



MAAIF
Ministry of Agriculture
Animal Industry and Fisheries

PROGRAMME

FOR THE

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WEEK 2026

***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

At Silver Springs Hotel, Bugolobi, Kampala

Facilitators: 1. Ms. Monica Basemera
 2. Ms. Elizabeth Asiimwe
 3. Dr. Joshua Okonya

Moderator of the Opening Session: Ms. Connie Acayo

Main Rapporteurs: Technical Working Team members (Led by Dr. Irene B. Tamubula - Lecturer KYU)

DAY ZERO: SUNDAY, 19TH APRIL 2026

1: Final planning meeting by Tech Team		
Time	Activity	Responsible
8.30 am	Different consolidation sub-meetings	Sub Team Heads
10.30 am	MORNING BREAK TEA	Hotel Management
11.30 am	Planning Meeting	TWT and NAC Members
12:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK	Hotel Management
14.30 pm	Final Preparations of the room and materials	TWT and various Service Providers
16:30 pm	EVENING BREAK TEA	Hotel Management
18.00 pm	END OF DAY	

Important Note: Allocation of Booths and Setting up of the Exhibitions will be done this previous day to the Conference

DAY ONE: MONDAY, 20TH APRIL 2026

Time (EAT)	Activity	Responsible
08:00 am	Arrival and registration	Private service provider
	Session 1: Official Opening <i>Moderator- Ms. Connie Acayo</i>	
09.00 am	Arrival of the Guest of Honour and VIPs, and Tour of the Exhibition	Moderator
09.15 am	TEA/COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING	
09.45 am	Anthems, Prayer, and Brief introductions	
10.00 am	Welcome remarks and the progress made on the previous recommendations	Dr. Richard Miiro, Chairperson, UFAAS
10.10 am	Brief overview of the Extension Week 2026 + Highlights from the regions	Ms. Beatrice Luzobe, CEO-UFAAS
10.20 am	Highlights on the National Agricultural Extension System	Dr. Henry Nakalet, Commissioner, AES-MAAIF
10.30 am	Experiences from Madagascar's Extension and Advisory Systems	Ms. Nicole Ranaivo Director of Extension, Ministry of Agriculture, Madagascar
10.45 am	Good Will Messages	Partners: World Vision, AGRA
11.00 am	Key Note Address: "Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential: Multi-actor Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services for Resilient, Digital and Market-Oriented Agri-Food Ecosystems" .	Dr. Yona Baguma, Director General, NARO
11.30 am	Remarks on the Global and Continental Extension Networks	Dr. Carl Erik Larsen- ES GFRAS Dr. Lilian Lihasi-ED AFAAS
11.50 am	Remarks from the PS-MAAIF	Maj. Gen. (Rtd) David Kasura Kyomukama

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Time (EAT)	Activity	Responsible
12.00 pm	Speech from the Guest of Honour	Hon. Minister Frank K. Tumwebaze - MAAIF
12.30 pm	Remarks from UFAAS Patron	Ms. Beatrice Byarugaba, UFAAS Patron
12.40 pm	Group Photos	Publicity Team
01:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING	Hotel Management
<i>Session 2: Thematic Overview Presentations (Plenary)- Briefs of 15 minutes each</i> <i>Session Chair - (DPMO)</i>		
02.00 pm	Extension Week Process explained	Facilitator
02.20 pm	1. Scalable and market-driven AEAS delivery and business models	Dr. Rosemiria Birungi, AFAAS
	2. Extension for High Value Chains (eg, Coffee, Livestock, Aquaculture, Entomoculture, etc.)	Dr. Biryomumaisho Dickson, Makerere University
	3. Resilient and climate-smart agricultural systems and practices	Dr. John Ilukor, Makerere University
	4. Professionalisation of the agricultural workforce	Dr. Rwamigisa Patience, MAAIF
03.40 pm	Pitching of strategic and business partnerships for unlocking agricultural potential (Access Agric, EzyAgric, NSSF, UICT, Centenary Bank, Britam Insurance, etc) -5 Minutes each	Moderator: Ms. Christabel Tumwebaze, aBI
4.30 pm	Introducing AI for Agricultural Extension	Dr. Nassib Mugwanya, NARO
5.00 pm	TEA BREAK AND END OF DAY	Hotel Management

DAY TWO: TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL 2026

Time	Activity/ Topic	Responsible
08:00 am	Arrival /Day's registration	External Service Provider
08.30 am	Recap of previous day	Rapporteurs
09.00 am	Presentation: Overview on Wearing the Scientific Goggles: Making your work visible as an extension practitioner.	Dr. Hlami Ngwenya, GFRAS
9:30 am	Presentation: <i>Agro-industrialization - Status and implications for AEAS</i>	Moses Kasigwa, MAAIF
10.00 am	Overview of the Parallel Sessions	Facilitators
10.30 am	TEA BREAK, EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING	Hotel Management
11.00 am		

Session 3: Parallel Workshops – Paper and Case Stories Presentations and Discussions			
Session Chair- DPMO			
Workshop 1 Room: Muyenga 1 Theme: Scalable and market-driven AEAS delivery and business models	Workshop 2a- Room: Muyenga 2 Theme: Extension for High Value Chains (Coffee, Horticulture, etc)	Workshop 2b Room: Muyenga 3 Theme: Extension for High Value Chains (Livestock, Aquaculture, Entomoculture, etc.	Workshop3- Room: Main Hall Theme: Resilient and climate-smart agricultural systems and practices
Facilitator –Ms. Elizabeth Asiimwe Scientific Observer: OTD Rapporteur: Ankunda Morie / Vincent Andima	Facilitator –Hudson Ogwal Scientific Observer: OTD Rapporteur: Lydia Adongo / Isaac Awany	Facilitator – Dr. Monica Karuhanga Scientific Observer: OTD Rapporteur: Cyrus Mwesigwa / Hajara Nantume	Facilitator –Geoffry Obaa Scientific Observer: OTD Rapporteur: Kasiita / Deborah Nabulime
P R E S E N T A T I O N S			

	<p><u>Sub-Theme 1: Scalable and market-driven AEAS delivery and business models</u></p> <p>▣Presentation: Sasakawa Extension Delivery and Business models reaching thousands of farmers in Uganda By Sasakawa Africa Association, Uganda</p> <p>▣Case story: Farmer Field Schools as a Scalable Extension Approach for Promoting Agroecology among Smallholder Farmers in Uganda By PELUM</p> <p>▣Case story: A Digital Platform Transforms the Livelihoods of Farmers By Zilla Arach -Ezy Agric</p> <p>▣Case Story: From Extension to Market Action: Farm-to-Market Support as a Scalable, Market-Driven Digital AEAS Model - By David Vanderpool, IDEA Project (online)</p> <p><u>Sub-Theme 2a: Extension for High Value Chains (Coffee, Horticulture, etc)</u></p> <p>▣Presentation: The Agricultural Extension System in the Black Gold (coffee and Cocoa) Value Chains: Arrangements, Contributions, and Challenges By Dr. Kagezi-NACCORI</p> <p>▣Case story: AVAIL Group Ltd with Horticulture and Agrotourism (Production, Extension, Learning and Leisure) By Joseph Male -AVAIL GROUP LTD</p> <p>▣Presentation: Extension services for the Hass Avocado Value Chain in Uganda: Achievements and challenges By Ms. Grace Kazigati-NAFOU</p> <p><u>Sub-Theme 2b: Extension for High Value Chains (Livestock, Aquaculture, Entomoculture, etc.</u></p> <p>▣Presentation: "Enhancing Fish Farming: Extension access and challenges to Aquaculture Growth in Uganda." By Dr. John Walakira, NaFIRRI</p> <p>▣Presentation: Provision of training, marketing, and technical support to beekeepers - By. Dr. Dickson Biryomumaisho TUNADO</p> <p>▣Case story: The Success Story of Dairy Innovation Hubs: Efforts in Training Farmers and Enhancing Dairy Productivity in Uganda By Dr. Ali Mohamed Semwanga</p> <p><u>Sub-Theme 3: Resilient and climate-smart agricultural systems and practices</u></p> <p>▣Presentation: Leveraging Digital Technologies to Advance Climate Smart Agriculture in Uganda - By Joshua Sikhu Okonya, Beatrice Luzobe, and Kwaku Dei Antwi</p> <p>▣Case Story: BSFL Farming: Uganda's emerging opportunities, with potential for job creation, income generation, and environmental benefits. By Dr. Deborah Amulen - Center for Insect Research and Development (CIRD)</p> <p>▣Presentation: Value addition (Micro processing at farm/village level) By: Prof. Kant Kanyarusoke and Dr. David Agole, Mountains of the Moon University</p>		
12.00 am	Question and Answer (in each parallel Session)		
01:00 pm	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1600 1214 1635">LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING</td> <td data-bbox="1214 1600 1508 1635">Hotel Management</td> </tr> </table>	LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING	Hotel Management
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<p><u>Session 4: Capacity Building</u></p>			

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02.30 pm	Room: Main Hall The role of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technology in agriculture By UICT	Room: Muyenga 1 Africa Regional Capitalisation of Agroecology Experiences: Madagascar and Uganda Knowledge Transfer By AFAAS	Room: Muyenga 2: AI for Agricultural Extension By: NAROSEC / DOSTRIM LTD	Room: Muyenga 3 Practical tools and models for integrating agroecology into extension services delivery By: PELUM Uganda	Room: Pent House Career Ready: Proven Strategies to Boost Employability By. GAO and OMIA
4.15 pm	Guidelines for the next day/registration for side events (Facilitator)				
4.30 pm	Touring and synthesizing exhibitions and posters, and registration for the next day's parallel sessions	Exhibitors / Poster presenters			Exhibitors
05.00 am	TEA BREAK AND END OF DAY				Hotel Management

DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL 2026

Time	Activity/ Topic				Responsible
08:00 am	Arrival /Day's registration				External Service Provider.....
08.30 am	Recap of the previous day				Rapporteurs
Session 5: Side Events Workshops –By different convening Organizations <i>Conference Rapporteurs/ guides</i>					
09.00 am	Workshop 1- Room: Muyenga 1 Organisation: GIZ: <i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i>	Workshop 2 Room: Muyenga 2 Organization: AFAAS <i>(Under GP-SAEP Project)</i>	Workshop 3- Room: Main Hall Organization: UFAAS <i>(under AGRA Project)</i>	Workshop 4- Room: Muyenga 3 Organization: PELUM	Workshop 5- Room: Pent House Organization: Farm Africa <i>(under AGRA Project)</i>
	Focus – Enhancing Scalable Agricultural Extension and Business Development Services Provision Models in Northern Uganda Rapporteur: Cyrus Mwesigwa / Kasiita Gerald	Focus – Africa Regional Capitalisation of Agroecology Extension Experiences: Madagascar and Uganda Experience Sharing. Led by Madagascar FCA Rapporteur: Lydia Adong / Frank Mufuruki	Focus – Policy dialogues on private sector-led extension and sustainable last-mile delivery of bundled services in Uganda Rapporteur: Ariokot Irene / Isaac Awany	Focus – Dialogue on Extension and in Agroecology: Challenges, Opportunities and Breakthrough Rapporteur: Ankunda Mourene / Nabulime	Focus – Round-Table on scalable digital-oriented and market-driven ag-Extension delivery and business models. Rapporteur: Andrew Munyole / Hajara Nantume
10.30 am	TEA BREAK EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING				Hotel Management
11.00 am	Workshop continues	Workshop continues	Workshop continues	Workshop continues	

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01:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING	Hotel Management
02.30 pm	Session 4: P A N E L D I S C U S S I O N S	
	Discussion Topic	Panelists
	Main Hall Topic 1. Professionalisation of the agricultural workforce	Panelists 1. Prof.Paul Kibwika - Department of Extension and Innovation Studies, School of Agricultural Sciences, Makerere University 2. Dr. Lilian Lihasi - Executive Director, The African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) 3. Mr. Kenneth Nkumiro, Chairperson Uganda Business Support Professionals 4. Mr. Joseph Okee -Senior Agricultural Officer, MAAIF 5. Mr. Richard Musafiri - Director, Uganda National Accreditation Services (UGANAS) 6. Dr Sylvie Baluka - President, Uganda Veterinary Association (UVA)
		Moderator Mr. Tony Ojok, World Vision
4.00 pm	Highlights on and registration for the Field days	Conveners
4.30 pm	Touring and synthesizing exhibitions and posters and registration for next day's parallel sessions	All Participants
05.00 pm	TEA BREAK AND END OF DAY	
06.00 pm	CULTURAL GALA DINNER AND AWARDS	Hotel Management MC. Mr. Grace Musimami
08.00 am	Departure at Leisure	

DAY FOUR: THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL 2026

Time	Activity/ Topic	Responsible	
	Session 5: Field Visits to selected sites Coordinators: Ruth Mugisha, Andrew Munyole, Gerald Kasiita and Cyrus Mwesigwa		
07:00 am	Arrival /Day's registration	External Service Provider	
08.00 am	Departure for the Field with Packed Lunch	Trip Coordinators	
	Field Site	Responsible	
		Locations	
	Trip 1 – i. Uganda Youth at Risk Development Network (UYDNET), ii. Musibi Farm (One-acre model + Avocado Value Chain	Vincent Andima	Najembe, Buikwe
	Trip 2 – Uganda Institute for ICT	Salim Kasamba	Nakawa
	Trip 3 – Gudie Leisure Farm/ KCAA Farm-Urban Farming	TBI	Kyanja and Najeera
	Trip 4 – Mityana Dairy Hub	Andrew Munyole	Mityana
	Trip 5 – NARO- NaRILLI -Livestock	TBI	Nakyesasa
	Trip 6 – NARO-NaCCORI (Coffee + Cocoa)	Lydia Adong	Kituuzza
	Trip 7 – NARO-NaFIRRI -Aquaculture	Isaac Awany	Kajjansi
	Trip 8- NARO -NARL Crops +Insect Farm	Ken Mwanja	Kawanda + Kirinyabigo
	Trip 9: NARO- NaCCRI and AVAIL GROUP LTD	Zebon Omalla	Namulonge and Magere-Gayaza
16.00	Back from the Field		

DAY FIVE: FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL 2026

Time	Activity/ Topic	Responsible
08:00 am	Arrival /Day's registration	UFAAS Official

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09:00	Recap of the Field Day	Rapporteurs
10:30	TEA BREAK AND NETWORKING AROUND EXHIBITIONS	Hotel Management
	<i>Session 6: Official Closing</i>	
10.30	Presentation of the Communique: Policy, practice and Business opportunities for Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential	Chief Rapporteur
	Launch of the Agroecology Club	PELUM, Uganda
	Closing remarks	AFAAS, MAAIF and UFAAS
	Official Closing address by Guest of Honour	
12:00 –	LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING	Hotel Management

Exhibition:

THE 9TH ANNUAL GENERAL AND ELECTION MEETING-UFAAS MEMBERS AND INVITED DELEGATES

13:00 –	<i>UFAAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</i>	Secretariat and Patron
17:00 -	<i>TEA BREAK AND DEPARTURE</i>	Hotel Management/ All

