



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

<p>Facilitators: 1. Ms. Monica Basemera 2. Ms. Elizabeth Asimwe 3. Dr. Joshua Okonya</p> <p>Moderator of the Opening Session: Ms. Connie Acayo</p> <p>Main Rapporteurs: Technical Working Team members (Led by Dr. Irene B. Tamubula-Lecturer KYU)</p>

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 Moderator- Ms. Connie Acayo	
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, Brief introductions of key partners	
10.00 am	Welcome remarks and the progress made on the previous recommendations	Dr. Richard Miro 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
	Good Will Messages	Partners: GIZ, WV, AGRA, Kilimo
10.30 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, Executive Director, NARO
11.00 am	Signing: NARO-UFAAS MoU	UFAAS Chair + NARO DG
11.30 am	Remarks on the Global and Continental Extension Networks	Dr. Lilian Lihasi-ED AFAAS Dr. Carl Erik Larsen- ED GFRAS
11.50 am	Remarks from the PS-MAAIF	Maj. Gen. (Rtd) David Kasura

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	Speech from the Guest of Honour	Hon. Minister Frank K. Tumwebaze -MAAIF
12.20 pm	Vote of Thanks	Ms. Beatrice Byarugaba-Patron UFAAS
12.30 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	Presenter: Dr. Rosemirta Birungi
	2. Extension for High Value Chains (e.g., Coffee, Livestock, Aquaculture, Entomoculture, etc.)	Presenter: Dr. Biryomumaiso Dickson
	3. Resilient and climate smart agricultural systems and practices	Presenter: Dr. John Ilukor-Makerere
	4. Professionalization of the agricultural workforce	Presenter: Dr. Rwamigisa Patience
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
4.30 pm	Introducing AI for Agricultural Extension	Dr. Nassib Mugwanya
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
9:30 am	Presentation: Agro-industrializations-Status and implication for AEAS	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	<i>Session 3: Parallel Workshops –Paper and Case Stories Presentations and discussions</i> <i>Session Chair- DPMO</i>	
	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)
		Workshop3- Room: Main Hall Theme: Resilient and climate smart agricultural systems and practices

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<p>Facilitator–Ms. Elizabeth Asiimwe Scientific Observer: TBI Rapporteur: Ankunda Morie / Vincent Andima</p>	<p>Facilitator–Hudson Ogwal Scientific Observer: TBI Rapporteur: Lydia Adongo / Isaac Awany</p>	<p>Facilitator– Dr. Monica Karuhanga Scientific Observer: TBI Rapporteur: Cyrus Mwesigwa / Hajara Nantume</p>	<p>Facilitator–Geoffry Obaa Scientific Observer: TBI Rapporteur: Irene Nagudi / Deborah Nabulime</p>
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P R E S E N T A T I O N S

Sub-Theme 1: Scalable and market-driven AEAS delivery and business models

- Presentation:** Sasakawa Extension Delivery and Business models reaching thousands of farmers in Uganda
By Sasakawa Africa Association, Uganda
- Case story:**
.....Pelum.....
- Case story:** A Digital Platform Transforms the Livelihoods of Farmers
By Zilla Arach -Ezy Agric
- Case Story:** *From Extension to Market Action: Farm-to-Market Support as a Scalable, Market-Driven Digital AEAS Model -*
By David Vanderpool, IDEA Project

Sub-Theme 2a: Extension for High Value Chains (Coffee, Horticulture, etc)

- Presentation:** The agricultural extension system in the black gold (coffee and Cocoa) Value Chains: Arrangements, Contributions and Challenges
By Dr. Kagezi-NACCORI
- Case story:** AVAIL Group Ltd with Horticulture and Agrotourism (Production, Extension, Learning and Leisure)
By Joseph Male -AVAIL GROUP LTD
- Presentation:** Extension services for the Hass Avocado Value Chain in Uganda: Achievements and challenges
By Ms. Grace Kazigati-NAFOU
 - Presentation:** Value addition (Micro processing at farm/village level)
By: Prof. Kant Kanyarusoke and Dr. David Agole (MMU)

Sub-Theme 2b: Extension for High Value Chains (Livestock, Aquaculture, Entomoculture, etc.

- Presentation:** "Enhancing Fish Farming: Extension access and challenges to Aquaculture Growth in Uganda"
By Dr. John Walakira (NaFFRI)
- Presentation:** Provision of training, marketing and technical support to beekeepers -
By C/o Dr. Dickson Biryomumaso TUNADO
- Case story:** The Success Story of dairy innovation hubs: Efforts in training farmers and enhancing dairy productivity in Uganda
By Dr. Ali Mohamed Semwanga

Sub-Theme 3: Resilient and climate smart agricultural systems and practices

- Presentation:** Leveraging Digital Technologies to Advance Climate Smart Agriculture in Uganda
- By Joshua Sikhu Okonya¹, Beatrice Luzobe², and Kwaku Dei Antwi³
- 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)
- Presentation:** Block Chain Technology
ByDr. Ninsiima Rachael-KYU

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12.00 am	Question and Answer (in each parallel Session)				
01:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING				Hotel Management
Session 4: Capacity Building					
02.30 pm	Room: Main Hall Presentation: The role of augmented (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technology in agriculture By UICT	Room: Muyenga 1 Training: Agro-Ecology principles and frameworks for Resilient Farming Systems By AFAAS	Room: Muyenga 2: Training : AI for Agricultural Extension By: NAROSEC	Room: Muyenga 3 By: PELUM	Room: Pent House Talk: Career Ready: Proven Strategies to Boost Employability By. GAO and OMIA
4.00 pm	Guidelines for next day / registration for side events				
4.30 pm	Touring and synthesizing exhibitions and posters and registration for 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 previous day	Rapporteurs				
Session 5: Side Events Workshops –By different convening Organizations						
Conference Rapporteurs/ guides						
09.00 am	Workshop 1- Room: Muyenga 1 Organisation: GIZ: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit	Workshop 2 Room: Muyenga 2 Organization: AFAAS (Under GP-SAEP Project)	Workshop 3- Room: Main Hall Organization: UFAAS (under AGRA Project)	Workshop 4- Room: Muyenga 3 Organization: PELUM	Workshop 5- Room: Pent House Organization: Farm Africa (under AGRA Project)	Workshop 6- Room: Organization: Kilimo Trust
	Focus – Enhancing Scalable Agricultural Extension and Business Development Services Provision Models in Northern Uganda Rapporteur: Cyrus Mwesigwa / Kasiita Gerald	Focus – Regional Training on Agro-Ecology Rapporteur: Lydia Adong	Focus – Policy dialogues on private sector led extension and sustainable last mile delivery of bundled services in Uganda Rapporteur: Nagudi Irene	Focus – Dialogue on Extension and in Agro-ecology : Challenges, Opportunities and breakthrough Rapporteur: Ankunda Mourene	Focus – Round-Table on Scalable digital oriented and market-driven ag-Extension delivery and business models. Rapporteur: Andrew Munyole	Focus: Aquaculture Rapporteur: Isaac Awaany
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 am	Session 4: P A N E L D I S C U S S I O N S <i>Session Chair-</i>		
	Discussion Topic	Panelists	Moderator
	Main Hall Topic 1. Professionalisation of the agricultural workforce	Panelists (TBI) 1. Prof. Kibwika-MAK 2. Dr. Lilian Lihasi-AFAAS 3. Mr. Stephen Magume-MAAIF 4. Dr. Richard Musafil 5. Chair Vet Association	Mr. Tony Ojok-World Vision
	Muyenga 1 Topic 2: The Research-Extension-Farmer-Market Link: Successes Gaps and how to address them	1. Dr. Kassim Sadic-NARO 2.DPMO 3. (NGO) 4. (FO) 5.(Private Sector)
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 <i>Coordinators: Ruth Mugisha, Andrew Munyole, Gerald Kasiita and Cyrus Mwesigwa</i>		
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 – Gudies 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-		

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DAY FIVE: FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL 2026

Time	Activity/ Topic	Responsible
08:00 am	Arrival /Day's registration	UFAAS Official
09:00	Recap of the Field day	Rapporteurs
10:30	TEA BREAK AND NETWORKING AROUND EXHIBITIONS	Hotel Management
	Session 6: Official Closing Chair-.....MAAIF	
10.30	Presentation of the Communique: Policy, practice and Business opportunities for Unlocking Uganda's Agricultural Potential	Chief Rapporteur
	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 –	UFAAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Secretariat and Patron
17:00 -	TEA BREAK AND DEPARTUTRE	Hotel Management/ All

APPENDIX -FIELD VISIT SITES DETAILS

1.

Location:

Distance from Kampala:

Contact person:

Focus:

Partners:

2.

Location:

Distance from Kampala:

Contact person:

Focus: :

Partners:

3.

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