26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper and case stories appraisal and selection Selection of presenters and facilitators Publicity intensification including media Launch of the Event 	
1st-17th Apr'25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise exhibitions and side events bookings Dry run for presentations Final Committee meeting 	
Sun 19th Apr'26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final preparation and setting up hall and exhibi- 	
Mon 20th Apr'26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening ceremony Keynote address (overall and thematic) 	EXHIBITIONS
Tue 21st Apr'26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary and parallel Sessions 	
Wed 22nd Apr'26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Side events and meetings Dinner and awards 	
Thu 23rd Apr'26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Visits 	
Fri 24th Apr'26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the Communique Closing UFAAS AGM 	
Post-events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise Proceedings and communique Sharing and publication of event outputs Advocacy for critical policy issues 	

Participation

About 500 AEAS actors and stakeholders are being mobilised to attend physically and online sessions from within and outside Uganda. These will either be sponsored by themselves or their organizations/ Institutions, to participate.

Registration for the UGNAEW2025 -Link TBP

FeesTBD.....

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