9th AfrEA

International Conference

Accelerating Africa's Development:
Strengthening National Evaluation Ecosystems

11 to 15 March 2019
Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PROPOSALS

Abstract Submissions
Open
16 October 2018

BACKGROUND

The Board of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) in partnership with the Réseau Ivoirien de Suivi et d'Evaluation (RISE), African Development Bank and the Government of Ivory Coast takes pleasure to invite submissions for the 9th **AfrEA International Conference.**

The conference will be held in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire from March 11th -15th , 2019.

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 "**"Accelerating Africa's Development: Strengthening National Evaluation Ecosystems**", the 9th AfrEA conference aims to:

- Support evaluations that contribute to real and sustained development in Africa
- Promote Africa-rooted and Africa-led evaluation through sharing African evaluation perspectives
- Encourage the development and documentation of high quality evaluation practice and theory
- Support the establishment and growth of national evaluation associations or VOPEs
- Facilitate capacity building, networking and sharing of evaluation theories, techniques and tools among evaluators, policymakers, researchers and development specialists.

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 for Papers, Workshops, Panels, Roundtables and Exhibitions are welcome in any of the following 12 conference strands in either French or English:

1. Improving Agricultureand Food Security through Evaluation
2. Towards a more transformative approach in Integrating Gender and Equity in Evaluation
3. Achieving Educational Outcomes for Africa's Development: Quality, Measurement, and Evaluation
4. Ensuring Good Health and well-being: New Approaches and methods in Evaluation
5. The Role of the Judiciary, Executive and Legislature in Evaluation: Responsive national evaluation systems:
   - *What are potential mechanisms for strengthening synergies between different actors within a national evaluation system?*
   - *How are power and politics being harnesses or utilised in responding to evaluation challenges?*
6. Climate Changeinterventions: the Use of Evaluative Evidence for Sustainable Development
7. Integrating Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030: Implications for Evaluation in Africa
8. Facilitating Professional Pathways for Young and Emerging Evaluators and Improving Youth Outcomes.
9. The Role of Capacity Development in Strengthening the Evaluation Eco-system
10. Presidential strand: Realising the Vision of Made in Africa Evaluation
11. Evaluation in Humanitarian, Governance and Conflict situations
12. The Fourth Industrial Revolution and its Impact on Development: Implications for Evaluation

SUBMISSION & DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Submission Opens:
Online Abstract Submission Opens on 16 October 2018

Submission deadline for abstracts:
Abstracts submissions close on 26 November 2018 at 12:00pm GMT

Notification of acceptance of abstracts:
All applications will be informed whether their abstracts have been selected for the conference by 18 December 2018.

The deadline for receipt of full papers:
AfrEA needs to receive all full papers no later than 15 January 2019

Submit all abstracts electronically via the AfrEA website http://afrea.org/2019conference

Paper presentations

Written papers engage a debate in evaluation, report critically on completed evaluation, aim to clarify issues in evaluation theory and propose new and innovative evaluation paradigms.

Paper submissions entail a written paper in final form by 15th February 2019 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. Authors are required to sign a statement indicating whether their paper has been previously published, in which journal, or in what format
  - Abstracts speaking to the theme would be favourably considered

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 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 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

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 organisation
- 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 organisers invite African and international M&E experts, donors, foundations, individual consultants, universities, Ivorian and other African government organisations, private sector training providers and NGOs to submit proposals to facilitate professional development workshops on the first two and a half days of the conference (11-12 March 2019).

 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
- 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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